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Dear Morris Maverick Graduates and Families,

Our School Graduation Team has been working very hard to find ways to make your graduation special during this very difficult and unprecedented time for you all. We very much recognize that this will not be the traditional Morris Grad ceremony we had all planned for prior to March break. We are very sorry we cannot do that and we know that you must be feeling a range of emotions about this loss. We feel the same way.


So please know we are planning to make your grad very special. To honour our traditional Maverick convocation, we have arranged to have your caps and gowns for the Grad Photos on June 18 & 19th and for you to keep them until your individual convocation the following week on June 24, 25, or 26. Please use this time to take many family and individual graduate photos. Then you are asked to arrive on your convocation day dressed in your cap and gown for your individual ceremony.

The convocation ceremony itself is outlined in the timeline attached. You will need to book your convocation online via our Conference Manager June 5 -19th. These individual ceremonies will allow us to celebrate with you and 9 other family members. All ceremonies will be live streamed for those who cannot attend. We will strictly follow the Manitoba Public Health directives and ask that you please read the attached booklet ahead of time and follow the social distancing/self-screening required.

We will be meeting with the Decorating Committee to get their input on how to create the "Starry, Starry Night" theme in a different venue so that staff can decorate for you. Also know that NO additional fees will be charged or collected for Grad 2020.

Thank you for your patience and support. We wish you all the best and are looking forward to seeing all of you, even though it will be at a distance!

Yours truly,


Corinna Derewianchuk
& the Grad Committee

Grad Photo Day Information



Grad Photo Days

When? Thursday, June 18 & Friday, June 19

Location? School MPR & main gym

How do I sign up for a photo time? What is the cost?

Please read Lifetouch's letter attached to sign up online. Payment is encouraged online or if at school, debit is accepted.

How does this work with Public Health Directives?

- *Every person entering the school is now asked to self-screen on sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screeing-tool/ . We will ask that you have completed that when you arrive. Please do not come if you are sick.*
- **Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment via the south Vocational doors where you will be greeted by staff. Please come alone for your photo.**
- All movement in hallways must follow social distancing rules of 6 feet.
- You will be asked to wash your hands or sanitize when you come into the school.
- You will be directed to the MPR to get your cap, gown and V-stole.
- You will then be moved to the gym for photos.
- You will be asked by the photographer to sanitize your hands at the photography station.
- You will be exiting out the west gym doors and can walk through the parking lot to your car on Highway #23.
- **YOU WILL TAKE YOUR GRAD GOWN, V-STOLE AND CAP HOME THAT DAY after your pictures. You and your family are responsible for these items. On your convocation day the next week, you are asked to come to school dressed in your formal clothes with your cap and gown overtop. You are encouraged to take family photos at home prior to your grad convocation. This is a great opportunity to take as many photos as you like in that week.**
- Proofs will be mailed directly to each graduate.

Parents and 2020 Graduates,

We are excited to announce that Lifetouch will be resuming Graduation Photo Sessions. Over the past few weeks, we have finalized our safety protocols to ensure we provide a safe environment for both the graduate and our staff.

In order to ensure your safety and that of our staff, we have made a few adjustments to our daily operations. Please read the following points outlined below:

- If you are experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19 as outlined by the Province of Manitoba, please do not come to your appointment and we will be happy to reschedule you at a later date. You can refer to the Health Canada Screening Tool website to take a self-assessment test at: sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/
- If the school does not provide attire then the graduate will be responsible to rent their own graduation attire from Gaspard. Graduate must submit a rental order form to Gaspard directly by email only to: grad_sales@gaspard.ca
Lifetouch will not provide any attire during photo sessions.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your scheduled appointment time. Anyone who is late will not be photographed and cancellations will require 48-hour notice.
- Only the graduate will be allowed at the appointment; no friends or family members will be permitted to ensure proper safe social distancing. We will not be including props or casual photos during photo sessions; all photos will be taken in grad attire.
- Graduates who prefer to wear a white dress shirt and black tie, please come prepared to your appointment already dressed in this attire. Photographers will not provide shirts or ties for graduates to use, please ensure tie is pre-tied before your appointment or use a clip-on tie.
- Graduates who prefer to not wear a white dress shirt and tie, we suggest wearing a v-neck or scoop neck shirt.
- Please be dressed and ready in your grad gown and v-stole before you go to the camera.
- If you would like roses (or other flowers) included in your photo session, please bring your own as roses will not be provided by Lifetouch.
- It is recommended that session fee payments are paid by debit or credit **only**.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided upon arrival to your appointment; the refusal of using sanitizer will result in voluntary cancellation of your appointment.

