



St. André Bessette Catholic School

*“Put yourself in God's hands;
He abandons no one”
-St. André Bessette*

**Graduation Information Booklet
2020**

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Foreword

Graduation is an exciting time for many grade 12 students, but may also come with some added stress. It is our hope that this booklet will provide grads and their families with enough information to answer questions that arise throughout the year. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishment of graduating high school with your child!

Please note:

A lot of the needed information regarding graduation can be found by:

- Listening to morning announcements
- Checking the website for updates: <https://sab.eics.ab.ca/students/grad-news>
- Paying attention to any updates you may receive through email and/or SynreVoice

Alberta High School Graduation Requirements

ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (ENGLISH)
The requirements indicated in this chart are the <u>minimum</u> requirements for a student to attain an Alberta High School Diploma. The requirements for entry into post-secondary institutions and workplaces may require additional and/or specific courses.
100 CREDITS including the following:
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – 30 LEVEL (English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2)
SOCIAL STUDIES – 30 LEVEL (Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2)
MATHEMATICS – 20 LEVEL (Mathematics 20-1, Mathematics 20-2 or Mathematics 20-3)
SCIENCE – 20 LEVEL ¹ (Science 20, Science 24, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10 (3 CREDITS) ²
CAREER AND LIFE MANAGEMENT (3 CREDITS) ³
<p style="text-align: center;">10 CREDITS IN ANY COMBINATION FROM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses • Fine Arts courses • Second Languages courses • Physical Education 20 and/or 30 • Knowledge and Employability courses • Registered Apprenticeship Program courses • Locally developed courses in CTS, fine arts, second languages or Knowledge and Employability occupational courses ⁴
<p style="text-align: center;">10 CREDITS IN ANY 30-LEVEL COURSE (IN ADDITION TO A 30-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND A 30-LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE AS SPECIFIED ABOVE) ⁵</p> <p>These courses may include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-level locally developed courses • Advanced level (3000 series) in Career and Technology Studies courses • 30-level Work Experience courses ⁶ • 30-level Knowledge and Employability courses • 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program courses • 30-level Green Certificate Specialization courses • Special Projects 30

Please Note:

- To earn an Alberta High School Diploma, a student must earn a **minimum of 100 credits**.
- Students can apply for a maximum of 15 credits earned in work experience towards their 100-credit minimum.

Certificate of High School Achievement Requirements

CERTIFICATE OF HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENTS (ENGLISH)
<p>The requirements indicated in this chart are the <u>minimum</u> requirements for a student to attain a Certificate of High School Achievement. The requirements for entry into post-secondary institutions and workplaces may require additional and/or specific courses.</p>
80 CREDITS¹ including the following:
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 20-2 OR 30-4
MATHEMATICS 10-3 OR 20-4
SCIENCE 14 OR 20-4
SOCIAL STUDIES 10-2 OR 20-4
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10 (3 CREDITS) ²
CAREER AND LIFE MANAGEMENT (3 CREDITS) ³
<p style="text-align: center;">5 CREDITS IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-level Knowledge and Employability occupational course, or • Advanced level (3000 series) in Career and Technology Studies courses,⁴ or • 30-level locally developed course with an occupational focus <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 CREDITS IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-level Knowledge and Employability Workplace Practicum course, or • 30-level Work Experience course,⁵ or • 30-level Green Certificate course,⁶ or • Special Projects 30 <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 CREDITS IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) course⁷

For more information on graduation requirements, please contact:

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All of the high school requirement information can be found at:

https://www.alberta.ca/graduation-requirements-credentials-and-credits.aspx?utm_source=redirector

Taken from Alberta Education

Grade 12 Diploma Exams

What is a Diploma Examination?

The Diploma Examinations Program consists of course-specific examinations based on the senior high school Programs of Study. Students enrolled in the following courses are required to write Diploma examinations:

- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30
- English Language Arts 30-1
- English Language Arts 30-2
- Mathematics 30-1
- Mathematics 30-2
- Physics 30
- Science 30
- Social Studies 30-1
- Social Studies 30-2

The final mark for diploma examination courses is determined by blending the diploma examination mark (30%) with the school-awarded mark (70%).

