



CONGRATULATIONS, SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL GRADUATES OF 2017!



GRADUATION INFORMATION

VENUE LOCATION AND DETAILS

- Bethany Community Church, 1388 Third Street, St. Catharines, ON.
- Wednesday, June 28th, 2017.
- Ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Graduates are required to arrive for registration from 5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. (Please arrive with your grad gown on; mortarboards are optional - you do not have to wear them).
- Graduates are not permitted to leave the backstage area after registration.
- Please leave your phones, purses, and other valuables with your parents/guardians as the backstage area will not be supervised during the ceremony.

GRAD TICKETS

In order to ensure that each parent/guardian of each graduate is able to sit in the Main Auditorium, 3 tickets are assigned to each graduate for his/her parents/guardians. Tickets are included in the personalized grad invitations. They are distributed at Grad Breakfast, or may be picked up at Guidance once the Community Involvement hours are completed and approved.

If a graduate has 4 parents/guardians, the graduate must **speak directly** with Ms. Siemiaszko a.s.a.p. and definitely before Friday, June 23, 2017. Additional parent/guardian ticket requests WILL NOT be accepted after this date.

For other family members, and friends who wish to attend the ceremony, additional seating is available in adjacent areas, where the live video stream can be viewed.

Furthermore, out of town friends and family will be able to view the ceremony, live-streamed (or at a later time after it has been uploaded) through a link on our website (www.sirwinston.ca).

GRAD DATA GOOGLE DOC

In order to ensure the correct information is used at the ceremony, all graduates are required to complete a Grad Data Google Doc (located on the main page of the SWC website, under "News"). When students come to pick up their gown they will confirm this information with Guidance. The Grad Data Google Doc must be completed before students receive their gown.

GOWN PICK UP

Grads will be able to pick up their gown in person in the Guidance Department, from 12:00-12:20 p.m., from June 19th - 21st. The gown is yours to keep. At that time we will review your Grad Data form.

SASH

Graduates wear a SWC sash during the ceremony. **Grads must return their sash, in person, to the sashing station, within 15 minutes after the end of the ceremony.** Graduates will receive their copy of the Grad Program when they return the sash to the sashing station. A \$20 replacement fee will be required if the sash is not returned.

PICTURES

A professional photographer from *Lasting Images* has been hired to take photos of the grads as they receive their diplomas on stage. This service will avoid long delays in the ceremony, and it will ensure that each student has this valuable shot. Graduates will be able to access and order their picture online. Should you chose to purchase these photographs, you will receive them in the mail.

FLOWERS, PARAPHERNALIA AND THE ALUMNI

For those who are interested, flowers and graduation paraphernalia will be available for purchase by an independent vendor as congratulatory gifts for the grads at a kiosk at Bethany Church. The Sir Winston Churchill Alumni Association will also be available for new grads to formally join.

FAQs

How will I know I am graduating? - You have obtained all of your necessary credits (30), you have submitted your forms reflecting 40 hours of Community Service, and you have successfully completed the Ontario Literacy requirement. If you are not successful in one or more of your classes, and hence are no longer eligible to graduate, you will receive a phone call after exams.

When can my guests enter the auditorium? - The doors to the Main Auditorium will open for guests at 5:50 p.m. (5 minutes after Graduate Registration closes). There is seating available both upstairs and downstairs. Tickets will be collected at the door. **If a guest needs to leave the Main Auditorium they must get a ticket from the door staff before exiting the area so that they are able to return!** Guests will not be allowed into the Main Auditorium when the grads are entering (at 6:30 p.m.), but they will be able to enter (quietly) after the grads have been seated. Empty seats will not be made available to non-ticket bearing guests.

What will be in the “Graduation folder” that I receive when I cross the stage? -Your Ontario Secondary School Diploma, a Transcript, and any information from awards that you have received. Thank you cards will be included for grads to complete, and to return to Mrs. Cook in the SWC main office (by Wednesday, July 5th) in order to receive the award.

How long is the Graduation ceremony? Under 3 hours

Will my parents have an opportunity to take photos of me on stage? We have hired a professional photographer to take your photo as you receive your diploma. These photos will be available online via a link on our website. Parents are asked to refrain from walking up the aisles to take photos during the ceremony. The stage will be available after graduation.

Will I get my own copy of the program? Upon returning your sash at the end of the evening, each student will receive a copy of the program that will be set aside for each graduate.

Will Graduation information be posted on the school’s website? Yes! Please check the Graduation link, under Guidance, for updates and information related to Graduation.

If you have any other questions about the evening, please feel free to ask someone in Guidance or the Main Office, or call the school at (905) 684-6349.