



Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Graduates,

We are just a week away from celebrating our Graduating class of 2021. This letter contains important information pertaining to our much-anticipated Convocation celebration. We have also attached a map of our Convocation circuit to facilitate understanding of our process. Indeed, this year has been like no other for our Graduates and through the unparalleled challenge this global pandemic has presented, they have shown tremendous resiliency, determination, strength and grace. To our Graduates...echoing your loved ones' sentiments...we are extremely PROUD of you, and it is with great honour and pleasure that we celebrate this milestone in your lives with you.

First and foremost, in the event that you have not yet scheduled your Convocation time, please use the link <https://forms.office.com/r/7mALBVQ2UK> to schedule a time that works best for you by 4:00PM on Friday, June 18th, 2021.

On June 24th, Graduates will participate in a drive-thru celebration where they will be presented with their diploma. Families are encouraged to decorate their vehicles to add to the festivities. There will also be a number of photo opportunities for our Graduates to capture their celebration. Please note, in the event of rain, our Convocation Ceremony will proceed as planned, and families are asked to plan for inclement weather (having an umbrella accessible for your Graduate). In addition, families requiring assistance with transportation to take part in this celebration, may please contact Vice Principal Carla Faria at the school or via email cfaria@retsd.mb.ca.

Please note, current Public Health guidelines for a drive-thru Convocation stipulate that:

- vehicles must be separated by a minimum of 2 meters;
- windows and sunroofs may be open, but doors and trunks are to remain closed;
- only participants from the same household may occupy the same vehicle.

Graduation Events:

Wednesday, June 23rd – Virtual Event

- Graduation ceremonies will begin on Wednesday, June 23rd at 6:30PM with a virtual event featuring our principal's message, valedictorian address, recognition of award recipients and a photo montage of our Graduates. Parents will receive a private, password-protected link via the email we have on file on Wednesday, June 23rd to access the event. If you have not been receiving regular emails from the school this year,



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please call our school office at 204.667.1103 to ensure we have an updated email address for the link to be sent to.

Thursday, June 24th – Convocation Event

- Graduates and up to 4 household family members line up in their vehicle on Chelsea Avenue (entering from Watt Street and facing west on Chelsea) no more than 10 minutes before their designated timeslot (see attached map);
- Chelsea Avenue facing west will be the initial receiving area for Graduates and their families;
- A staff member will signal for the next graduate to drive up to the entrance of the Convocation circuit which will be the entrance to our staff parking lot. At this check-in point, the Graduate will provide his or her name to a staff member and proceed to station 1.

