



**Dear Johnston Heights 2026 Graduates and Parents/Guardians,**

The commencement ceremony is a formal occasion, lasting approximately 2-3 hours. Graduates do not need a ticket. Guests will not be admitted without a physical copy of your ticket. Tickets are not sold at the door. Children under the age of two, who can sit on an adult's lap, do not need a ticket.

**Parking:** The address for Chandos Pattison is 10238 168 Street, Surrey. Parking is available throughout the location and there will be parking attendants on site. Please respectfully follow the instructions of our parking attendants. As this is a school property, there is absolutely no vaping, smoking or substance use of any kind permitted on the property, including in vehicles. No balloons, airhorns, or confetti canons are allowed in the auditorium. Guests, please be kind to our adult and student volunteers as they will ask you to move towards the front seating and not leave seats in between groups (this is a sold-out event!).

**Timing and Arrival Location:** Graduates, please arrive and be ready in your cap and gown at the back of the auditorium building by **5:30PM**. Leave your phone with your guests, as phones are NOT permitted on stage.

All graduates will gather on the grass at the back of the auditorium for stage marshalling. You will be directed to your assigned seat on stage, remember your seat and row number (as indicated on the board outside the office). Sit down in the seat with the sticker with your name on it. The MC will say a few words and the Coast Salish River Spirt Drummers will play to signal the curtains opening to reveal the graduates. **Latecomers, will not be permitted to participate.**

**Important Information to Remember:**

- Leave your phone and other personal belongings with your guests. Phones are NOT permitted on stage!
- Take personal photos with friends, family and staff BEFORE assembling at **5:30**
- As you will have to climb stairs and sit on stage under hot lights, dress appropriately, ex. Low heels, dark socks and shoes, a collared shirt, a light dress.
- You must be dressed in your caps and gowns and be behind the auditorium building by **5:30!** School staff will help you line up in alpha-order, and rows will be loaded in groups onto the stage.
- Following a short order of music and speeches, the evening will spotlight you, the graduates. You will depart one row at a time and wait backstage to cross. You will collect your diploma holder, give your name card to the reader, cross the stage to shake hands with Ms.O'Brien and pause for a professional photo done by Artona with Ms.Beyer. You will then walk off stage behind the curtain and staff will guide you back to your seat.
- Artona will take a photo of each grad with their diploma on stage. You will receive the photo with your dogwood diploma in August. Parents: Reminder please do NOT come to the front to take a photo as this significantly delays the ceremony and blocks the view for others.
- At the end of the ceremony, there will be a recessional of graduates off stage and out the doors into the lobby area. Graduates will keep the gowns, stoles, caps and tassels and re-join your family and friends.

Throughout the evening, we trust that all the Johnston Heights graduates will respect the formality of this ceremony, while sharing this important moment in their lives with family and friends. We appreciate your cooperation during this monumental event. Please listen, follow instructions, respect others and enjoy your evening.

**Congratulations! Your 2026 Commencement Committee**



**Commencement Location:** Chandos Pattison Auditorium

**Address:** 16987 25<sup>th</sup> Ave, Surrey BC, V3S 9V2

