



ST. PAUL'S HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION INFORMATION PACKAGE
CLASS OF 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians of St. Paul's Graduates of 2025,

Peace of Christ! Enclosed you will find important information regarding events surrounding the 2025 graduation. The present plan is as follows:

- The **Mother Son Mass & Tree Planting Ceremony** will take place on Friday, May 2nd in the MultiPlex. All mothers/guardians are invited to attend this very special event, which includes a luncheon. You have most likely already registered for this event. If you haven't seen the email to register, please contact Kate Brito kbrito@stpauls.mb.ca or 204-290-5407.
- A **Mass for graduands, their families, and friends** will be celebrated on Sunday, June 8th at 10:00 am in the MultiPlex.
- The **St. Paul's Graduation Dinner and Dance** is on Friday, June 20th, at the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg, 375 York Ave. Parents are encouraged to attend the dinner and dance with their son and his guest. Registration will begin at 5:00 pm, banquet doors will open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Graduands, guests, and their families are welcome to arrive at the same time.
- The **Graduation Ceremony (Convocation)**, Tuesday, June 24th, will be held in the MultiPlex. The event will begin promptly at 1:00 pm. Graduands are reminded to be there between 12:15 pm – 12:30 pm to facilitate grad gown assignment, etc. With the exception of jackets, **FULL DRESS CODE** is mandatory (dress shirt, dress pants, dress socks & shoes, and tie). We encourage graduands and their parents to invite family and friends to this event. You will receive a link to RSVP via Eventbrite closer to the date.
- The **Ernie Ostermann '57 Graduand Golf Tournament** will be held on Wednesday, June 25th at Bridges Golf Course, 10 River Rd, Starbuck, MB R0G 2P0. Graduates and their mentors will spend the day golfing in pairs, with the day ending with supper in the clubhouse. Tickets will go on sale on Friday April 25th. An email will be sent home as a reminder.

The **Graduation Dinner & Safe Grad Registration**, along with full payment, are due no later than **Friday May 30th, 2025**. Graduand's guests attending Safe Grad must complete a separate **Guest registration form** prior to June 6, 2025. The Safe Grad Committee cannot complete arrangements for the special day if the forms are not handed in on time.

Instructions and links for the registration forms can be found on page **7- Registration and Payment Guidelines.**

Payment for grad events can be made by using the payment link at the end of the registration form or can be dropped off at the front office. Please make sure your form above is complete prior to paying.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to celebrating the Class of 2025!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. Booth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "K." and the last name "Booth" clearly distinguishable.

Mr. Kevin Booth '78
President

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The countdown has begun as we are less than 10 weeks away from our sons' Grade 12 Graduation Celebration that will be taking place on Friday, June 20 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Key details regarding the Grad Dinner and Safe Grad can be found in this information package so we ask that you kindly review it carefully.

Tickets for the Grad Dinner are priced at \$100 and are available to purchase online from the school website. There is no limit to the number of tickets a family can purchase, however, tables have a maximum seating of 10 guests. Graduands must sit with their parents but can request to sit with, or close to, another classmate's family (two families can be seated together where seating permits). Special seating requests must be made when completing the online ticket request form and the Grad Committee will do their best to accommodate.

Tickets to Safe Grad are priced at \$75 and can be purchased at the same time as the Grad Dinner tickets to a maximum of two per student (graduand plus one guest). We understand students may not know if they will invite a guest to the Grad Dinner or the Safe Grad; therefore, additional tickets can be added until the ticket purchase deadline of May 30.

We are pleased to share with you that the menu for the Grad Dinner was chosen by some of the grade 12 students who, along with members of the grad committee, attended a food sampling at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. The chosen meal consists of Caesar salad and Beef Sirloin and an alternative salad and entree which is vegan, dairy free, and gluten free will also be available. You will be given the opportunity to indicate your dinner choice when making your Grad Dinner ticket purchase.

The Safe Grad portion of the evening will take place directly following the Grad Dinner at 9:30 pm in the same event space. Complimentary food, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available as well as alcoholic beverages for purchase by age verified guests. A DJ and dance floor will be set up along with casino games; poker, blackjack & wheel of chance, photo booths, and there will be lots of prizes up for grabs for a guaranteed evening of fun!