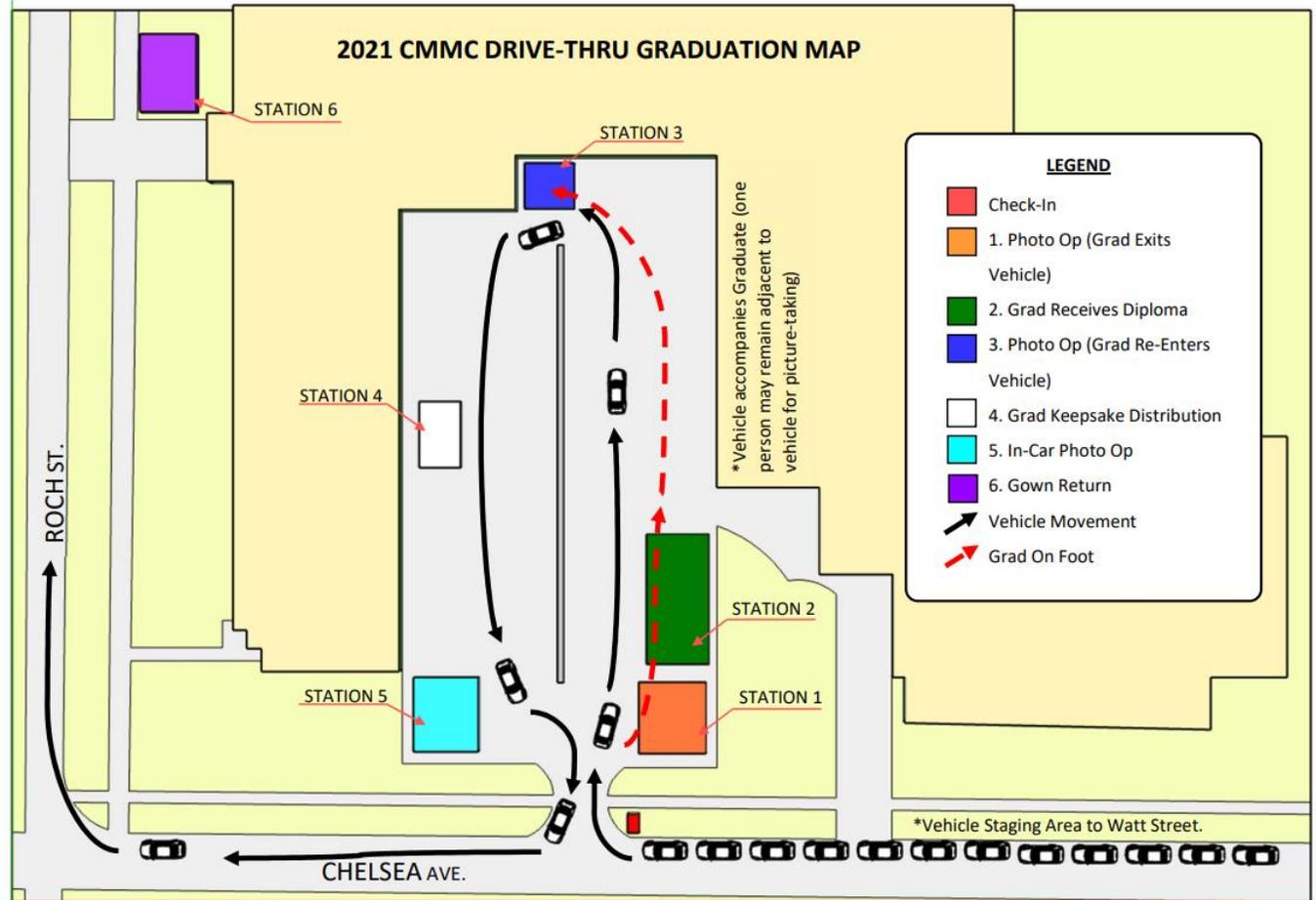
Convocation Circuit

- **Station 1: Photo station.** Graduate will exit vehicle to begin the Convocation circuit. At this point, one family member may exit the vehicle to facilitate picture-taking and may continue to walk along side the vehicle until Station 3 capturing pictures of their Graduate.
- **Station 2: Diploma.** Graduate's name will be announced by a staff member. Graduate will then walk across the stage for a contactless pick-up of diploma. Please note, graduate's Provincial diploma will be underneath the CMMC diploma. Graduates will continue on foot to the next photo opportunity.
- **Station 3:** Once picture is taken, Graduate and family member will re-enter the vehicle and proceed to the next station.
- **Station 4:** While in the vehicle, graduate will receive a CMMC keepsake and proceed to the next stop.
- **Station 5:** Last photo opportunity for our Graduates will be taken while remaining in the vehicle. Please ensure your Graduate is seated on the passenger side of the vehicle for a photo. Photo will be taken by staff member in a contactless manner. Photos will be posted on Instagram by our school Student Council (STUCO) and used by our yearbook committee. Media permissions on file will be used for this event.
- Families will exit right on Chelsea Ave., and proceed right on Roch Ave. to CMMC main entrance.
- **Station 6:** Contactless drop-off of rented gown. Graduates are to keep their cap and tassel as a keepsake.
- Please also note that Graduates wishing to take photos in their caps and gowns in front of the school are asked to do so prior to their Convocation day, as there will not be an opportunity to do so on June 24th.



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- To honour all of our graduate's moment of celebration, we ask careful consideration and cooperation be given to designated timelines by maintaining a continuous movement along the Convocation circuit.



Please be reminded that at any point throughout this process, if students or anyone in their household have been instructed by Public Health to isolate, following those instructions is imperative. Should this occur, or if anyone in the household begins to show symptoms of Covid-19, please contact the school so that alternate arrangements may be made for diploma pick-up. We would also like to remind families to adhere to all Public Health guidelines, as we know we have a collective responsibility to keeping our community safe!

We are committed to creating a memorable ceremony for our Graduates.

Looking forward to seeing you on June 24th,

CMMC Administration

