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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that we have finalized the details for this year's Indigenous Graduation Blessing. This is the first formal event of this kind at SAB, and we are thrilled to be able to offer our Indigenous students a special opportunity to celebrate their graduation and culture.

Our Grad Blessing will take place in two parts, and we are honored to be joined by Eva Stang, a Métis Knowledge Keeper, for both parts of the Grad Blessing. Due to the changing restrictions with COVID, this event (both parts) will be virtual and will take place through Google Meet. A Google Meet link will be shared with students and families, so that everyone can join.

The first part of our Grad Blessing will consist of smudge teachings and will take place at 4:30 PM on Thursday, June 10. The second portion of this event will take place on Friday, June 11 at 10:00 AM. This will include a smudge and additional teachings with Eva Stang. At this time, students will also be presented with a gift to acknowledge their graduation.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we have planned this event. We look forward to this time to celebrate our Indigenous students and their accomplishments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Justine Cusveller ([justine.cusveller@eics.ab.ca](mailto:justine.cusveller@eics.ab.ca)) or Heather Thomson ([heathert@eics.ab.ca](mailto:heathert@eics.ab.ca)) at the school.

God Bless,

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