

2021 Graduation Details for SVHS Graduates:

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Graduation Plan A – YELLOW PHASE

In House at SVHS

Location: SVHS Gym

Date: June 24, 2021

Masks are mandatory at all times in Plans A & B described below.

If we are still in YELLOW PHASE, we will have a one-day graduation plan with a maximum of 50 people inside the building. This plan will take place in the gym. Mrs. Peterson will be running the technology for pre-recorded elements of the graduation ceremonies. Another staff member will be Live Streaming the ceremonies for people to view at home. It will be available on the school's YouTube site. Information on this will follow as we get closer to the 24th.

Staff at Southern Victoria High School is excited to be able to offer an in-house, one-day graduation plan for our very deserving graduates. As we are in the Public Health Alert Yellow Level, we can have 50 people inside our gym. Mini-graduation ceremonies will take place on Thursday, June 24th in the SVHS gym.

Both roads entering the school grounds will be closed to the public on June 24th. This has been approved by the town and AES. Both roads into school grounds will be barricaded and only buses, staff for AES, RVCC staff, and graduates' guests will be permitted onto school grounds. Guests will be screened as they enter onto school grounds. Graduates will have 4 invitations each. Guests will have to show their invitation at the first checkpoint to get onto school grounds. Guests will have to show their invitations again at the Library Door to enter the school. Invitations will be turned with the guests' contact information on the back as per the public health guidelines. No children under the age of 10 are permitted at the graduation due to health concerns and the unpredictability of securing their movement within the COVID 19 restrictions. One invitation will admit **one** person only.

Southern Victoria High School will be having eight graduation ceremonies this year on June 24th. Students will graduate in alphabetical order - eight at a time. Students will be given their graduation times once the graduation list has been posted the week of June 21st. Graduates' parents/guardians' groupings will need to be at the school and checked through the first check-in point 20 minutes prior to the appointed graduation ceremony time. Total of **4 guests** with invitations per graduate will drive up to the first checkpoint. A maximum of two vehicles per graduate will be permitted on the school grounds – all 4 guests must be in those two vehicles. COVID screening will take place at the first check-in point. Parking will be in the RVCC parking lot. Graduates will be dropped off at the side entrance to the gym and will line up outside the gym side-door six feet apart and then again in the gym six feet apart. Parents, guardians/guests will enter the library door where they must turn in their invitation which has their name and contact information on the back. Staff members will write the time of entrance into the school on the collected invitations. Guests will be directed to wait at "bubble" tables that are socially distanced from other bubbles. These areas will be sanitized between groups. At the appointed time, one grouping/bubble will enter the gym and find seating in a designated bubble

grouping. Each family grouping will sit together and be separated from other groupings. Family seating groups will be spaced as per the Public Health guidelines in the gym.

Guests will not be able to move out of their seats. All photos will have to be taken from your seat. When all guests are seated, announcements, videos and a special song will take place. Graduates will then be presented one at a time. Each graduate will walk to the center of the gym, pick up their diploma and other items, move their tassel to the opposite side of their cap, stand for a photo and then move to the opposite side gym door and exit to the garden area. A staff member will be running a video which includes speeches and pictures of the graduates once they are lined up in the gym.

After the eight graduates have **all** exited the gym, **all** guests will exit the main gym doors respecting social distancing and exit the building via the front door. Guests will then proceed to their vehicles and leave school grounds by driving around the building and leaving by way of the street that connects to the Fort Road stopping to pick up their graduate who will exit out the side door facing the garden and tennis courts. **Parents/guardians cannot get out of their vehicles while waiting to pick up their graduate.**

As soon as the parents/guardians have exited the building, custodians will enter the gym and sanitize all chairs for the next group to enter. These guests should already be in the cafeteria/library and waiting for their signal to enter the gym. This process will be repeated 8 times throughout the day of June 24th until all SV graduates have been officially graduated.

Graduates will exit the back gym door that opens into the short hall that connects to the hallway leading to room 171 (Mr. Kris Gallagher's room). Graduates will proceed to the door by Mr. Kris Gallagher's classroom to return their gowns. Graduates will take off their gown and stole and will be given a new bag to put their gown and stole in. They will tie it up, put the label with their name on it and hand to the staff member in the hall by the side door facing the tennis courts. Parents/guardians will have driven around the building and will pick up their graduate. The graduate will then get into their vehicle and leave school grounds.

Graduating students & parents will be contacted directly to share your graduate's appointment time for Graduation. Please note, students & guests who do not show up on time will not be worked into the next time slot because of Public Health Restrictions. You would have to come back at the very end of the day to see if we could fit you in at that time. It is extremely important that all 8 graduates line up at the side gym door 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time and not any sooner. Each group of 8 graduates will have 15 minutes in the gym for their ceremony.

Graduation Plan B – ORANGE PHASE

Drive Up at SVHS

Location: SVHS Garden

Date: June 24, 2021

Time: weather permitting, cars will begin lining up in the Veterans' Field parking area (across from The Elks Lodge) at 8:30 AM. Staff members will be there to line cars up in alphabetical order. If it is raining, start time will be adjusted as needed. If there are more severe weather

conditions that prohibit this plan from occurring, we will move to plan C. Vehicles will begin arriving at the screening checkpoint at the corner of School Street and West Riverside Drive at 9:00 am. All guests will be screened as per Provincial Health Guidelines.

Total of **4 guests** with invitations per graduate will drive up to the garden archway to enter the school garden. They will leave their tickets with their names and phone numbers for contact tracing on a table for a staff member to record. The staff member(s) will record the time on the invitations. Guests will pick up a program from the teacher at the table. This will be the same table that the graduate will stop at on their way out of the garden to return their graduation gown items which staff will be receiving and tracking.

The graduate and 2-4 guests (depending on bubbles) will walk the garden path to a spot where the Principal and a table with the bags containing items for graduates will be located. A staff member will be placing bags in a designated pick-up spot (separate small, decorated table that will be sanitized between pickups). The Principal will congratulate the grad. Grad will turn their tassel. The 2-4 people with the grad may take pictures. For blended families, an opportunity will be available for both sets of parents to get their special photo. Graduates will then go back through the garden, stop, and return gown items before returning to their vehicle, and driving on.

The grad ceremony line-up will begin at the entrance point of School Street as it meets West Riverside Drive. There will be a checkpoint driving past the main entrance and around the school, stopping at the SVHS garden. When vehicles leave the garden, they will turn left, go to the Fort Road, and turn left again so as not to bunch up traffic at the entrance area. Staff will be directing traffic all the way through. Screening will have to be done at the first traffic check point (like we did last year).

The supplies (decorations, flowers, etc.) that will be used in Plan A, can also be used in Plan B in the garden.

The goal is for all graduates to have their garden walk completed before bus time at AES.

A virtual ceremony including a message from the principal, messages from our Wolastoqey language teacher, dignitaries' messages, valedictorian and salutatorian, a song from Mr. Kazakos, and a slide show of the graduates will be posted on Friday, June 25th.

Plan C – RED PHASE

A completely virtual ceremony as described in bold above would take place on Thursday, June 24th. This virtual ceremony would be on SVHS' YouTube account. Details would follow.