



OAKRIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Commencement
Assembly
2023

Reminders

Graduation Requirements

- **30 Credits**
 - 18 compulsory + 12 elective
- **40 Community Service Hours**
 - must be documented through Guidance office
- **Literacy Requirement**
 - Successful completion of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), or the Ontario Literacy Course (OLC)



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Conditional Offers

- Averages are NOT rounded up for scholarships.
- Must meet conditions for FINAL ACCEPTANCE.

Summer School

- Summer School information is available on the TVDSB website
 - Click on “STUDENTS” at top of page
 - Click on “Alternative Education”
 - Click on “Summer Programs and Camps”
- [Summer School on TVDSB Website](#)



Reminders

- Please see your Guidance Counsellor ASAP if your plan for next year has changed, i.e. you were not planning on returning, but have since changed your mind.
- Join School Messenger App – **Oak Grads**
OR <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/account/login> to learn about things that are happening at Oakridge by using the access code: **TM5L8F**



Guide to Commencement

- **Centennial Hall**, 550 Wellington Street, on **Friday June 2, 2023**, **5pm – 7pm**.
- This is a “**social graduation**” for all students who started secondary school in the **2019-2020** school year.
- Even if you are returning for a victory lap or if you will not meet graduation requirements by the end of June 2023, you still walk across the stage on JUNE 2 this school year, not next year.



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Time

- Doors will open at **4pm**.
- Check in to pick up your cap and gown, you will then be placed in alpha order.

Seating

- Seating on main floor and balcony, no limit on the number of guests per graduate but seating is first-come, first-served.
- Contact Mr. Kunder, j.kunder@tvdsb.ca or **519.452.2000** extension **61706** for any accessible seating request (i.e. wheelchair access).



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Parking

- Meter parking is available around Victoria Park, or paid parking at Citi Plaza, City Hall, and the Centennial Hall lot.

Arrival

- Arrive at around 4pm to get into your gown
- Staff will be organizing students, in alpha order, in the south hallway and in the courtyard
- It is important that you maintain your alphabetical order.



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Processional

- At around 5pm, you will be guided into the hall in a single file line and seated in the middle of the front.
- **It is important that you maintain your alphabetical order.**

Crossing the Stage

- When told to do so, by Ms. Wales, rise with your row, quietly move to the north hallway and line up at the staircase to the stage, remain in alpha order.
- Your name card will be given to you at this time.



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Crossing the Stage (cont'd)

- When given the signal to go (Mr. Sevenpifer), walk to the centre of the stage, to the two presenters standing.
- Pause and shake each presenter's hand (if you feel comfortable to do so), pick up your ceremonial diploma and souvenir pin.
 - Please indicate you would like to shake hands by extending your right hand as you approach the presenters, OR
 - If you would prefer not to shake the presenters' hand, please place your right hand across your chest



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Crossing the Stage (cont'd)

- Remain on the red carpet, at centre stage, next to the staff presenting your diploma, until the teacher at the reader table is finished reading your name card.
- **If your name card is yellow, you will need to remain at the centre of the stage even longer because after the name reader is finished reading your name card Mr. Booker will announce the Commencement Award that you have been nominated for or that you will receive.**
- Walk off stage to get your photo taken, by Edge Imaging, before returning to your seat



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Diploma

- You will be handed a fake diploma, along with a graduation gift, when you walk across the stage at Centennial Hall.
- If you will meet all graduation requirements by the end of June 2023, your official diploma will be available for pick up, at Oakridge, in the first week of July 2023.
- If you are an **international student** and will be graduating this year and will be **leaving London before the end of the first week of July**, please see Ms. Cox or Ms. Rhee in the Guidance office with instructions on how to have your official diploma and transcript mailed to you.

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Grad List for Program

- A list of **legal names** has been posted outside the guidance office since March 9th and will be taken down on **Thursday May 4**.
- Please ensure you check for correct spelling of your legal name. In the instance you have a preferred first name you would like included beside your legal name, please visit the **guidance office** to explain your circumstance to **Ms. Cox** by **Thursday May 4th by 2:30 p.m.**
- Your name as it appears on the Grad List, outside the guidance office, will be printed in the commencement program.



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Caps and Gown

- Caps are **purchased** and gowns are **rented**
- Purchased caps + rented gown + professional photo (digital photo only) of you by Edge Imaging = **\$50**
- See Ms. Cox IMMEDIATELY, following this assembly, if you have not yet paid this fee.

Dressing for the Occasion

- Footwear and lower legs are visible.
- Gentlemen: do not wear suit coats under the gown (too hot).
- Leave “stuff” (purses, umbrellas, etc.) with parents and not where you pick up your gown. We will not look after your personal belongings.



Important Info for Grads

Rented Gowns

- Following commencement, you will have 20 minutes to take photos outside with family before you must sign off that you have returned your gown.

Name Card

- When you walk across the stage our readers will read your name and a brief message written by you in the third person.
- Example:
 - **John Smith**
John will be attending the University of Ottawa in the fall to study political science. He would like to thank his parents and teachers for their support over the years.
- Please DO NOT name specific teachers on your name card.



Important Info for Grads

Name Card

Complete your Name Card by **Thursday May18** through a Google Form available from any computer at:

bit.ly/oakgradcard

- Note: you **must** be in your “**gotvdsb.ca**” account (not gmail account) to be able to see the form.
- If your future plans change between now and the Thursday May 18 deadline, you may make edits through the same form.
- Please see Ms. Teevan if you have any questions about your name card.



Any Questions?