



CLASS OF  
2017



# Milestone Graduation



Friday, June 9, 2017



**Dear Parent(s) and Graduates:**

High school graduation is an important and exciting time for our grade 12 students and their families. It is a culmination of many years of hard work and a celebration of shared accomplishments. At Milestone School, graduation is also an opportunity for the entire community to come together to celebrate this important occasion!

As many people know, our school has a rich history of families contributing to the graduation banquet and ceremonies beginning when students are in grade 10. We want to thank you for your time and efforts over the past years! This year, graduates and their families should have the time to truly enjoy and celebrate this momentous occasion with minimal additional responsibilities.

In order to keep everyone informed about upcoming graduation events, this booklet is for you to use. It contains information pertinent to the graduation ceremony, the banquet & dance and graduation photos. Please keep this booklet and refer to it as the year progresses. As graduation approaches it will help you to stay informed about important dates.

It is our goal at Milestone School to have an enjoyable and memorable graduation for our students and you, their families. If you have further questions, please contact the school at 306-436-2292 and you will be directed to the appropriate staff member.

The Staff Graduation Committee

Ms. Sara Danylczuk, Mrs. Shelly Gorski, Mrs. Sarah Stone,  
Mrs. Teresa Shindelka, Mrs. Ferrah Graham

Dear Graduate:

As you prepare to graduate this June, it is a time of mixed emotions. You may feel great excitement, pride in achieving this goal, concern for the future and perhaps even sadness about saying goodbye to your high school years and friends. For many of you this achievement is shared with your family. With all the decisions and considerations, and with the challenges of day to day life, the months leading up to graduation can be very stressful. To better enjoy the graduation journey, you must remain focused and on top of your day to day school work. Any other strategies you can use to reduce stress will be helpful. Most importantly, remember that although the preparations for the day take considerable time and effort, it will be wonderful! Enjoy your very special day as you celebrate with family, friends and the community!

Please ensure you have attended to the details in the graduation process in a timely way. There will be dates that you should add to your calendars as the graduation plans are finalized. Ask a counselor or your family about financing options for post-secondary education.

### **GRADE 12 REQUIREMENTS**

Graduates are those students who have a mathematical possibility of meeting all requirements of grade twelve as established by Ministry of Education by August 1st of the current school year. If they do not meet the requirements due to extenuating circumstances special consideration may be given to such students.

- It is the responsibility of potential graduates to ensure that they have the required credits necessary for potential graduation.
- Potential graduates must have paid all fees owing to Milestone School in order to participate.
- Graduates will have their photo appear on a composite board of graduates which will hang in the Milestone School hallway if they successfully meet Ministry of Education Grade 12 graduation requirements (24 credits). The graduate composite board is usually completed by the October following graduation.
- **Please note** students must have a completed "Parent/Guardian" permission for use of student work and personal information. "Box #1 for graduate photo composite - Box #2, 3 & 5 for graduate congratulatory messages."
- If a student has any questions they need to speak to our academic counselor, Mr. Rick Bohay.