Graduands and their guests must be picked up at 2 am by the individual named on their release form (completed when purchasing Safe Grad tickets). Photo ID of drivers will be required at the Safe Grad check out desk at pick-up

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime at: gradcommittee@stpauls.mb.ca

Looking forward to sharing this exciting milestone celebration with all of you!

Best regards,

Tess Bernacki
2025 Grad Committee Chair.

1. It is imperative and responsible that parents do not allow an alcohol party to be planned prior to or after the Safe Grad.
2. Under no circumstances can a graduand or his guest attending the Graduation Dinner and Safe Grad at the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg drive home, whether they have been drinking or not.
3. The RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg requires that there be no “Dressing Down” for the Safe Grad Party. Students and guests are required to remain in formal attire for the duration of the event.
4. Upon arriving at the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg all pre-registered graduands and guests must provide Government issued photo ID. The following forms of ID are considered valid photo identification:
 - a passport.
 - a driver’s license.
 - an identification card issued by Manitoba Public Insurance.
 - a Secure Certificate of Indian Status issued by the Government of Canada.
 - a NEXUS card.
 - a Canadian Armed Forces identification card.
 - a possession and acquisition license issued under the Firearms Act (Canada).
 - a Manitoba Métis Federation citizenship card.
 - two pieces of government-issued identification, with at least one piece of identification containing a photograph of the person

Pictures are not an acceptable form of ID. Only guests whose ID has been verified to be 18 or older can receive an “Age Verified” ID wristband.

5. No backpacks or large handbags will be allowed into the banquet hall. The Convention Centre has the right to search any purse/bag without permission.
6. All grads and guests will be asked to hand in their cell phones at the beginning of Safe Grad. Phones will be returned at checkout during Safe Grad. It is imperative that graduands and their designated pick-up drivers arrange a scheduled pick-up time ahead of the event.
7. All students may be subject to searches by RBC Convention Centre’s Security personnel upon entry to the banquet hall. This is conducted for the purpose of locating contraband alcohol or other items deemed dangerous or illegal.
8. Any grad or his guest wishing to leave the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg and not attend the Safe Grad party must make arrangements beforehand with parents/guardians for transportation home.
9. At Safe Grad, only students aged 18 or over wearing the ‘Age Verified” wristband will be allowed to purchase an alcoholic beverage. No person shall receive more than one alcoholic drink per visit to the bar and no “doubles” will be served. Shooters are not permitted. Bottles of wine can only be purchased prior to or during the dinner service, by or under the supervision of a parent that must ensure that the wine is consumed responsibly. Bartenders will have the right to refuse service. Non-alcoholic drinks and food will be available at all times.
10. Persons will be able to purchase a maximum of four (4) beverage tickets at a time until midnight. After midnight persons will be allowed to purchase a maximum of two (2) tickets for the remainder of the event from RBC Convention Centre cashiers.

11. Alcohol bar services will conclude no later than 1:00am. Non-alcoholic bar service will be available until 2:00 am.
12. This is a non-smoking event. Cannabis and vaping will be prohibited in events or safe grads.
13. Graduands are responsible for their own and their guest's behavior. Any person who is visibly intoxicated or involved in any aggressive physical behavior or verbal exchange, either as an instigator or retaliator will be removed from the party. Parents will be phoned to provide immediate transportation home for the grad and his guest. Officers from the Winnipeg Police Department will be at Safe Grad.
14. All transportation home from the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg is the responsibility of the parents/guardians. Only the person(s) indicated on the release form may pick up a grad or guest whether they leave early from the Safe Grad Party or at the end. Graduands are not required to leave early from Safe Grad if their guest decides to leave early. However, if the grad leaves early, the grad's guest must also leave at the same time. No one will be readmitted once signed out from safe grad. Grads and Guests must be picked up no later than 2:00 am.
15. The Safe Grad Committee will provide supervision to maintain as safe a graduation celebration as possible but will not be held liable.

Friday, June 20, 2025

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Arrive at RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg and Registration

- Graduands, guests and families arrive at the same time.
- All graduands and their guests must check in at the registration table. All those who are 18 years of age or older will receive an “age verified” wristband upon proof of valid government-issued identification (ID). Copies or photographs of ID are not an acceptable form of age verification and original ID must be presented at time of check in.
- Banquet doors will open at 5:00 pm and a cash bar will commence at the same time.