To obtain credit in a diploma examination course, students must write the appropriate diploma examination and obtain a final course mark of 50% or higher.

How do I obtain my Diploma Mark?

Following each diploma examination period, each student who has written one or more diploma examinations can retrieve their Diploma Examination Results Statement from the student self-service website called myPass. In order to access myPass, students need to sign up with a **home email**. The statement shows the diploma examination mark received for the writing session specified, the school-awarded mark for the writing session specified, and the most recent official mark for the diploma examination course.

More information on Diploma Exams is available on the Alberta Education website at <https://education.alberta.ca/>

Diploma Exams Schedule

***NEW Diploma Exams Schedule: January 2020**

Diploma exams **must** be administered according to the scheduled dates and times.

All diploma exams, except those that are asterisked , remain secured after administration.		
Monday, January 13	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part A* English Language Arts 30–2 Part A*
Tuesday, January 14	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A* Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A*
Wednesday, January 15	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie A French Language Arts 30–1 Partie A*
Tuesday, January 21	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Part B
Wednesday, January 22	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Mathematics 30-1 Mathematics 30-2
Thursday, January 23	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B
Friday, January 24	9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B
Monday, January 27	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Biology 30
Tuesday, January 28	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Chemistry 30
Wednesday, January 29	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Physics 30
Thursday, January 30	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Science 30**

** *sciences 30*, in French, will be administered in June 2020 and August 2020

All students are provided with up to double the official time as noted above, if they require it.

Principals may decide to start the administration of the diploma exams early when more than one diploma exam is scheduled on one day. Students writing morning exams cannot be dismissed until 10:00 AM and students writing afternoon exams cannot be dismissed until 2:00 PM. Students must arrive at their exam within one hour of the start time or will not be permitted to write the exam. Please note that the order of the exams that are scheduled on the same day cannot be changed.

Source: Alberta Education

****NEW Diploma Exams Schedule: June 2020***

Diploma exams **must** be administered according to the scheduled dates and times.

All diploma exams, except those that are asterisked , remain secured after administration.		
Wednesday, June 10	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part A* English Language Arts 30–2 Part A*
Thursday, June 11	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A* Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A*
Friday, June 12	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie A French Language Arts 30–1 Part A*
Wednesday, June 17	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Part B
Thursday, June 18	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Mathematics 30-1 Mathematics 30-2
Friday, June 19	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B
Monday, June 22	9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B
Tuesday, June 23	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Biology 30
Wednesday, June 24	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Chemistry 30
Thursday, June 25	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Physics 30
Friday, June 26	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Science 30**

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The diploma exam schedules for 2019–2020 are to be considered draft until confirmed in the November 2018 update. These dates may, however, be used as a planning tool when preparing the 2019–2020 school year calendar.

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Scholarships and Awards

St . André Bessette Catholic School has a comprehensive Awards Program that is both school-based and community supported. Students can earn awards in many categories.

In the fall of 2020, Scholarships, Subject Awards, CTS Awards, and other community based awards are presented to students.

In June 2020, Athletic Awards are given for outstanding achievement in school team and individual sports.

Rutherford Scholarship

The Alexander Rutherford Scholarship has a maximum of \$2500 and is based on scholastic achievement in grades 10, 11, and 12. Applicants must be Alberta residents, be enrolled full-time in a post-secondary program of at least one semester in length, or be an apprenticeship student. Students must apply before May 1 for post-secondary studies starting in September, or by December 1 for post-secondary studies starting in January.

Honour Roll

Grade 12 Honour Roll is based on an average (80% or higher) of English, Math, Social Studies, Science, Religion, and one of the following: highest mark of another 3, 4 or 5 credit course, or an average of three one-credit modules

Please note that St. André Bessette Honour Roll criteria does not directly reflect the Provincial Rutherford Scholarship criteria.

Others:

All Grade 12 Students who are planning on attending post-secondary education are advised to register online with Student Awards at www.studentawards.com. This site will post most scholarship opportunities for Canadian students and will notify students of scholarships that fit their requirements.