Preparations for Graduation Day		
Cap & Gown Photos, Casual Group Photos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“cap and gown” photos, taken by Kaela Gilchrist at her studio, will be arranged in April and will take place the morning of the school day; these photos are used for a graduate composite photo for permanent display at the school and for yearbook</li> <li>Student must have a white, collared shirt</li> <li><u>Casual group photo</u> will be done this day as well</li> </ul>	April
Photos for slideshow and posters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>must be submitted no later than <b>March 3<sup>rd</sup></b></li> <li>slideshow pictures are submitted to Mrs. Shindelka – <b>10 only</b></li> <li>poster pictures are submitted to Mrs. Shindelka – <b>8 only</b></li> <li>please do not submit irreplaceable photos – <b>digital is preferred</b></li> <li>every effort will be made to return the pictures but there are no guarantees</li> </ul>	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>graduates as a group must choose the banquet entrance music and the first song to be danced with their parent at the ceremony</li> <li>graduates as individuals must choose a Grand March entrance song and a song for their slideshow</li> <li>music selections (digital only) must be submitted to Mrs. Shindelka no later than March 3<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>School appropriate selections only!</li> </ul>	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Grad Speeches and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>grad introduction information form due by <b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>submit for review no later than <b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>please leave copies of speeches with Mr. Bohay</li> <li>speakers will be decided by graduates with staff input</li> </ul>	April 28 <sup>th</sup>
Invitations/ Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>these can be supplied by school or grads may make their own</li> <li>please do not request more invitations for the banquet than required</li> </ul>	Available early May
Banquet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>banquet tickets must be paid by May 18<sup>th</sup></li> <li>graduates are not charged for the banquet</li> <li>each graduate may invite up to eight guests to the banquet</li> <li>the cost/ticket will be \$25/guest</li> <li>the banquet ticket covers both banquet and ceremony for invited guests – ceremony tickets will be on the banquet tables for guests to take to the rink</li> </ul>	May 18 <sup>th</sup>
Memories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a nameplate for your graduate will be purchased and affixed to our “Memories Wall”</li> </ul>	
Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>see attached application and information</li> </ul>	March 31 <sup>st</sup>

Ecumenical Church Service for Graduates		TBA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>organized by members of the community</li> <li>many graduates are invited to be involved in the service</li> <li>graduates are responsible for bringing dainties for the social that follows the service</li> <li>it is a choice of the graduate and his/her family to attend</li> <li>open to the public</li> </ul>	Usually last week of May/ first week of June	

Rink Preparation		Sunday May 28 <sup>th</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>grade twelve parents and students are responsible for cleaning the rink and moving chairs</li> <li>please meet at the rink at 4:00 pm; please bring rags, pails, cleaning supplies</li> </ul>	4:00 PM	

Rehearsal		June 8 <sup>th</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduates ceremony walk through</li> </ul>		

Graduation Day		Friday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>
Individual/Family Photos	High School Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grad pictures are done by Kaela Gilchrist</li> <li>• Individual photos are optional but we hope everyone will be present for the group photo.</li> <li>• Kaela is open to making appointments for graduates and their families on Thursday night</li> <li>• videotaping may be arranged by graduates or parents</li> <li>• any casual photos must be arranged by the graduate/family</li> <li>• <b>group photo will be taken at 4:45 at the school; please be on time!</b></li> </ul>	Times to be scheduled by graduate and family
Group Photos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>group photo will be taken at 4:45 at the school; please be on time!</b></li> </ul>	4:45 PM
Banquet	Milestone Masonic Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• students will have input into menu items</li> <li>• supper is served by grade ten and eleven students</li> </ul>	5:30 PM
Ceremonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• venue– rink</li> <li>• escorting parents/guardians will sit in front row or second row after the Grand March; the second row is also reserved for parents/guardians of graduates</li> <li>• there will be <b>reserved seating</b> for banquet guests on the floor; a limited amount of seating will be available to the general public on the floor</li> <li>• <b>please encourage your banquet guests to sit on the floor</b></li> <li>• at 7:15 pm parents and graduates will gather in the curling rink lobby for instructions and to line up for the Grand March</li> <li>• tickets are \$5.00 (preschoolers are free)</li> <li>• you can pre-pay tickets to give your guests, or they may pay at the door</li> <li>• doors will open to the public at 7:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	7:30 PM
Grad Speeches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• decided by graduates with staff input</li> </ul>	
Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• after the ceremony, the parent will meet their graduate and will escort them to the dance floor area to await the first dance</li> <li>• the first dance will be danced with a parent/family member</li> <li>• music will be played after the first dance for more dancing and picture taking</li> </ul>	
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• please move into the lobby for more visiting and to enjoy the décor</li> <li>• There will be baskets/bags for grad cards in the lobby. Please arrange for one parent to gather these up and distribute at the end of the evening</li> </ul>	