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Graduation Dinner

- Parents and guests remain at the dinner all evening.
- Under no circumstances can a graduate or guest of a graduate, whether they have been drinking or not, drive home from the Winnipeg Convention Centre.
- For those graduands and guests not attending Safe Grad, arrangements must be made with parents/guardians for transportation home.

9:00 pm- 9:30 pm

Safe Grad Changeover

- Safe Grad takes place directly following the Grad Dinner in the same event space.
- All guests will leave the ballroom immediately after dinner to allow staff to prepare the room for Safe Grad.
- A Parent **MUST** sign in their son and his guest (if applicable) at the Safe Grad Registration table. Only Parent Volunteers will be permitted into the Safe Grads space.

9:30 pm – 2:00 am

Safe Grad

- Complimentary food items and non-alcoholic beverages will be available all evening
- until 2 am. Alcohol will be available to purchase until the bar closes at 1:00 am.
- Only guests wearing “age verified” wrist bands will be allowed to purchase alcohol.
- Event staff and parent volunteers can remove wristbands at any time if they feel a guest has been “overserved”.
- Various activities and games will be available at Safe Grad including a DJ and dance floor, Casino games and opportunities to win prizes with casino monies, photobooths and Plinko.

2:00 am – 2:30 am

Leaving Safe Grad Safely- Pickup

- It is the responsibility of the parents to pick up their graduand and their guest by 2:30 am.
- It is strongly suggested that a male and female couple be in the vehicles while driving graduands and their guests' home.
- If the graduand wishes to leave the Safe Grad event early, his guest must leave with him. However, a guest may leave Safe Grad earlier if prior arrangements have been made and will only be released to the person(s) whose name and signature have been indicated on the Pick-Up Driver Form.



April 14, 2025

Dear St. Paul's Families,

The 2025 St. Paul's High School Grad Committee is hard at work orchestrating the elements that will make this year's Grad Dinner and Safe Grad a truly unforgettable evening.

The "Casino Royale" at the Safe Grad evening promises to be one of the most anticipated activities. Our hope is to provide graduates and their guests an opportunity to cash in their "casino winnings" for raffle tickets and enter to win a variety of prizes.

While the Safe Grad ticket price includes a modest budget to purchase prizing, we kindly invite families of this year's St. Paul's graduating class to consider making a donation to the prize table. More prizing will enable us to offer more opportunities for students and their guests to win and no doubt add to the excitement and fun of the evening!

We plan to have all prizes on display in a "rainbow auction" type format where Safe Grad attendees can enter to win the items of their choosing. We will gratefully accept any prize donations including event tickets, gift cards (restaurants, fast food, coffee shops, retailers, etc...) or any other items you may feel suitable. Cash donations will also be gratefully accepted and used to purchase prizes on your behalf. All prize donors, both families and businesses, will be acknowledged on signage at the Safe Grad prize table.

Prize donations or financial contributions can be dropped off at the school front office any time before May 31. Financial contributions should be made payable to St. Paul's High School re: "Grad Prizes". If you have any questions, or to make other arrangements, please contact this year's grad chair, Tess Bernacki at: gradcommittee@stpauls.mb.ca

On behalf of the St. Paul's High School Grad Committee, we sincerely thank you for your support!

Best regards,

Janice Compton & Fran Yadeo
2025 Grad Communications Co-Chairs

April 14, 2025

Dear Parents, Guardians and Graduands,

Each 2025 graduand and an invited mentor are welcome to attend the Ernie Ostermann '57 Graduand Golf Tournament at **Bridges Golf Course** (10 River Rd, Starbuck, MB R0G 2P0.) on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

11:00 am- Registration

11:30 am- BBQ Lunch

1:00 pm Shotgun Start

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm- Dinner

Please note that the BBQ lunch and dinner are both included in the price of the tournament. The mentor can be the father, older brother, stepfather, uncle, grandfather, or another older adult who has taken a mentoring role in the graduand's life.

There are only 144 spots available (72 Graduands and 72 mentors) so register early as this event fills up very quickly. **Please note that there is no rain date, and no refunds will be provided unless the course cancels the tournament due to weather conditions.**

The cost is \$185.00 per player. This fee includes the BBQ lunch, green fees, golf cart, dinner and prizes. Club rentals are available for \$50.00 taxes included per set. If you are renting clubs, please contact the golf course directly to arrange.

