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Ernest Manning High School

Graduation Information Package



Celebrating the Class of 2026!



Dear Graduands,

We are excited to celebrate a big milestone in your educational journey! The following package has been designed to help you, and your loved ones prepare for the upcoming graduation events that will take place on **Monday May 11, 2026**. In this package, you will find information regarding:

1. Important Dates to Remember (page 3)
2. Graduation Flower Fundraiser (page 4)
3. Graduation Rehearsal & Ceremony Information (pages 6-9)
4. Graduation Banquet Information (pages 10-14)

In addition, important communication about EMHS Graduation 2026 will be shared regularly through EM Daily announcements, School Messenger, and the Ernest Manning School Website.

Sincerely,

The EMHS Graduation Committee

Important Dates to Remember

February 20 | Speech off between final candidates for Valedictorian. Decisions made the following week.

March ongoing | Spring Graduation Flower Fundraiser Begins

March 2 – 18 | Graduation Hoodie Sales

March 16 | Graduation ceremony tickets become available. Each graduand must register to confirm participation in the ceremony. Each graduand will also be guaranteed 4 guest tickets. Remaining guest tickets will become available on March 30.

March 16 | Round 1 of Online Graduation Banquet Ticket Sales

March 30 | Round 2 of Online Graduation Banquet Ticket Sales

April 8 | Graduation Ceremony ticket orders due online

April 8 | **NO BANQUET TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER 11:00 PM**

April 22 | Order deadline for Flower Fundraiser

May 7 | Spring Flower Fundraiser Distribution 3:30PM – 5:00PM

May 7 | Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal (at Ernest Manning High School) 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM (*More information to come*)

May 11 | Graduation Ceremony 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

May 11 | Graduation Banquet Dinner & Dance 5:30 PM – 10:30 PM

Growing Smiles Flower Fundraiser

Perfect for Mother's Day + Earth Day and more!

A variety of hanging baskets, patio planters, annuals, veggies and succulents!



Purpose: Purchasing products from this fundraiser will go to lower the overall cost of graduation events.

Flowers are purchased directly through the Growing Smiles website with pick-up happening at Ernest Manning High School. Please see the link provided on the graduation webpage.

ORDER DEADLINE: April 22

Pick up dates: **Thursday May 7 | 3:30PM – 5:00PM** just in time for Mother's Day ☐

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|  <p>12 Premium Hanging Baskets Our improved flower mixes are sure to be a big hit! These hanging baskets can be exposed to full sun with the best flowering and trailing plants. Come in a variety of mixes/colours.</p> |  <p>12 Premium Patio Planters All planters include an assortment of our top performing plant collections. Planters can be exposed to full sun areas. Perfect for creating a Spring patio or backyard paradise.</p> |  <p>2 Galton Patio Rose Planters Planted in a 2 gallon pot, this perennial will add colour year after year. Floribunda roses are bred for their hardiness and can withstand colder temperatures. Please note that colours cannot be selected. <i>May receive light pink, dark pink, white, or yellow.</i></p> |  <p>18 Strawberry Basket A kid favourite! Enjoy fresh strawberries all growing season long. Everbearing strawberries with different coloured blossoms in white or pink. Beautiful and delicious!</p> |  <p>10-pack 4 Succulents Fast-growing in popularity, succulents are versatile & low-maintenance. Ideal as house decor and gifts! This 10-pack offers excellent variety and textures from the Echeveria, Sedum, Sedeveria, and Senecio families. <i>Duplicates & substitutions may occur.</i></p> |  <p>10-pack 4 Herbs An assortment of our finest herbs! Varieties include: -Basil (Sweet) -Mint Mojito -Basil (Thai) -Peppermint -Thyme -Oregano -Chives Onion -Parsley -Chives Garlic -Rosemary <i>Duplicates & substitutions may occur.</i></p> |
|  <p>10-pack 4 Veggies Grow your own food this year in a garden or planter box! Varieties include: -Tomatoes (x4) -Cucumber -Zucchini -Peppers (x2) -Kale -Romaine <i>Duplicates and substitutions may occur.</i></p> |  <p>10-pack 4 Zonal Geraniums These easy-to-grow bedding plants add vibrant colour to your garden. Resistant to pests such as deer/rabbits. Colours: Red, White Pink <i>Cannot mix & match colours in a flat.</i></p> |  <p>10-pack 4 Wave Petunias The popular cascading Wave petunias bring eye-catching colour to gardens, planter boxes, and hanging baskets. Colours: Purple, White, Pink <i>Cannot mix & match colours in a flat.</i></p> |  <p>10-pack 4 Marigolds Marigolds add a pop of colour and brightness to enjoy all season. Excellent companion plants for many vegetables! Only available in orange.</p> |  <p>Premium Soil 30 L A bag of organic potting soil, perfect for filling containers. This hearty mix helps plants grow to their full potential. Enriched with: compost, kelp, fish meal, peat moss, glacial rock dust, and rice hulls.</p> |  <p>Fertilizer Shaker 18 kg Enhance your garden with an easy-to-use fertilizer shaker. Made with organic granular kelp, this blend is great for both flowers and veggies.</p> |