<b>Grade 12 Awards Presented at Graduation Ceremony</b>			
<b>Award</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Recipient Receives....</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>Angela Moats Award</b>	Presented to a graduating student who demonstrates determination to make the best of themselves regardless of academic standing	\$1000 Scholarship; Keeper plaque from family	Lee Moats family
<b>Lieutenant Governor's Award</b>	Presented to the graduating student with high academic average in social science and demonstrates interest in politics/social affairs	plaque and keeper plaque	Senior social sciences teacher
<b>David Hawkins Memorial Scholarship</b>	Presented to the graduating student enrolled in a post-secondary education program, shown interest and dedication in extracurricular and volunteer activities both in school and community, proven themselves to be a good person and is respected by peers, staff and community members, not based on highest academic standing	\$1000	Hawkins Family
<b>Fellowship Award</b>	Presented to the graduating student who shows support and tolerance for their peers; voted on by graduating class	School plaque, keeper plaque	Principal
<b>Valedictorian</b>	Determined by School Administration based on the highest average of selected 30 level courses and must exemplify the spirit of Milestone School- models school values of leadership, learning, integrity, honesty, caring, respect and responsible citizenship. Students taking a full course load and meeting both the above criteria will be the first considered.	Keeper award	Principal
<b>PVSD Student Success Award</b>	Presented to a graduating student with intense or diverse needs demonstrating achievement in academics, arts, athletics, etc.	School plaque, Certificate and keeper plaque	Board Member
<b>Director's Award for Achievement</b>	Presented to a graduating student that demonstrates achievement in academics, athletics and the arts	School plaque and keeper plaque	Director or Designate
<b>PVSD Student Leadership Award</b>	Presented to the graduating student who demonstrates leadership in learning and life	School plaque and keeper plaque	Board Member

<b>PVSD Graduation Ceremony Admin Procedure</b>	<b>FYI</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>attached</li> </ul>	

# PRAIRIE VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION GRADUATION POLICIES

## 1. Prairie Valley School Division Graduation – Guiding Principles

- a. Graduation activities should be accessible to all students eligible to participate.
- b. Graduation activities are intended for students who have completed or are eligible to complete the requirements for graduation in accordance with the Ministry of Education and school based criteria.
- c. Graduation activities must align with the PVSD Belief and Commitment Statements. No loss of instructional time will occur as a result of graduation ceremonies.
- d. Students' behaviour at graduation activities must comply with all school and division rules and guidelines, administrative procedures and Board Policy.
- E. The facilities used for graduation activities must comply with the appropriate safety standards, including fire and capacity regulations.
- f. Principals are encouraged to invite input for graduation activities from graduating students, their parents, staff, and the school community council and community stakeholders. Graduation activities shall be inclusive and respectful of First Nations and Métis culture and traditions. The principal will have the final decision.

## 2. Procedures

- a. Prairie Valley School Division shall determine criteria for student participation in graduation ceremonies. This should be communicated to all students and parents at least six months prior to the ceremony. Considerations include:
  - i. Credit requirements;
  - ii. Student attending the school;
  - iii. Student has not participated in a previous graduation;
  - iv. School level criteria as approved by the principal.
- b. The Principal shall determine the date for graduation and submit this to the Director of Education or designate by the end of the first semester.
- c. The Principal must approve all graduation activities and ceremonies and review these with the Superintendent of Education at least one month prior to the graduation ceremony.
- d. Discuss with the Superintendent of Education or designate the acknowledgement of all guests as per AP 5000 – Event Protocol
- e. Each graduation ceremony shall have the following:
  - i. Acknowledgement of all guests as per AP-5000 – Event Protocol;
  - ii. Recognition of all graduates



