**Anglophone West School District**

**Southern Victoria High School Graduation**

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| **School Address:** | **13 School Street, Perth-Andover, NB E7H 4R6** | | |
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| **Date of Graduation:** | **June 24, 2021** | **Time of Graduation:** | **See your time on your graduation gown bag or call the school at 273-4762** |
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| **Site for Graduation** | **Southern Victoria High School Gym** | | |

**Description of Event – Please Be Sure to Respect All Provincial and Public Health Parameters:**

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| **2021 Graduation Details for Southern Victoria High School**  We are having a one-day graduation plan with a maximum of 61 people inside the school gym. Mrs. Peterson will be running the video for the ceremonies. Mr. Desrosiers will be Livestreaming foe all those friends and family members at home.  The staff at Southern Victoria High School is excited to be able to offer an in-house, one-day graduation plan for our very deserving graduates. We will have a maximum of 61 people inside our gym. Eight mini-graduation ceremonies will take place on Thursday, June 24th.  Both roads to the school grounds will be closed to the public on June 24th. This has been approved by the town and AES. Both roads into the school grounds will be barricaded and only buses, staff for AES, the RVCC, and graduates’ guests will be permitted onto school grounds. Graduates will have 6 invitations/tickets each. Guests will have to show their tickets and turn in their COVID screening pages at the first checkpoint to get on to school grounds. If guests answer NO to all the screening questions, they will circle the word “NO” in large print at the bottom of the page and sign their name on the line just above this. Guests will have to show their invitation again at the Library Door to enter the school. No children under the age of 10 are permitted at the graduation due to health concerns and the unpredictability of securing their movement within the COVID 19 restrictions for schools. One invitation will admit **one** person only. Tickets must be filled out in advance; there is space on the back for your information for CONTACT TRACING. Having this information prefilled will save time at check-in spots. Tickets that are not used by one graduate cannot be given to another graduate due to the seating arrangements for families due to the COVID restrictions for schools.  Graduates’ parents/guardians’ groupings will need to be at the school and checked through the FIRST check-in point 30 minutes prior to the appointed time. Total of **6 guests** with invitations/tickets per graduate will drive up to the first checkpoint. A maximum of two vehicles per graduate are permitted on the school grounds to allow for adequate parking space. All 6 guests must be in those two vehicles. COVID screening will be checked and collected at the first check-in point. Parking will be in the RVCC parking lot. Graduates will be dropped off at the side entrance to the gym and will line up outside the 2-gym side-doors six feet apart. Two graduates will enter the gym (one from each side gym door) and will stand on the designated numbers on the risers and floor. Parents, guardians/guests will enter the library door where they must turn in their invitation/ticket which has their name and contact information on the back. Guests will be given a graduation program, words to the two special graduation songs, and will be directed to wait at “family/guest” tables that are socially distanced from other groups.  At the appointed time, one family grouping at a time will be escorted to the gym to designated seating areas. Each family grouping will sit together and be separated from other groupings. Family seating groups will be spaced as per the Public Health guidelines for the school.  Guests will not be able to move out of their seats, except one guest on the end of the row nearest the centre of the gym. This person will go to the X on the floor near the podium on your graduate’s side of the gym) to move their tassel and pose for a picture taken by another family member who can move to the area on the floor marked “Photo”. Graduates will need to decide in advance who will be turning their tassel and who will take their picture. The graduate and parent may remove their mask for the picture but must put it back in place before moving. All other photos will have to be taken from guests’ seats.  When all guests are seated, the ceremony will begin (announcements, videos and special songs will take place). A staff member will be running a video which includes speeches and pictures of the graduates once they are lined up in the front of the gym. A second staff member will be Livestreaming the ceremonies. Graduates will then be presented one at a time. Each graduate will walk one at a time to table nearest table to pick up their diploma and then will go to the X by the podium on their side of the gym. The parent turning the tassel will approach the student and pose for a picture. The student will then go back to their spot and wait will the other students are graduated.  After the eight graduates have been presented with their diplomas, students will exit the gym two at a time (6 feet apart) via the door leading to the hallway to room 171. When **all** graduates have exited the gym, **all** guests will exit the main gym doors respecting social distancing and exit the building via the front door. Guests will then proceed to their vehicles and leave school grounds by driving around the building and leaving by way of the street that connects to the Fort Road stopping to pick up their graduate who will exit out the side gym door facing the garden. **Parents/guardians cannot get out of their vehicles at the garden.**  As soon as the parents/guardians have exited the building, custodians will enter the gym and sanitize all chairs for the next group to enter. These guests should already be in the cafeteria/library and waiting for their signal to enter the gym. This process will be repeated 8 times throughout the day of June 24th until all SV graduates have been officially graduated.  Graduates will stop by Mr. Kris Gallagher’s classroom to return their gowns and gold stoles. Each graduate will take off their gown and stole and will be given a new bag to put their gown and stole in. They will tie it up, put the label with their name on it and hand to the staff member at the door. The graduate will then exit the side door to the garden and get into their vehicle and leave school grounds.  **The time for your graduate’s ceremony has been attached to the plastic bag covering their graduation gown. If you are unsure of the time for your graduate’s ceremony, please contact the school at 273-4762 for their time. Remember guests and graduates must arrive 30 minutes prior to their appointed time. Please note, students & guests who do not show up on time will not be worked into the next time slot because of Public Health Restrictions.** You would have to come back at the very end of the day to see if we could fit you in at that time. It is extremely important that graduates line up at the appropriate side gym door 10 minutes prior to their scheduled walk time and not any sooner. Each group of 8 graduates will have approximately 30 minutes in the gym for their ceremony. |

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