Duplicates and Substitutions may occur. Availability is based on what is in the greenhouse.

Grad Hoodies

Grad hoodies and crewnecks will be on sale from March 2 — March 19.
Don't miss your chance to grab this must-have keepsake!

Choose between a cozy crewneck or classic hoodie for \$50, and make it uniquely yours, by adding custom embroidered name personalization for an additional \$10.

Available colours: Ash Gray, Navy Blue, and Carolina Blue—perfect for showing off your grad pride in style.

Stay tuned... you'll definitely want one of these!



Graduation Ceremony Information

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Monday, May 11, 2026

BMO Centre Stampede Park

20 Roundup Way SE, Calgary, AB T2G 2W1

Doors Open for guests at 8:15AM

Processional Begins at 9:00AM

Students will be assigned a **Graduation Group Number** and **Teacher Supervisor**. Please remember this for both the rehearsal and the ceremony.

Group information will be posted by **Monday, May 4, 2026** on the large bulletin board by the cafeteria.

MANDATORY Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal

 **Ernest Manning High School**

 Thursday, May 7, 2026

 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Attendance is mandatory for all graduating students.

Important Reminders:

- Do **NOT** bring belongings to rehearsal (limited space available).
- Store items in your locker or vehicle.
- Plan to stay for the **entire rehearsal**.
- Caps and gowns will be distributed at the end.

Purpose:

- Practice the processional
- Review important graduation information
- Pick up cap, gown, and stole

Rehearsal Procedures:

- **12:30 PM:** Students will be called from to Main Street.
 - Locate your **Group Number** and **Teacher Supervisor** (large group signs will be visible).
 - Line up alphabetically within your group.
 - Follow the instructions of your supervisor.
 - When the processional begins, students will move into the Main Gymnasium.
 - Remain standing until instructed to sit.
5. A Graduation Information presentation will follow with important information for both the ceremony and banquet.
- After rehearsal, proceed to the Auxiliary Gymnasium to collect gowns, stoles, and caps. Students **MUST** remember to bring these items to the ceremony for May 11, 2026. Students without a gown will not be able to participate.

CEREMONY TICKETS

Tickets are **free** but required for entry due to venue capacity limits.

Graduand Ticket:

- ALL Graduates must log onto the ticketing platform to confirm THEIR attendance on grad day.

Guest Tickets:

- Initial limit: **4 guest tickets per graduand**
 - No assigned seating (first-come, first-served)
 - Tickets required for entry to the **BMO Centre**
 - For families requiring additional guest tickets, all remaining guest tickets will be made available on March 30.
6. All tickets will be scanned at entry.
 7. Families may indicate accessibility seating needs during checkout.