Places to Look:

<https://alis.alberta.ca/explore-education-and-training/pay-for-your-education/scholarships-and-bursaries/>

Company websites

Bank Websites

Parents Work

<https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

<https://yconic.com/>

A&E Network - Iconic Canadian Essay

<https://sab.eics.ab.ca/students/mindful-counsellor>

Post-Secondary Institution Financial Awards Office

St. André Bessette Awards Program (Spring 2020)

Rutherford Scholarship

Graduation Fee

All school fees must be paid in full in order to participate in the Graduation Banquet and Commencement Ceremony. The Grad fee is \$130.00 and has been added to all Grade 12 PowerSchool accounts.

The Grad fee is used to support Grad activities and expenses including: Grad Photo sitting fee, a copy of the group photo and individual photo, music at Grad banquet, printing costs/banner, Grad mugs, Josten's Certificates, gown rental, Ticketmaster, etc. This is a one time fee to cover all grad expenses.

Grad Wear

This year we are ordering the SAB Grad wear through a company called Spiritwear Canada. This change will allow our Grads to purchase items online instead of ordering at the school.

Grad Portraits

Grad portraits will be taken at the school by Lifetouch on February 10th, 11th, and 12th in room 217. **Every grade twelve student must have their picture taken during this time.** The sitting fee is covered by part of the graduation fee. Even if a family is not planning on purchasing graduation pictures, SAB requires all grads to get their picture taken at this time. These pictures are used for: the graduation composite, yearbook, the slideshow presented at the commencement ceremony, and at awards night.

Appointments need to be booked online. Graduates will be notified when the website becomes live which will roughly be a month in advance.

We ask that no pets be brought into the school for grad portraits.

Portrait retakes are still being scheduled.

Grad Rings

Celebrate your high school experience with a class ring from Jostens. A representative will be at the school Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 4th and 5th with more information. Posters and brochures will be available in the front office. For additional information, visit Jostens.com. As this is an additional cost, students are under no obligation to order a ring.

Class Valedictorian

The Valedictorian at St. André Bessette Catholic School will be a grade 12 student who meets the following criteria:

1. Top academic standing (achievement)
 - Academic average is one of the top three at SAB
 - The following subjects will be used to calculate academic average:
 - English 30-1
 - Religion 35
 - At least three of the following: Social 30-1, Math 30-1, Math 30-2, Math 31, Science 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, any second language at the 30 level
 - One course with a minimum 5 credit value at the Grade 12 level, including those listed above, advanced CTS courses, Phys. Ed, Drama, and Art
2. Demonstrates leadership by example
3. Contributes to a positive school atmosphere
4. Actively participates in school/community activities

Students can apply to be the Valedictorian from April 27th - May 1st by filling out the form attached to the back of this book or picking one up from office. The Valedictorian is chosen by a committee of staff members and will be notified on May 8th.

Walk of Graduates

SAB Graduates will have the opportunity to walk through the halls of St. John, OLA, and ST. JPll dressed in their graduation gowns. More details to follow.

Grad Lists

The Grad list will be updated 4 times throughout the year. If a student is not on track to graduate, there is a chance that the student will not be able to participate in the commencement ceremonies. If there is a concern the following actions will be done:

- At the end of Semester 1 - Phone call home/meeting with student
- Beginning of March - email sent to parents
- Mid April - Phone call home/meeting with student
- Mid May - letter sent home

Students may not appear on the grad list for a variety of reasons, including academic standing and outstanding school fees. If students are not successfully completing their courses, they need to meet with their teachers to develop a learning plan.

Graduation Weekend

Friday June 12th, 2020

Year End Mass/Grad Blessing

Time: 10:45 - 11:45

Location: Large Gym

This year, we will be holding the mass portion of the graduation ceremonies during the school day on Friday, June 12th. The mass will be held at SAB in the large gym, from 10:45 - 11:45. This mass will include the whole school; however, there will be a special portion of the mass dedicated to the graduates. All grade 12 students will be asked to be in attendance for the grad blessing mass and family members are welcome to join us for the celebration. Following the mass, there will be a year-end BBQ for the students at SAB.

