

## **SCA DRY GRAD & FORMAL EVENT on June 2, 2023 - Parent UPDATE #3 May 11/23**

Hello Parents and Grads,

It is hard to believe that Grad is just **3** weeks away! The planning is going well, and we are so excited to see how everything is coming together! We, as a Committee, can honestly say God has had His hand upon us every step of the way and has blessed us in SO many ways!

As a reminder:

**GRAD CEREMONY TIME:** 1:00 p.m. @ Sherwood Park Alliance Church – June 2, 2023

Immediately after the Graduation Ceremony, the school is hosting a stand-up reception at SPAC for all Grads, families and guests. There is no cost to attend the ceremony and reception. For more information regarding the ceremony and reception, please see [here](#). If you have any questions regarding the Graduation Ceremony and Reception, please contact the school directly.

We will host a Dry Grad & Formal Event for our students on June 2, 2023. This event is for *SCA Secondary Students (only)* due to graduate in June 2023 and who wish to celebrate with their fellow graduates in a safe and fun environment. Numerous hours of hard work, fundraising and several generous sponsors and donations have made this event possible.

Event details are as follows:

**EVENT DATE:** Friday, June 2, 6:30 pm - Saturday, June 3, 2:00 am

**LOCATION:** EVOLVE Church, 1851 94 St NW, Edmonton

**TRANSPORTATION:** Busing to and from SCA Parking lot ONLY. Buses leave at 6:30 pm (NO Student is permitted to drive themselves to or from the Grad event location). Buses will return students to the SCA Parking lot from Venue at Midnight and 2:00 a.m. *If special circumstances need an alternate, pre-arranged pick-up, please email the Grad Parent Committee at [scagrad2023parents@gmail.com](mailto:scagrad2023parents@gmail.com).*

**ACTIVITIES:** Food (Formal Sit-Down Dinner, desserts, Midnight Taco Bar - catered by the one and only Miss Higgs), Student-led Program at dinner, Music, Dancing, Hot Tubs, Movies, Inflatables, Outdoor Games, Sports, Photographers, Fire Pits and more. Grads will have the option to either stay in their formal attire or space will be provided to change into more casual clothing.

**Food Allergies:** If your grad has any food allergies, accommodations or restrictions, please complete [this form](#) by May 26.

**SUPERVISION:** Parent Volunteers - we need you! (more info below)

**WAIVER FORM:** *\*\*All Parents and Grads must complete the waiver form in order to attend.\*\**

**COST:** \$50 per Grad (more info below) Please purchase your Grad's ticket by May 31.

**What to Bring:** If you would like to change out of your formal wear, please bring a change of clothes (bathing suit and towel if you are going into the hot tub), shoes and other personal items you may need in a labelled bag. If you have a garment bag, please ensure your name is on it too. There will be a place to hang your suit or gown.

### **Fundraising Update:**

We have done (and are doing) everything we can to keep the ticket costs down and still create an epic, memorable event for our Graduates.

As you all know, we held monthly Drop Off Bottle Drives as a source of fundraising. Our final Bottle Drive is Saturday, May 13, from 9 am - 3 pm at **SCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**. We also sold Nitza's Pizza coupons and will host an all-school fundraising BBQ on **Thursday, May 18**, during the school lunchtime. Please come out and buy a Burger or Hot-Dog Combo meal!

Thank you to all the parents who have helped with these events.

We have raised over **\$3195** with our fundraising efforts thus far and hope to bring in another \$1000 (or more) with the two remaining fundraising events.

We also received **\$6350** in grants, sponsorships, and donations from Strathcona County, various businesses, and families. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed in this meaningful manner.

We will be selling tickets to the Grad event for \$50 per student, and with these funds will have met our financial goal to be able to put this event on well. *If the cost of the ticket is an issue for your family, please confidentially contact the school. We do not want the cost to hinder any Grad from attending this event.*

**To purchase your child's grad ticket**, please e-transfer \$50 to [scagrad2023parents@gmail.com](mailto:scagrad2023parents@gmail.com).

Please include your grad's first and last name in the memo.

You can also choose to drop off a cheque or cash at the school office in an envelope with your grad's name clearly written down, with attention to the Grad Parent Committee.

Again, ***thank you*** to all our parent volunteers that have helped so far.

***But the work isn't done yet...***

### **DONATION ITEMS NEEDED**

One way we have kept costs down is to create a Signup Genius for a few items that we are asking parents to donate to the event, such as water, pop, etc.

Please take a look at the [Signup Genius Link](#) and sign up to help where you can.

\*Larger items can be dropped directly at EVOLVE Church at 1851 94 St NW, Edmonton, on June 1st between 9 am & 2 pm and between 6 & 9 pm.

Water, Pop and other food items can be dropped off during the week leading up to grad at the SCA Secondary School office by 3:30 on June 1st or dropped off directly at Evolve on June 1st between 9 am & 2 pm and between 6 & 9 pm.

Please reach out to the Committee with any questions.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We have an amazing evening planned for June 2, but we need your help. ***This is a great way for you to be involved in the event and to share in a part of the fun from a distance.*** We will need a large number of Volunteers to make this night successful (including set up on the 1st and clean up after the event at 2 pm), so we encourage you to sign up for some or all of the evening - whatever you can do! We will find a place for anyone willing! All volunteers at the event will be fed too!

Please see the [Volunteer Sign Up Genius](#) and sign up to help out.

As always, if you have any questions, please email: [scagrad2023parents@gmail.com](mailto:scagrad2023parents@gmail.com)

We appreciate all the support we have received and all those who have been praying for the Grads, the Committee and the event. It means more than you know!

Have a wonderful and blessed day!

SCA Grad 2023 Parent Committee