



Graduation 2020 - Update for the Class of MMXX



*Dear McNally Class of 2020,
COVID-19 has changed a lot of things for you/us. What hasn't changed is how proud we are of the Class of 2020.
We will always honour your accomplishments and will remember you as being resilient in the face of adversity
and as a sign of hope for the future. You are "Nothing but the Best."*

Get Involved - You Are Graduating!

Be an active participant and get involved. The year isn't over and it's time to celebrate. Participate in the theme days, post and tag pictures, submit quotes/pictures/footage for digital memories, and watch the grad videos that are released throughout June. Plan and engage in physically distant celebrations with classmates, friends, and family. Make the most of it and keep checking Google Classroom for up-to-date information.

Grad Month: Fun Fridays

Instead of a Grad Week, we are going to have Fun Fridays in June for Grads! Join us on June 5, 12, 19, and 26th for some special events celebrating grad! Take a photo of your outfit and share it on your Instagram and tag **@mcnallytigers** or DM them. You can also submit them to google classroom and might see them appear in some grad slideshows or the yearbook.

GRAD Month! JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26

We encourage all grads to dress up and participate!

Fri June 5	Fri June 12	Fri June 19	Fri June 26
<i>Pajama Day</i>	<i>Beach Day</i>	<i>Disney Day</i>	<i>Formal Day</i>
			
Take pictures with your stuffies!	Recreate your Splash-o-rama outfits!	Dress as beautiful princess or a swashbuckling pirate!	Rock your caps and tassels!
Wear your coolest most comfy Pj's!	Wear your most flashy sunglasses to your most colourful hats!	From Marvel to Star Wars the possibilities are endless!	You can wear your grad dresses or suits or even your Touch of Class outfits!

Drive By and Get Your Grad-To-Go Box

Drive through the McNally parking lot on **Tuesday, June 23, 2020**! Our Faculty will be onsite to welcome you and cheer you on. We are so proud of you all and are excited to celebrate your accomplishments! As June 23 is our grad day, there will be NO regular classes for members of our Senior (Grade 12) class. Enjoy your special day and celebrate! However, please note that alternate seminars and instructional activities for the last week of school will be shared soon.

Stations will be set up for pick up between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. **Please choose one of the time slots for either the morning or afternoon (find a time slot designated for the letter that your last name starts with).** Please obey traffic commissionaires and our School Resource Officers who will be on hand to direct traffic. Social distancing protocols and expectations will be strictly followed during this process. At the front doors, please stop your vehicle and wait for a proud Faculty member to come to your vehicle. As per the COVID-19 Relaunch Guidelines:

- Graduates in vehicles may arrive only with household members or their [cohort family](#).
- Graduates will be given a grad-to-go box where they are encouraged to take out their certificate, cap, and tassel.
- Graduates will exit their vehicle to walk across the stage, have their name read, and have their photo taken.
- We ask that all family members remain in vehicles. We will email individual photos to each graduate.
- Vehicles should be separated by a minimum of two metres.
- Please note that there will not be washroom/school access at this event.

If you are taking the bus, please walk up to the table near the front foyer of the school. The table will be clearly designated for "Walk Up Grads." Please do not approach vehicles and kindly wait for a faculty member to assist you. Upon receipt of your Grad-To-Go box and stage walk, please return to the bus stop to await the next available bus.

If you want to celebrate by decorating your vehicle, please do so; however, please make sure decorations and signage do not hinder visibility or create a distraction for the driver.

June 23 - designated time slot	Your <u>last</u> name starts with the letter:
9:00-9:30 am	A-B
9:30-10:00 am	C-D
10:00-10:30 am	E-F-G-H
10:30-11:00 am	I-J-K-L
11:00-11:30 am	M-N
11:30-12:00 pm	O-P-Q-R
12:00-12:30 pm	S
12:30-1:00 pm	T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z
1:00-1:30 pm	A-B
1:30-2:00 pm	C-D

2:00-2:30 pm	E-F-G-H
2:30-3:00 pm	I-J-K-L
3:00-3:30 pm	M-N
3:30-4:00 pm	O-P-Q-R
4:00-4:30 pm	S
4:30-5:00 pm	T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z
5:00-5:30 pm	By appointment only. First 40 students will be accepted. Please call 780-469-0442 (then dial "0") to make an appointment.

You are welcome to park in designated areas in the neighbourhood; however, please refrain from parking in the back staff lot or in the main front lot.

Drive By - A Toast to Our Grads

Our Faculty will be in the parking lot ready to wave and cheer you on. Your last stop is our toast to you - the Grads of 2020 - with a final cold Orange Crush (in true McNally style, just like the ol' days).

