



September 2, 2020

Dear MCHS Grads of 2020, Parents, and Guardians,

We hope that you have had a relaxing, though different, summer. This fall sees us on an unexpected path than we were on a year ago. This unusual year has many of you postponing the plans you originally had, whether that was travel or post-secondary school, as COVID-19 has changed how these are done or has outright cancelled them.

It is unfortunate that this holds true for the Graduation Ceremony we proposed for October 9th. As the province of Alberta is maintaining Stage 2 of Relaunch, we find still ourselves in the situation where we are unable to celebrate your graduation the way we have traditionally. This size of your Grad Class combined with the staff necessary to manage this event puts us over the number of people who are allowed to congregate at a time indoors. This doesn't even include your parents and family, who want so much to cheer you on for this momentous occasion.

The venue reserved for graduation, The Edmonton Convention Center, let us know in August that we must cancel soon if we were unable to host the event with the current timelines and restrictions. As it is highly unlikely the Provincial Government will move us into Stage 3 prior to October, we have chosen to cancel.

We recognize that this is disappointing for you; please know that this is true for us, as well. As a high school staff, we have no bigger joy than watching students celebrate their successes, and Grad is the most important one of those celebrations.

It is with heavy hearts we share this. We are so glad we had the opportunity to celebrate with you in June with the Drive Thru Grad. We were so happy to see the Class of 2020 come back one last time to receive your cap and portfolio.

We wish you health and happiness as you move forward in life. Remember to keep in touch. The staff here at MCHS would love to know how you are doing and where you end up.

Take care,

Carolyn Jensen, Principal

Here are some links to some memories for you.

- [PSD Video of the Drive Thru Grad](#)
- [The Class of 2020](#)
- [Valedictorian's Address - Leah Stachniak](#)
- [Grade Administrator's Address - Mrs. Wendel](#)
- [Principal's Address - Ms. Jensen](#)