***St. Thomas Aquinas High School***

***Graduation Information 2020***

**Graduation Mass - Thursday, June 25th, 2020**

The Grad Mass will be celebrated for the graduates and their parents and families the morning of Thursday, June 25th at 11:00 am in the school gym.

Grads will arrive at the school by 8:45 am to pick up grad gowns and set up for the group photograph and then procession. After mass, the gowns will be taken home and worn again at the Commencement Ceremonies in the evening. Gowns must be returned immediately following the ceremonies as they must be shipped back to Winnipeg.

Dress code for Grads: Dress for the Mass should be modest and fitting for the occasion.

**Boys** - dark (or uniform) dress pants, collared shirt, tie and dress shoes  **Girls** - simple dress or skirt/blouse, and shoes you can walk in

**Commencement Ceremony - Thursday, June 25th, 2020**

The Commencement Ceremony will take place at Broadway Church, 2700 East Broadway in Vancouver on Thursday, June 25th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The outer doors will open at 6:30 pm. Seats are reserved for presenters and staff only. General seating is available for all other guests. All grads will be issued invitations but these will not need to be presented at the entrance as seating is plentiful. Bring your gown, and bobby pins to secure the cap which will be distributed at the Church. Grads must arrive at the Church by 4:30 pm for rehearsal. Grads needing a ride to Broadway Church can take the school bus which will depart STA at 3:30.

Dress code for Grads: Same as Grad Mass

Grad gowns must be returned the evening of Commencement immediately following the ceremony as these must be shipped to Winnipeg.

**Graduation Dinner and Dance – Saturday, June 20th, 2020**

**When:** Saturday, June 20th, 2020 -- 6:30 pm to midnight. Foyer Reception at 6:30. Ballroom doors open at 7:00 pm and dinner to follow shortly thereafter.

**Grad Dress code:** formal or semi-formal attire

**Where:** Crystal Pavilion Ballroom, Pan Pacific, 300 – 999 Canada Place

Parking is available for a flat fee of approximately $9 after 6:00 pm.

Grads and their parents are invited to this event. Please prepare your seating plan as per the instructions on the yellow form which will be distributed in April. Tickets are not issued for this event. Names of all guests will be on the master seating plan. Our Dinner and Dance is a “dry” grad event. Complimentary punch will be available in the foyer and will be served during dinner. In-out privileges will not be granted during the course of the evening. Security services are provided by the hotel.