To book your photo appointment, visit the following online link: www.schedule.prestigeportraits.ca

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.
Thank You.

Other Grad Notes & To Do's

GRAD 2020 Timeline of Events

<p>Other Notes & To Do's:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>NO fee balances or further fees will be required for any grads.</u> Due to the present situation, fundraised monies will be spent on grad as much as possible and any remaining amounts (likely not much!) will remain in the grad account for next year.● All grads will receive their yearbook in the fall as planned. It is our gift to you. ● Any grad photos taken by the school will be uploaded to a shared drive for grads and 1 other parent email if provided. Please email your parent/guardian email to cderewianchuk@rrvsd.ca if you would like to be included. Grad's school emails will also be used. ● Slide Show: Get your 3 baby to teen photos into tdekezel@rrvsd.ca● Grad Video: Please see attached. If not enough grads submit this, the video will not be possible.● Grad Quotes: Please submit to Mrs. Dianne Dekezel at ddekezel@rrvsd.ca Know that there must be● Grad Ads: See attached.
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Individual Convocations:
June 24, 25, 26

Note:

*Convocation Bookings online open June 5th & close
June 19th at the end of the day.*

GRAD 2020 Timeline of Events

<p>Individual Convocation</p> <p>Pre-booked on the Morris School Conference Manager online.</p>	<p>Morris School</p> <p>Dates available:</p> <p>June 24</p> <p>June 25</p> <p>June 26</p>	<p>Please log in to Conference Manager (https://morris-rrvds.schoolsoft.com) and book your convocation time. If you have not used this before for Parent Teacher Conferences, you will need to register first.</p> <p><u>Deadline to book is Friday, June 19th.</u></p> <p><u>Call the school if you have any difficulties booking.</u></p> <p>Each convocation is 30 minutes.</p> <p>****If you choose not to attend convocation, please email Mrs. Laurie Edel to notify us. ledel@rrvds.ca</p> <p><u>Each grad is allowed to bring their immediate family/guardians up to 10 people including the grad.</u></p> <p>Please notify us if your guests have physical mobility issues so accommodations can be made if needed.</p> <p>*** All plans subject to change with little warning as schools must abide by public health orders.</p>
<p>Your Convocation Day</p>	<p>Morris School</p> <p>Park on south side of school on Highway #23 near the vocational building.</p> <p>(Areas will be reserved for grads and families by school.)</p>	<p>Be dressed in your choice of formal wear with your cap and gown overtop. There will be no time allotted to dress here during your booked time.</p> <p>Please self-screen for Covid 19 and ask your guests to do so as well. See attached.</p>

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	<p>Vocational door entry to MPR.</p> <p>15 minutes/grad videos</p>	<p>Arrive a few minutes early. If raining, please remain in your car until just before your booked time.</p> <p>An outside photo area at the entry will be available weather permitting. Families are encouraged to take their family photos at home in case of weather issues and so that you have plenty of time to do them.</p> <p>MPR:</p> <p>Grad & invited family members will enter the Vocational doors and social distance down the hall to the MPR.</p> <p>A staff member will be present and your group will watch some of the grad videos at this time.</p> <p>Washroom use if needed will be limited to the hallway ones closest to the MPR. These will be cleaned before, during and after the event for your safety.</p>
	<p>Gym Convocation & pic</p> <p>15 minutes</p> <p>Ceremony:</p>	<p>A staff member will indicate when you can exit the MPR to the gym via stairs off the stage.</p> <p>(For those needing accommodations we will use the ramp.)</p> <p><u>The grad convocation ceremonies will be livestreamed and will be archived and posted on the Grad section of our school website for those who want to watch it later.</u></p>

