



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Graduation Information 2025

1. Graduation Mass & Reception- Friday, June 6, 2025 @9:45 am – STA Gym

The Grad Mass is held for graduates, parents and families in the school gym. Grads will arrive at the school no later than **9:45 am**. A formal group photo will be taken before lining up for the procession. Grads will have already received their gowns so please ensure they are pressed and ready to be worn at mass. After mass, the gowns will be taken home and worn again at the Commencement Ceremonies.

Dress code for grads: Dress for the Mass should be modest and fitting for the occasion, and include:

- **Grad gowns** and:
- **Boys** - dress pants, collared shirt, tie and dress shoes
- **Girls** - simple dress clothing and shoes you can walk in

Light refreshments will be offered in the cafeteria following Mass.

2. Commencement Ceremony - Thursday, June 19, 2025 @7:00 pm - Massey Theatre, New Westminister

- Location: 735- 8th Avenue, New Westminister
- Bus pickup for grads at STA: 3:00 pm
- Rehearsal time for grads: 5:00 pm
- Outer doors open: 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. Grads are to bring gowns, and bobby pins to secure the cap which will be distributed at the theater. Grads needing a ride to Massey Theatre can reserve a seat on the bus by emailing office@aquinas.org by 9:00 am Tuesday, June 17. Please be at the school by 3:00 for the bus departure at 3:30 pm.

Dress code for Grads: Same as Grad Mass (Please remember your gown!)

3. Graduation Dinner and Dance – Friday, June 20, 2025 @6:00 pm – Midnight – Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver

- Location: 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver, BC
- Reception - 6:00 pm
- Ballroom doors open - 7:00 pm with dinner to follow shortly thereafter
- Please arrive early as there are wonderful opportunities for photos
- Parking information will be forthcoming

Grad Dress code: formal or semi-formal attire

Grads and their parents only are invited to this event. Please prepare your seating plan as per the instructions on the yellow order form. 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 for all attending. Unlimited pop and juice bar is included. In-out privileges will not be granted during the course of the evening. Security services are provided by the hotel.