Commencement Rehearsal

There will be a **mandatory** Commencement Rehearsal on Friday June 12th during block 4. All graduates must attend.

Saturday June 13th, 2020

Commencement Ceremonies

Time: 10:30 - 12:00

Location: Edmonton Convention Center, Hall D

In order to purchase tickets for the Commencement Ceremonies, Grade 12 students must be on track to complete their High School Program Requirements (Diploma or Certificate) prior to the end of the school year as well as passing Religion 35 by Tuesday May 26th, 2020. School fees must also be fully paid in order to purchase tickets

What does this mean?

- Students must be passing any courses required for graduation
- Students must be passing Religion 35
- Students must have submitted any modules done through SILC and have scheduled their final exam

Students who are failing to meet the academic requirements will not be eligible for participation in Graduation **commencement** ceremonies.

All Graduates are able to purchase 10 tickets for the commencement exercises (graduates DO NOT need a ticket for this event).

Commencement Ceremonies Overview:

June 13th, 2020, Edmonton Convention Centre, Hall D

- Doors to Hall D will open at 10:00am. There is no assigned seating for the commencement ceremonies. It is a first come, first serve basis. However, if a guest does require special seating, please contact Elaan Zaleschuk elaanz@eics.ab.ca or Barb Lemmens barbl@eics.ab.ca before graduation weekend begins.
- All guests will need a ticket for commencement ceremonies. **The graduate will not require a ticket.**
- Grads will need to be at the convention center no later than 10:00am. All grads will need their grad gown, stole, and cap (with tassel) for this event.
- Grads will not be sitting with their guests for this portion of the graduation. We ask all grads to stay in the foyer of Hall D while their guests find their seats. We will be organizing the grad class in alphabetical order starting around 10:10am.
- The program will start at 10:30am sharp.
- Before leaving the Edmonton Convention Center, all grad gowns and stoles must be returned at the designated spots in the foyer of hall D

Saturday June 13th, 2020

Graduation Banquet

Time: 5:45 - 12:00

Location: Edmonton Convention Center, Hall D

Graduation Banquet Overview

- Grads need to be at the Edmonton Convention Centre by 5:15pm. We will be meeting at this time for the class picture.
- Doors to Hall D will open at 5:45 pm. Tickets will be collected by staff and wristbands will be placed on wrists by Security.
- The banquet program will start at 6:30 (expect dinner service to start around 6:45pm)
- Program & Dance to follow.
- Last call will be at 10:45 p.m., liquor service will stop at 11:00 p.m., music will finish at 11:30 p.m, everyone must leave Hall D by midnight.

This is a **private event** meant for grads and their families therefore St. André Bessette has the right to refuse ticket sales to any individual. All graduates are able to purchase **8 tickets** (graduates DO need a ticket for this event). General information regarding the graduation banquet:

- Should an uninvited guest arrive, they will be denied entry.
- PARENTS are RESPONSIBLE for their GRADUATE and ALL invited guests. They must remain on the premises with their graduate and guests at all times. SAB staff will NOT be responsible for current students or other guests, this includes the graduate. This means, GUESTS and GRADUATES MUST LEAVE with PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS, NOT another designate.
- If your child or any person with a valid ticket appears to be intoxicated they will be refused entrance to the venue. We will adhere to all AGLC rules and regulations, and if at any point during the function, a member of your party is required to leave, all members of the party must leave as well. This decision will be at the discretion of the security team and not the SAB staff.
- If security is required to remove a guest (including the graduate), no refunds will be given.
- Tables will consist of 8 people. Please indicate whom you would like to be seated by on the ticket order form.
- The price of the banquet ticket will be determined once the menu is selected (approximately in February).

Grad Ticket Sales

Ticket sales will be sold online only through PowerSchool. Ticket sales for both the commencement ceremonies and graduation banquet will be from May 29th - June 1st. There will be a separate ticket for each event.

