



River East Collegiate

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Dear Graduates/Families:

We are very pleased to take this opportunity to highlight important details regarding year-end celebrations for our graduates. **Convocation will be held on Thursday, June 25.** Convocation is a special event for our graduating students; all graduates are asked to come dressed in their cap and gown symbolic of graduation and participate in a Convocation ceremony here at River East Collegiate.

Families and graduates have selected and been scheduled into a time slot where each graduate will have a special convocation with their chosen guests at the school. These times have been communicated with families and graduates; call the office if you do not have your allotted time. **Caps and gowns will be available for pick up at the school on June 18th and 19th in Room 102, from 8:30-3:00.** Students will thus have their cap and gowns a week in advance of the convocation ceremony to allow students and families many opportunities for photos in a variety of settings.

Important Graduation Dates:

Grad Breakfast 2026: Thursday, June 12th, morning

Dinner/Safe Grad 2026: Tuesday, June 23rd

Convocation 2026: Thursday, June 25th

Session 1 – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Session 2 – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Session 3 – 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Session 4 – 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Session 5 – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Pertinent details of our Convocation plan:

- Convocation will consist of groups of **UP TO 60** Graduates.
- Each graduate can invite **UP TO 8** guests.
- Each group will have a reserved time slot that will include 2 stations:
 1. **Convocation Ceremony** – valedictorian and principal's addresses and the official granting of the diplomas
 - a. Location: REC Gymnasium
 - b. Timeframe: 1 hour
 2. **Photos and Gown Return**
 - a. Location: REC First Floor (various locations)
 - b. Timeframe: 20-30 minutes

We ask families to please arrive 15 minutes prior to your graduate's scheduled time and to anticipate approximately 1-1.5 hours for the Convocation celebration and pictures. Gown return will take place before departure.



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Important Information

- Arriving 15 minutes before your scheduled time is necessary to allow for graduates to be organized and guests to be seated.
- Enter by the Northeast entrance (rear Gymnasium). Staff will guide guests as they arrive.
- Graduates will gather in the theatre upon their arrival to be lined up for the convocation ceremony.
- People can park in the student parking lot. If the lot is full, there is street parking available. Make note of parking signage.
- If there are accessibility needs for guests, please let staff know as soon as you enter the school.
- Photo opportunities will be available throughout the school.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Sincerely,

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