Ticket Release Dates:

- **Round 1:** Monday, March 16 (4 PM) – Monday, March 30 (4 PM) – Initial 4 guest tickets
- **Round 2:** Monday, March 30 (5 PM) – Wednesday, April 8 (11 PM) – Additional tickets (if available)

Tickets for both the ceremony and banquet will be distributed through the online platform TipToe. Families will receive instructions via SchoolMessenger.

How to Confirm Attendance and Select Ceremony Tickets:

8. Go to the Graduation page on the school website. On our school website, go to the “Teaching & Learning” section and then click on “Graduation”; this link should take you directly there: [Ernest Manning Graduation](#)
9. Click “Tickets” (available after 4 PM on March 16).
10. Select “Buy Tickets” (they are complimentary).
11. Under “Have an Offer Code,” enter the student’s **Ernest Manning Student ID** and click “Unlock.”
12. Confirm you are attending or not attending the graduation ceremony.
13. Select up to four guest tickets (Round 1).
14. Add to Cart.
15. Enter personal information (verify email carefully).
16. Click “Complete Checkout.”
17. Tickets (with QR codes) will be sent via email and can be added to Apple Wallet or transferred.
18. Click “Home” and return to the Main Menu if you wish to purchase Banquet tickets as well.

Ceremony Ticket Questions: Ms. Lam-Szalay – hmlamszalay@cbe.ab.ca

CEREMONY ATTIRE

The event is **semi-formal**.

Graduands must wear:

- Gown, stole, and cap to participate in crossing the stage.

Please leave jackets, purses, and cell phones with family members. No secure storage is available, and items are not permitted in the lineup area.

CEREMONY INFORMATION

 **BMO Centre**

 Monday, May 11, 2026

 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

This is an event where your loved ones, family, friends, teachers, peers, and community will formally recognize and celebrate your success. The ceremony will take place at the BMO Centre on **May 11, 2026, from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

GRADUATES, PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY TO ARRIVE ON TIME.

Ceremony Timeline:

19. **8:00 AM** | All graduands arrive at the BMO Centre and in their proper ceremony attire, with gown, stole, and hat on. Follow the directions of the teacher supervisors once arrived.
20. **8:45 AM** | Last minute checks for group numbers and student attendance
21. **9:00 AM** | Processional begins
22. **11:30 AM** | Recessional begins
23. **11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** | Photo opportunities with family and friends
24. **12:30 PM** | Hall closes

CEREMONY PHOTOS

Professional photos will be taken by **Lifetouch** before students cross the stage.

These photos are provided at no additional cost and will be available for pickup later.

CEREMONY PARKING & SECURITY

Stampede Park parking is managed by **Calgary Parking** on behalf of the **Calgary Stampede**.

- Daily rate: **\$18 per vehicle**
- Includes in/out privileges if attending both ceremony and banquet.

Payment Options:

25. MyParking App
26. Virtual pay machine (vpm.parkplus.ca)
27. On-site pay machines

There is a confirmed area in front of the BMO Centre designated as a taxi, car, or limousine drop-off.

The emergency number set up for babysitters is the security dispatch operator at 403-261-0595

Graduation Banquet Information

GRADUATION BANQUET AND DANCE

Wednesday, May 11, 2026

BMO Centre (Hall A2), Stampede Park
20 Roundup Way SE, Calgary, AB T2G 2W1

Door Open at 5:30 PM

Reception at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Dance to follow

End at 10:30 PM

BANQUET ATTIRE AND ETIQUETTE

28. Student dress is formal or semi-formal. Both long dresses and cocktail dresses are appropriate. Tuxedos, suits or jackets and dress pants are also appropriate.
29. There is a complimentary coat check located outside of the hall.
30. This is a buffet dinner reception.
31. **No alcohol** is permitted at the BMO Centre.
32. **All student, guest, and parent bags will be searched upon entry to the banquet area.**
33. Please be respectful of the BMO Centre security staff (it is their job to search all bags).
34. Once guests have entered the banquet area they are required to remain inside.
35. Re-entry is not permitted for students.
36. Parents and/or guardians may re-enter; however, bags will be checked upon re-entry.