Commencement tickets:

- In order to purchase tickets for the Commencement Ceremonies, Grade 12 students must be on track to complete their High School Program Requirements (Diploma or Certificate) prior to the end of the school year as well as passing Religion 35 by Tuesday May 26th, 2020. School fees must also be fully paid in order to purchase tickets
- All graduates are able to purchase 10 tickets for the commencement exercises (graduates **DO NOT** need a ticket to this event).
- If extra tickets are available, graduates will be able to purchase extra tickets on June 8th/9th, in the foyer of SAB, on a first come, first serve basis. We will only accept exact cash for extra tickets.

Graduation Banquet Tickets:

- All graduates are able to purchase 8 tickets (graduates DO need a ticket for this event)
- This is a private event meant for grads and their families therefore St. André Bessette has the right to refuse ticket sales to any individual.
- Students must submit their guest list, dietary restrictions, and seating requests upon pick up of tickets. This form will be available in school, on the school website and attached to the back of this booklet.
- NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020
- Tickets are non-transferable.

Ticket Pick-up

Tickets for both events can be picked up in the foyer of SAB during flex/lunch on June 8th and 9th.

Commencement Gowns

Grade 12's participating in the commencement ceremonies will be required to pick up their grad gowns on June 8th and 9th in the foyer of SAB. These can be picked up with the commencement and banquet tickets. The cap and tassel are for the grads to keep; however the rented gown and stole must be returned immediately following the commencement ceremony, before leaving the Edmonton Convention Center. If the gown is not returned the graduate will be responsible for any fees incurred. Graduates must ensure they are measured for their gown

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Important Dates

- **November 8-22nd:** Grad Wear Sales
- **December 4-5th:** Grad Ring Sales
- **January:** First Grad List updated
- **February 10-12th:** Grad Photos
- **Beginning of March:** Second Grad List update
- **Mid April:** Third Grad List updated
- **April 27th-May 1st:** Valediction Applications Accepted
- **May 26th:** deadline for graduation requirements needed to purchase commencement tickets
- **May 28th:** Final Grad List updates
- **May 29th - June 1st:** Ticket sales for both events
- **June 8-9th:** Tickets and gown pickup
- **June 12th:** Year end Mass and Rehearsal
- **June 13th:** Commencement Exercises & Graduation Banquet

SAB Graduation Banquet Guest List
8 tickets in total (including the graduate)

This form MUST be filled out before Banquet Tickets are purchased

Name of graduate:	
Number of adult tickets for the SHAW: (salad, selected meat, starch, vegetable, alternating desserts) ***Graduate NEEDS a ticket.	_____
Number of children (Aged 10 or younger) tickets: (Chicken tenders, fresh vegetables, fries, ice cream)	_____

Banquet Guest Information:

- In the space below, please list the names of all guests, any **dietary restrictions, allergies or seating accommodations** (wheelchairs / booster seat).
- Please request who you'd like to sit by at the graduation banquet.
- PARENTS are RESPONSIBLE for their GRADUATE and ALL invited guests. You are required to be in the Hall D with your graduate and guests at all times. SAB staff will NOT be responsible for current or former students, this includes the graduate.

Guest Name (Including Graduate)	Dietary Restriction	Seating Accommodation

We would like our table to be near:



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GRADUATION 2020 ST. ANDRE BESSETTE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Valedictorian

I, _____, wish to apply for the honoured position of valedictorian for the graduating class of 2020.

Criteria:

The Valedictorian at St. André Bessette Catholic School will be a grade 12 student who meets the following criteria:

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 - One course with a minimum 5 credit value at the Grade 12 level, including those listed above, advanced CTS courses, Phys. Ed, Drama, and Art

Course Name	Grade
English 30-1	
Religion 35	
Overall Average=	

2. **Demonstrates leadership by example**
3. **Contributes to a positive school atmosphere**
4. **Actively participates in school/community activities**

Please attach a **brief paragraph** explaining why you would be a good candidate for valedictorian. Your submission is due by Friday, May 1 and please pass it in person to Mrs. Zaleschuk, Miss. Labrecque, or Mrs. Lemmens via email to elaanz@eics.ab.ca or nicolel@eics.ab.ca „ barbl@eics.ab.ca.

Signature of applicant: _____

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