Partake in Graduation 2020 Live Streamed Virtual Ceremony

Students and families are encouraged to watch the live stream of the virtual graduation celebration, at 7:00 pm. A link to the live-streamed convocation celebration video (professional video produced by Orange Fountain) will be posted to SchoolZone and to the McNally Grad 2020 Google Classroom on June 26. Afterwards, another link will be posted for downloading/saving so that graduates and their families will have a version to start or re-watch the presentation at any time that works for them.

Celebrate

We can't tell you what grad will look like for you exactly; however, we hope you head home, dress up, gather with your family or those you are "isolated with", maybe start a Google or Zoom Meet with friends, put on your grad cap and tassel, turn on the McNally Grad 2020 ceremony and watch the live streamed ceremony with your family!

As you watch the virtual ceremony, a loved one will be invited to move the graduate's tassel from "right to left". The gesture of moving the tassel from one side of the cap to the other symbolizes the individual's movement from candidate to graduate. Prior to the ceremony the tassel is expected to be worn on the right. During the ceremony it should be moved to the left side after students receive their diploma. We ask that someone presents the graduate with their certificate folder and says "congratulations" on our behalf.

A list of creative ideas with ways to celebrate grad from home/during a pandemic will be included in the Grad-To-Go box. We encourage you to post your grad selfie memories on **@mcnallytigers**, **#mymcnally**, **#mcnallygrad2020** and **#mcnallypride**. Above all, make good choices and celebrate safely.

Graduation is a special moment to honour our students and their education journey. We are very proud of the resilience our students and families have shown in this uncertain time, and we are so excited to celebrate our Grade 12 students before they take their next steps into the future. Please note: photos or videos of students attending or participating in school activities (e.g., graduation or other ceremonies) that are open to the general public may be taken by the public-at-large, including the media, without consent. Edmonton Public Schools cannot control or prevent the further distribution or use of these photos, videos, images or other personal information.

High School Memories for a Lifetime

The McNally Grad Council has been hard at work to showcase memories through photos, slideshows, and videos and are excited to make these special presentations available to all graduates and their families. As part of our virtual graduation celebration, students and their families will have access to digital memories:

- a link to the pre-recorded convocation celebration video (professional video produced by Orange Fountain)
- a link to the “Senior Class” presentations compiled of grad, baby and high school memory photos (please note that students’ full names will be included in this compilation of photos and memories)
- a link to digital keepsake documents containing grad quotes and memorable moments as written and shared by the students

These digital links will be posted to McNally’s SchoolZone site and the McNally Grad 2020 Google Classroom on June 26, 2020 after the live streamed event. The Orange Fountain video will also be shared on the external McNally website. These links will be removed on August 1, 2020.

Thanks to Our Grad Council

Our sincere appreciation to our 2020 Grad Council. You had big dreams and loads of plans for graduation. With a moment’s notice, you were able to pivot and recreate our grad plans - making the most out of a challenging situation. Thanks for your hard work and positivity; as well, we appreciate the leadership of Ms. Enchantra Gramlich, our Grad Coordinator.

2020 Grad Council			
Andrea Cummins Sahiba Ahmadi Simone Bruneau Grace Cho Alex de Vries Harshpreet Dhindsa	Amine Hernandez Camille Hill Mahik Lall Jessica Logan Rajan Maghera	Amira Makki Muskan Mohammadi Trin Nelson Bailey Roschkov Quin Roschkov	Scarlet Shandro Katherine Tamsett Daniel Zamoyski Lily Zang Jessy Zhu

Grad Fees

Please note we will be fully refunding your grad fee as per the Division's COVID-19 refund strategy. McNally High School will cover all costs for this Grad 2020 event. This includes paying for caps/tassel, professional video for release, and all items in the Grad-To-Go boxes.

HomeComing

We know that many of you are saddened that we could not move forward with traditional graduation events this spring because of COVID-19. Please know that in addition to this online celebration, we will host a Homecoming event for our McNally Class of 2020 in the future, whenever health guidelines allow. We can’t wait to see you again in person, once it is safe to do so; more details about the in-person event will be shared once they are available. We will share information via your EPSB share email account. (The Division has extended your access to this account into the 2020-2021 school year so that we can continue to be in

contact with you after graduation. Also, we encourage you to stay in touch by following our Grad 2020 Google Classroom.)

Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger!

*We are so proud of you for all that you have been through, and all that you aspire to accomplish!
We wish you and your families all the best in your bright futures.*

Congratulations to each of you in McNally's Class of 2020!

With love and pride
from the entire McNally Faculty and Community