For those not participating in the tournament there are some spaces to attend the dinner only, at a cost of \$60.00 per person.

This year we will be having:

\$20.00 Putting contest with the proceeds going to the Bursary Fund.

- 1 drink ticket per golfer, entry into the putting contest, 1 Mulligan to be used in round.

On course hole contests for graduands and mentors: Hole in one contest, longest drive, and closest to the pin.

We are looking for **hole sponsors, donors for team prizes, and draw prizes:** please contact Mark Carver at markchristophercarver@gmail.com if you are able to help with any of these. Also, if you would like to donate an item for the gift bag for graduands, 72 will be required and they are very much appreciated.

As this event is taking place after graduation, alcohol will be available for purchase for participants aged 18 years or older. We ask that participants who choose to drink please do so responsibly, as you are still representing St. Paul's High School.

To Volunteer for this event: <https://signup.com/go/RBfepqE>

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE ERNIE OSTERMANN '57 GRADUAND GOLF TOURNAMENT starting on Friday April 25th, 2025. The link will be available on the Grad Information website.

[Grad Info - St Paul's High School](#)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, JUNE 6, 2025

Please note: If this cost is a barrier to registration, please have your son speak with his counsellor.

Please refer to the information below for instructions on registering for the St. Paul's High School Graduation Dinner and Safe Grad.

Please complete the registration form even if you are not planning to attend the event. The forms and payments are due no later than **Friday May 30, 2025**.

Links to the two required forms are below:

- A. **The Dinner and Safe Grad Registration** must be completed for all St. Paul's graduands.
- B. **The Safe Grad Guest information** form is to be filled out by guests attending Safe Grad.

Dinner information:

- A committee of grad students chose the regular salad and entrée - Caesar salad, Grilled and Marinated Medallions of Beef Sirloin. An alternative salad and entrée are available which is vegan, dairy free, and gluten free - Garden salad, Tomato braised Chickpea and Plantain Stew.
- Dietary restrictions, allergies and preferences will be accommodated. Please note that substitutions cannot be made at the event.
- Students must be with their parents. Tables accommodate up to 10 people. The Grad Committee will try to accommodate requests to sit with or near another family.
- Dinner tickets are \$100 per person. Safe Grad tickets are \$75 per person. Taxes included. Payment can be made in two ways:
 - (A) Credit card. The link to pay electronically is provided at the end of the form.
 - (B) Cheque/Cash.
 - a. Please complete the registration form online and note in the payment section that you will pay at the school office.
 - b. Drop off cheque/cash along with the form (next page) to the office.

Registration Forms:

(A) Graduation Dinner and Safe Grad Registration Form – to be completed by parent/guardian

[Grad Dinner and Safe Grad Registration Form](#)

To purchase dinner and/or safe grad tickets, parents are required to complete the Graduation Dinner and Safe Grad Registration Form.

The information form will take approx. 10 minutes to complete, and requires the following information:

- Number of Grad Dinner tickets required
- Number of Safe Grad tickets required (max: 2)
- Seating preferences: i.e. whether you would like to be seated with another family, and the last name of the graduate in that family.
- Meal preferences, restrictions, and allergies of dinner guests.
- Name and phone number of parent (and alternate) who will be picking up graduate from Safe Grad.

(B) Safe Grad Guest Information Form – to be completed by Safe Grad Guests

[Safe Grad Form - Guests Only](#)

- If your son is bringing a guest to Safe Grad, the guest is required to complete the Safe Grad Guest Information Form. **Please email the link above to the guest.** The form collects medical contact information. This form must be completed prior to **June 6, 2025**.
- Guests failing to complete the form will be removed from the guest list.

CHEQUE/CASH PAYMENT FORM.**INCLUDE THIS FORM FOR CHEQUE/CASH PAYMENTS ONLY.**

To pay by cheque/cash, please complete the registration form online and drop off a cheque/cash along to the front office. Cheques payable to "St. Paul's High School."

ATTN: Kate Brito.

Graduation Dinner and Safe Grad Tickets

Name of student: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Graduation Dinner Tickets _____ @ \$100/each =\$_____

Safe Grad Tickets _____ @ \$75/each =\$_____

TOTAL _____ =\$_____

A confirmation email will be sent once payment is processed.