BANQUET PARKING & SECURITY

37. Calgary Stampede is now managed by Calgary Parking.
38. The daily parking rate at lots closest to the BMO Centre is \$18 per vehicle.
39. For those attending both the graduation ceremony and banquet on the same day, your single parking purchase includes in/out privileges for that day.
40. There are 3 easy ways to pay:
 41. Pay quickly and effortlessly using the MyParking App on your smartphone.
 42. Visit a virtual pay machine (vpm.parkplus.ca) to pay online from your device.
 43. Pay at one of the machines located throughout Stampede Park.
44. There is a confirmed area in front of the BMO Centre designated as a taxi, car, or limousine drop-off.
45. The emergency number set up for babysitters is the security dispatch operator at 403-261-0595

BANQUET MEAL BUFFET STYLE

BREAD

Artisan Rolls and Creamy Butter (Gluten-Free Bread Available)

SALADS

Not So Classic Caesar Salad - Parmesan, Herb Croutons, Creamy Caesar Dressing

Sunny Mediterranean Salad - Cucumbers, Kalamata Olives, Red Onion, Chickpeas, and Vegan Feta Tossed with Orzo, Fresh Mint and Basil, and a Zesty Greek Dressing | DF, V, VE, H

Prairie Green Salad - Mix of Artisan Lettuce, Snow Peas, Pickled Red Onion, Cherry Tomatoes, Pomegranate Seeds, and Cucumber, Tossed in a Light Chili Vinaigrette | DF, GF, V, VE, H

MAIN DISHES

Alberta Heritage AAA Signature Striploin (Certified Halal optional)- Signature Stampede Spice Blend, Served with a Rich Thyme Demi-Glace | DF, GF

Farm To Table Roasted Vegetables - Oven-Roasted Summer and Root Vegetables from Southern Alberta, Light Herb Drizzle | DF, GF, V, VE, H

Prairie Herb-Roasted Potatoes - Crispy Oven-Roasted Red Skin Potatoes with Aromatic Herb Oil | DF, GF, V, VE, H

Sizzling Tofu Tango - Crispy Tofu Cubes with Bell Peppers and Snow Peas in a Zesty Tamari-Ginger Sauce, Topped with Toasted Sesame | DF, GF, V, VE

Fragrant Wild Mushroom Tortellini - Stuffed Tortellini Baked in a Lemongrass and Star Anise Cream Sauce, Topped with Locally Grown Micro Basil | V, H

DESSERT BUFFET

Festive Berry Pavlovas - Crispy Meringue Nests (Aquafaba-Based) Filled with Coconut Whipped Cream and Fresh Seasonal Berries | DF, GF, V, VE, H

Decadent Flourless Chocolate Cake - Rich, Velvety Flourless Chocolate Cake Served with Tangy Raspberry Coulis | GF, V, VE, H

Garden Fresh Fruit Bowl - Colorful Seasonal Fruits, Hand-Picked and Ready to Enjoy | DF, GF, V, VE, H

BEVERAGES

Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Water, Pop Bar

FEATURE GRADUATION MOCKTAILS

To further elevate your graduation celebration, we're excited to announce a curated selection of alcohol-free mocktails, available for cash purchase at our mocktail bar. Priced at \$9 per mocktail.

Tropical Bear Fizz

Passion fruit syrup, soda, gummy bear garnish

Shark Attack!

Blue raspberry syrup, soda, blue whale candy garnish, red grenadine (for blood effect)

Labooberry Bliss

Dragon fruit syrup, soda, cotton candy garnish

Go Coconutty!

Coconut concentrate, citrus, soda, and

marshmallow garnish

SPECIAL DIETARY MENUS

We are pleased to offer a menu that caters to various dietary needs, including **Halal**, **gluten-free**, **vegetarian**, **vegan**, and **dairy-free** options. Requests for menus catering to “other allergies” will be considered at the Chef’s discretion. It is important to note that allergy meals are customized for guests with allergic reactions. However, please be aware that all menu items may contain trace amounts of gluten, dairy, nuts, and nut oils.