- iii. If an MLA is present, request that the MLA bring greetings and read the Minister of Education's congratulatory remarks to the graduates;
  - iv. Greetings from Board member;
  - v. Principal's address and congratulations to the graduates;
  - vi. Distribution of Prairie Valley School Division diploma holders containing diplomas or certificates of Grade 12 completion to be presented by the school principal;
  - vii. Presentation of the PVSD Student Leadership Award by a Board member or designate as determined by the Board
  - viii. Presentation of the PVSD Student Success Award, if a graduating recipient is identified, by a Board member or designate as determined by the Board;
  - ix. Presentation of the Director's Award by the Director or designate;
  - x. Inclusion of awards presentations or celebrations of student success; and,
  - xi. Program duration to a maximum of two hours.
- f. Graduation programs shall include:
- i. Paper programs having:
    - a) Prairie Valley School Division branding on the front page;
    - b) School Banding;
    - c) Agenda/Schedule of the event;
    - d) Date, time and location.
  - ii. Other considerations for the program:
    - a) If possible, use stationery or card stock for the program;
    - b) Have permissions on file to print the names of graduates.
- g. Other Graduation activities may include:
- i. Banquet;
  - ii. Dance;
  - iii. Other activities with Principal's approval.
- h. In support of graduation activities, the school division will cover the cost of charter bus services using Prairie Valley buses for approved graduation related activities and events. If a Prairie Valley charter cannot be arranged, the school division will share in the cost of a private charter service to a maximum of the cost of a Prairie Valley bus charter.
- i. No "after-grad" or "safe-grad" functions are to be organized, condoned, or supervised by the SCC, school staff or division staff. Any "after-grad" activities organized by individuals would be undertaken purely as private ventures without the approval or supervision of the school or the school division.



<b>Name</b>	
<b>Escort (s) – parent/guardian names</b>	
<b>How long have you attended Milestone School?</b>	
<b>What are your hobbies/favourite activities/clubs/sports/organizations /etc?</b>	
<b>What is your favorite school memory?</b>	
<b>Give your favorite quote/joke/one liner.....</b>	
<b>What are your plans after graduation?</b>	



**MILESTONE SCHOOL AWARDS 2017  
GENERAL APPLICATION  
(Application Deadline: March 31, 2017 3:30)**

**GENERAL INFORMATION - *Please Print***

Name (Last Name/First/Middle)

Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year)

Mailing Address/Postal Code

Telephone

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**AWARDS - *Place a check mark in the box of each award for which you wish to be considered.***

- Affinity Credit Union Scholarship  
<https://www.affinitycu.ca/Community/Funding/ScholarshipsAwards/Pages/Build-a-Better-World-Scholarship.aspx>
- Access Communications Centennial Scholarship ◀ outside application: see bulletin board
- Karen Williams Bursary ◀ outside application: December 2016
- Parrish & Heimbecker Bursary (*Additional forms need to be completed*) ◀ outside application
- Dirt Hills Wildlife Scholarship \*
- Angela Moats Scholarship \*
- David Hawkins Memorial Scholarship \*
- Lieutenant Governor's Award \*
- Ben Grebinski Award \*
- PVSD Student Leadership Award \*
- Governor General's Award \*
- Government of Saskatchewan Proficiency Award \*
- Bradley Scholarship ◀ application attached
- Betty Anne Ohrt Scholarship ◀ application attached
- Hersberger Scholarship ◀ application attached
- PVTA Scholarship ◀ <http://local.stf.sk.ca/pvta/scholarships.html>

◀ ***Outside application form required. Students must be prepared to possibly be interviewed by the Awards Committee.***

\* ***Community Service Application used (attached)***

Please note that proof of enrollment **must** accompany this General Application.

## AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS

<b>Award</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Recipient Receives....</b>
<b>Affinity Credit Union Scholarship</b>	Awarded to a grade 12 student who is a member of the ACU. An application Must be submitted by early May to be considered for the competitive award	\$500, Certificate
<b>Access Communications Centennial Scholarship</b>	First based on community involvement and secondly academic achievement.	\$200, Certificate
<b>Karen Williams Bursary— Milestone Prairie Players</b>	Can be awarded to 3 grade 12 students entering post-secondary. Must assist Milestone Prairie Players for 50 volunteer hours including the performances	\$500, Certificate
<b>David Hawkins Memorial Scholarship</b>	Presented to the graduating student enrolled in a post-secondary education program, shown interest and dedication in extracurricular and volunteer activities both in school and community, proven themselves to be a good person and is respected by peers, staff and community members, not based on highest academic standing	\$1000
<b>Parrish &amp; Heimbecker, Ltd. Bursary</b>	Presented to the graduating student entering agriculture who demonstrates academic achievement and character	\$400 Bursary, School Certificate
<b>Dirt Hills Award and Scholarship</b>	Presented to a graduating student with high average and is entering wildlife, veterinary medicine, biology, agriculture or engineering	\$500, School Certificate
<b>Angela Moats Award</b>	Presented to a graduating student who demonstrates determination to make the best of themselves regardless of academic standing	\$1000 Scholarship; Keeper plaque from family
<b>Lieutenant Governor's Award</b>	Presented to the graduating student with high academic average in social science and demonstrates interest in politics/social affairs	plaque and keeper plaque
<b>Ben Grebinski Award</b>	Presented to a graduating student that demonstrates achievement in academics, athletics and the arts	School plaque and keeper plaque
<b>PVSD Student Leadership Award</b>	Presented to the graduating student who demonstrates leadership in learning and life	School plaque and keeper plaque
<b>Governor General's Award</b>	Presented to the grade 12 student with a high academic average from Grade 11 and 12 marks and has contributed to the school; based on official transcripts	Medal and Certificate
<b>Government of Saskatchewan Proficiency Award</b>	Presented the grade 12 student with the highest overall marks; based on official transcripts	\$400 and Certificate
<b>James E. Bradley Memorial Scholarship</b>	Presented to the grade 12 student with the highest overall average and is entering an engineering or agriculture program at the university level; based on official transcripts	\$500 (approx.), Certificate
<b>Betty Anne Ohrt Scholarship</b>	Presented to the grade 12 student with the highest overall average and is entering nursing or medicine; based on official transcripts	\$100, Certificate
<b>Marian Hersberger Memorial Scholarship</b>	Presented to the grade 12 student with the highest overall average and is entering the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan; based on official transcripts	\$280 (approx.), Certificate
<b>PVTA Scholarship</b>	Six scholarships valued at \$500 awarded to PVSD graduates enrolled in first year in the Faculty of Education or a pre-education university program in Saskatchewan.	

# Awards & Activities Involvement Information Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due: March 31<sup>st</sup> of current year

*In filling out this sheet consider your involvement over the past 4 years.*

## SECTION 1 – In School Involvement

### **Athletics:**

<b>Team or Individual Sports</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Grades</b>	<b>Top Level of Participation</b>
Ex – Sr. Girls Volleyball	2009 - 2012	9, 10, 11, 12	Provincials – participant 2010, Regionals – participant 2011/captain of team

### **Organizations and Fine Arts: any school clubs, drama, music, art, literature**

<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Grades</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
Ex – Yearbook	2013	12	- photographer
Ex – Drama	2013	12	- lead role

### **Volunteer and Leadership Roles: SLC, tournaments, canteen,**

<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Grades</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
Ex – Canteen Worker	2009	9	worked canteen 3 noon hours per week

## SECTION 2 – Community Involvement

### Athletics:

Team or Individual Sports	Year	Grades	Top Level of Participation
Ex – Midget Hockey - Milestone	2009 - 2013	9, 10, 11, 12	Provincials – participant 2012

### Organizations and Fine Arts: any community clubs, drama, music, art, literature

Name of Organization	Years	Grades	Contributions
Ex – Milestone Prairie Players	2013	12	Set designer

### Volunteer and Leadership Roles:

Name of Group	Years	Grades	Contributions
Ex – Meals on Wheels	2009	9	Helped with delivery of meals to seniors in Milestone

## SECTION 3 – Part Time and Summer Employment

Employment	Years	Hours/ week	Duties
Ex – Lifeguard – Milestone Pool	Summer - 2012	20	Senior Lifeguard – pool supervision, cash out, taking lesson registrations