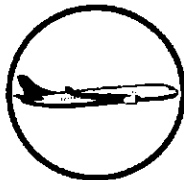
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		<p>Ceremony by Administration will include an opening and closing address and the presentation of the graduate's diploma/awards.</p> <p>Grads will be called forward and guided to pick up their diploma/awards from the presentation table. This will meet the requirement of social distancing for staff and students as per the Public Health Directives.</p> <p>Chairs will be wiped down after each grad family's ceremony is done.</p>
		<p>Grads and their parents/guardians will be able to pose together for a diploma picture (if they chose) in this area. You are allowed to do this if you live in the same household.</p> <p>After photos, your group will move to the west gym door and the grad will leave their gown and V-stole at a designated area by the door. Please keep the souvenir cap.</p> <p>Grad and family will exit via the west door and walk through the Vocational parking lot back to Hwy #23 and their cars.</p> <p><i>The rest of the day and evening is yours to celebrate with family!</i></p> <p><i>Be safe and be healthy Class of 2020!!</i></p>

Other Grad Note Attachments



COVID-19



Do not enter if you have:

- been in contact with someone that is confirmed to have COVID-19
- been notified that you were in a high risk setting for COVID-19 in the past 14 days (e.g., on a plane or at an event)
- travelled outside Manitoba in the last 14 days



Do not enter if you have a new onset of any of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath



Do not enter if you have a new onset of two or more of the following symptoms:

- Runny nose
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Hoarse voice
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea



If any of the above apply, please:

- limit your contact with others
- immediately self-isolate at home
- call Health Links-Info Santé for information about testing and self-isolation – 204-788-8200 or toll-free 1-888-315-9257.

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Grad 2020 Video Committee

Every Grad is asked to answer the following 3 questions and to record themselves doing so. Deadline info is below.

- While recording the answers to these questions Grads are asked to do something random. It could be something that describes them or something to get a laugh as long as it is appropriate. For example: someone might record their answer to the questions while doing a handstand or while pouring sugar into a frying pan.
- The video clips of the answers will be compiled and shared with the grads later. All recordings will be previewed by the Teacher Committee for school appropriateness.
 1. Describe your senior year in three words.
 2. What is the thing you will miss most about high school?
 3. What is your go-to song for life?

Deadline May 29th for submission to Mr DeKezel - tdekezel@rrvsd.ca AND Hillary Jorgenson hillylillyj@hotmail.ca

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Grad Ads for the 2019-20 Yearbook

Grads are encouraged to sell "grad ads" to their family, friends, and acquaintances as a fundraiser for their grad yearbooks. This opportunity is available ONLY to the graduates in the school and will be included after the grad section in the yearbook.

Recognize the special students in your life with an expression of love, friendship, and congratulations. Choose a full, half, quarter, eighth, or sixteenth page grad ad to acknowledge their successes.

Please complete the following:

Grad Name: _____

Name of person(s) purchasing the ad: _____

Size: check one

- Full page: \$150
- 1/2 page: \$75
- 1/4 page: \$40
- 1/8 page: \$25
- 1/16 page: \$15

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Method of payment: check one

- Cheque Payable to Morris School. Mailing address: Box 548 Morris, MB. R0G 1K0

Photo: check one

- I will email digital photo to ddekezel@rrvsd.ca
- Photo attached with payment.. Please scan and return to me at this address:

Please submit orders by June 8/20.

Message: Please email your message to Dianne Dekezel at ddekezel@rrvsd.ca or Dan Moore at dmoore@rrvsd.ca. Give consideration to length in comparison to your ad size. Note that all messages will be edited for appropriate language as needed. Thank you!

Yearbook Committee