



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## *École secondaire Neelin High School*

---

### **Neelin Graduation Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Dear Graduates, Parents, and Guardians:

High school graduation is an exciting and busy time for everyone involved. This letter is intended to give you important information and a timeline related to this year's ceremony.

#### **Ceremony**

The Graduation Ceremony will take place in the Healthy Living Centre on **Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 1:30pm.**

#### **Communication**

Communication regarding grad will be through email and the Neelin Grad Website. Additionally, graduating students have access to a "Grade 12 Students" team in Microsoft Teams. The "Grade 12 Students" team will have lots of reference information and notices. Grads should also be consistently checking the Grade 12 team for scholarship opportunities.

We will be having a parent meeting to review this information on parent-teacher interview evening, **November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6pm in Neelin's library**. This meeting is an opportunity to ask any questions.

#### **Grad Fee**

A grad fee of **\$80.00** is required for cap and gown rental, diploma folders, Healthy Living Centre rental, and all other costs associated with the convocation. This fee may be paid online through School Cash. If you would prefer to pay by cash or cheque (made payable to Neelin High School) these may be dropped off in the office. Please have grad fees paid by February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

#### **Cap and Gown**

A decision to wear caps and gowns was made many years ago at Neelin. The rationale for this decision includes the pride of wearing Neelin colours, the unity of our learning community, and foremost to present everyone as an equal while standing up on centre stage. Caps and '26 tassels are to be kept by the graduates while gowns must be returned immediately following the ceremony before leaving the Healthy Living Centre.

As soon as possible (and for sure by the end of November), please have your graduate complete the following survey with regard to their gown sizing and intentions of attending the convocation and grand march:

<https://forms.office.com/r/AP96kZYG6w> .

Caps and Gowns will be available for pick-up prior to the weekend before the convocation ceremony so that families can take pictures with/of their graduate in their gown. Dates and times for pick-up will be decided closer to grad.

#### **Grad Clothing**

Grad clothing is available through Source for Sports at the following link: <https://neelingrad2026.itemorder.com/>. Orders need to be completed online by Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and should be available for pickup before the December break. We may have a spring order if there is enough interest, but this is not guaranteed.



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## *École secondaire Neelin High School*

---

### **Pictures**

Grad pictures will be held December 2, 2025- December 4, 2025. Appointments can be made online at <https://schedule.prestigeportraits.ca/schedule/home.html>. Please see the attached information sheet. This will be shared through Teams as well.

### **Grand March**

Immediately following the convocation ceremony students will have the option to participate in "The Grand March." Graduates can walk alongside a friend or friends from within the grad class for the Grand March.

Students will have 10 to 15 minutes to change from their grad gowns into a grand march outfit. Their grand march outfit does not have to be fancy. It doesn't have to be a traditional suit or dress. A grad grand march outfit can be an outfit that is special to the graduate.

### **Safe Grad**

Safe grad is a parent/guardian run event in which École secondaire Neelin High School is **not** affiliated. At this point, there has not been a parent/guardian come forward to organize this event. If there are any parents interested in organizing this event, please contact Mr. Oldcorn ([oldcorn.malcolm@bsd.ca](mailto:oldcorn.malcolm@bsd.ca); 204 729-3180) as soon as possible. That parent/guardian(s) will then be the contact person.

This is an outstanding graduating class, and we're committed to working hard to ensure that the 2026 graduation is truly memorable and special!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jill Martine, Mrs. Whitney Kreller-Lamont, Mrs. Lisa Romanowski, Miss. Donnalea Popple, Mrs. Mattie Braden

Graduation Coordinators – Neelin Grad 2026

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by email:

[martine.jillian@bsd.ca](mailto:martine.jillian@bsd.ca)  
[kreller-lamont.whitney@bsd.ca](mailto:kreller-lamont.whitney@bsd.ca)  
[romanowski.lisa@bsd.ca](mailto:romanowski.lisa@bsd.ca)  
[popple.donnalea@bsd.ca](mailto:popple.donnalea@bsd.ca)  
[braden.mattie@bsd.ca](mailto:braden.mattie@bsd.ca)