ALLERGY MEALS

Allergy meals will be provided to individuals with severe allergies. Regrettably we are unable to accommodate for food preferences.

When purchasing tickets if there are any **allergies** that have not been accommodated as mentioned above (**Halal**, **gluten-free**, **vegetarian**, **vegan**, and **dairy-free**), please identify this at the time of purchase. Please note that allergy meals are tailored specifically to guests that have allergic reactions.

PURCHASING BANQUET TICKETS

46. Ticket cost: \$125.00 per banquet ticket and are non-refundable
47. **Everyone** entering the graduation banquet requires a ticket
48. To purchase Banquet tickets students must have all school fees paid in full by Monday, March 9. A “HOLD” will be placed on purchasing banquet tickets for the student until all fees have been paid. Any fees paid after this date will result in the possibility of not being able to purchase tickets on the first day of sales.
49. Tables seat 8 people. There are 20 tables available that can accommodate 10 people.
 - **Round 1:** Monday, March 16 (4 PM) – Monday, March 30 (4 PM) – initial 8 tickets
 - **Round 1:** Monday, March 30 (5 PM) – Wednesday, April 8 (11 PM) – unlimited tickets, if available.

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE BANQUET:

50. Go to the Graduation link on our School website (on our school website, go to the “Teaching & Learning” section and then click on “Graduation”; this link should take you directly there: [Ernest Manning Graduation](#))
51. Once in the “Graduation” section of our website, click on the link “Tickets” to open the ticket selection page from the Ernest Manning School website (the “Tickets” link will not be accessible until 4 PM on March 16)
52. Select “Buy Tickets” – they are \$125 for the Graduand plus any additional guests.
53. Under “Have an Offer Code” please enter your “Ernest Manning Student ID number” and click “Unlock”; this will ensure that you receive tickets according to the student’s name and ID
54. Click on the table that you wish to sit at and select the number of tickets you wish to purchase up to 8 in the first round and, if available, in the second round as many as you require.
55. Add to cart
56. Check out and enter personal information for tickets (**Please verify your correct email address to ensure you receive the confirmation email after purchase).
57. At the time of purchase please state each guests **name** and any **severe allergies/dietary needs** or **wheelchair accessibility**

58. Click "Complete Checkout"; payment can be made by Debit, Visa or Mastercard
Round 1 of Banquet Ticket Sales | will go on sale on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 4 PM, and are on sale until Monday March 30, 2026 at 4 PM.
59. Each graduand may purchase, if desired, a total of 8 tickets at this time (one for the graduand plus 7 guests)

Round 2 of Banquet Ticket Sales | Monday, March 30, 2026 at 5 PM, to Monday April 8, 2026 at 11 PM.

60. No limit on extra ticket purchases while supplies last.
61. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER Wednesday April 8, 2026 at 11 PM.
Sorry, NO EXCEPTIONS.

ENTRANCE TO THE BANQUET

These tickets work just like a concert. A QR code for each ticket will be sent to the email address provided. Tickets may be added to your Apple wallet or transferred to another person. All guests must bring their ticket, and all tickets will be scanned at the door.

Please make sure that you have access to your QR code ticket the evening of the event. Once students have entered the venue, there will be no re-entry.

For groups wanting to be seated together:

62. Tables seat parties of 8 with 15 available tables of that can accommodate 10 people.
63. It is up to the graduands to choose their seats using the online system.
64. If graduands wish to sit at the same and/or adjacent tables they will be able to view a map of all available seats/tables at the time of booking. Please also see seating plan for the banquet on the last page. (*Note – seats closest to the stage go first and fast.)
65. Students are responsible for choosing where they sit and whom they sit with.
66. Once seats have been chosen, they cannot be changed.
67. Please be advised that tickets purchased during the period of March 30 – April 8, if available, have limited seating available.

Any banquet ticketing concerns should be addressed to Mrs. McIvor
frmcivor@cbe.ab.ca

BANQUET FLOOR PLAN:

