

# RIGHTS HERE RIGHTS NOW



#RightsHereRightsNow

## Speaker Information Packet

**Thank you for participating in Grant Park's 2018 Rights Here Rights Now conference!**

This conference is being held at Grant Park High School, 450 Nathaniel St, Winnipeg, MB, R3M-3E3 on **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, 2018.

Please visit our website [www.rightshererightsnow.ca](http://www.rightshererightsnow.ca) for the most up-to-date information.

Feel free to email us at [rightshererightsnow@gmail.com](mailto:rightshererightsnow@gmail.com) with any questions.

This packet includes:

- A description of the event
- Guidelines for your session
- An overview of the day

## **Description of the Conference**

**‘Rights Here Rights Now’** is a full-day conference for the 1300 students at Grant Park High School, featuring workshops, speakers, and performers.

The conference is an expansive student-led initiative that hopes to address a broad range of social justice issues in the form of an interactive human rights conference. The underlying theme of ‘Rights Here Rights Now’ is the importance of **recognizing the past, living in the present, and changing the future.**

The main focus of the conference is reconciliation, specifically between Grant Park students and the Indigenous people of Canada. The conference will also cover a wide variety of other human rights. Students have been given the opportunity to choose which break-out sessions to attend to allow them to explore the issues they are passionate about.

This is the first time in nearly seven years that this type of conference will be held at Grant Park High School, meaning that no students who currently attend Grant Park will have experienced such an event before. The goal is to inspire the middle school and high school students to engage with human rights issues beyond the conference.

## **Session Guidelines**

Most breakout sessions will be 1 hour in length. It may take some time for students to get settled so please prepare a session of approximately **50 minutes**. It is imperative that sessions do not exceed the allotted time. There will be announcements over the P.A. to mark the beginning and end of each session.

Each session will be introduced by a student volunteer or guest attendee. They will act as the moderator. There will also be a teacher present in each room to supervise students and take attendance. There will be approximately 20 students attending most sessions. As inclusion is very important to us, your session may have students from the EAL department and/or the Inclusion Support (special education) department. Those students will have EAs accompanying them.

Please ensure presentations are in Power Point. You are encouraged to bring your own laptop, however each room will have a Windows laptop and projector available. In the event of any technological issues, there will be volunteers to assist you. If you have not yet informed us of all the technology you will require, let us know as soon as possible. If you wish for us to test your presentation ahead of time and make sure all works well you can send the presentation to [rightshererightsnow@gmail.com](mailto:rightshererightsnow@gmail.com).

While preparing, keep in mind that the session should be geared towards high school/middle school students. Interactive components are encouraged. Feel free to contact us with any questions or to discuss the content of your session.

# Overview of the Day

## Schedule

<b>8:00am – 8:30am</b>	Registration/Preparation
<b>9:10am</b>	Grand Entry + Opening Remarks
<b>9:30am</b>	Morning Keynote
<b>10:45am-11:45am</b>	Breakout Session 1
<b>11:50am-12:50pm</b>	Breakout Session 2
<b>12:50pm-1:50pm</b>	Lunch
<b>2:00pm</b>	Performance
<b>2:30pm</b>	Afternoon Keynote
<b>3:20pm</b>	Grand Exit

### **Arrival times:**

8:00 am if you would like refreshments.

8:30 am if you would like to take part in the grand entry or observe the keynote.

10:00 am if you are participating in Session 1 or both sessions.

11:00 am if you are only participating in Session 2.

Muffins and coffee will be available from 8:00 am - 9:00 am.

Lunch will be provided from 12:50 pm - 1:50 pm.

Speakers are invited to take part in the grand entry and exit, a traditional Indigenous practice.

### **Parking:**

There will be spots available in the parking lot next to the school. Student volunteers will be directing speakers to the reserved lot.

### **Arrival:**

Upon arrival, there will be student volunteers wearing white shirts with the conference logo to greet you. Please enter through the front doors and proceed to the table in the front hall.

### **Green room:**

Room 32 will be available as a lounge for speakers. It will be open all day. Muffins and coffee will be provided at 8:00 am as well as a catered lunch at 12:50 pm. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let us know as soon as possible.

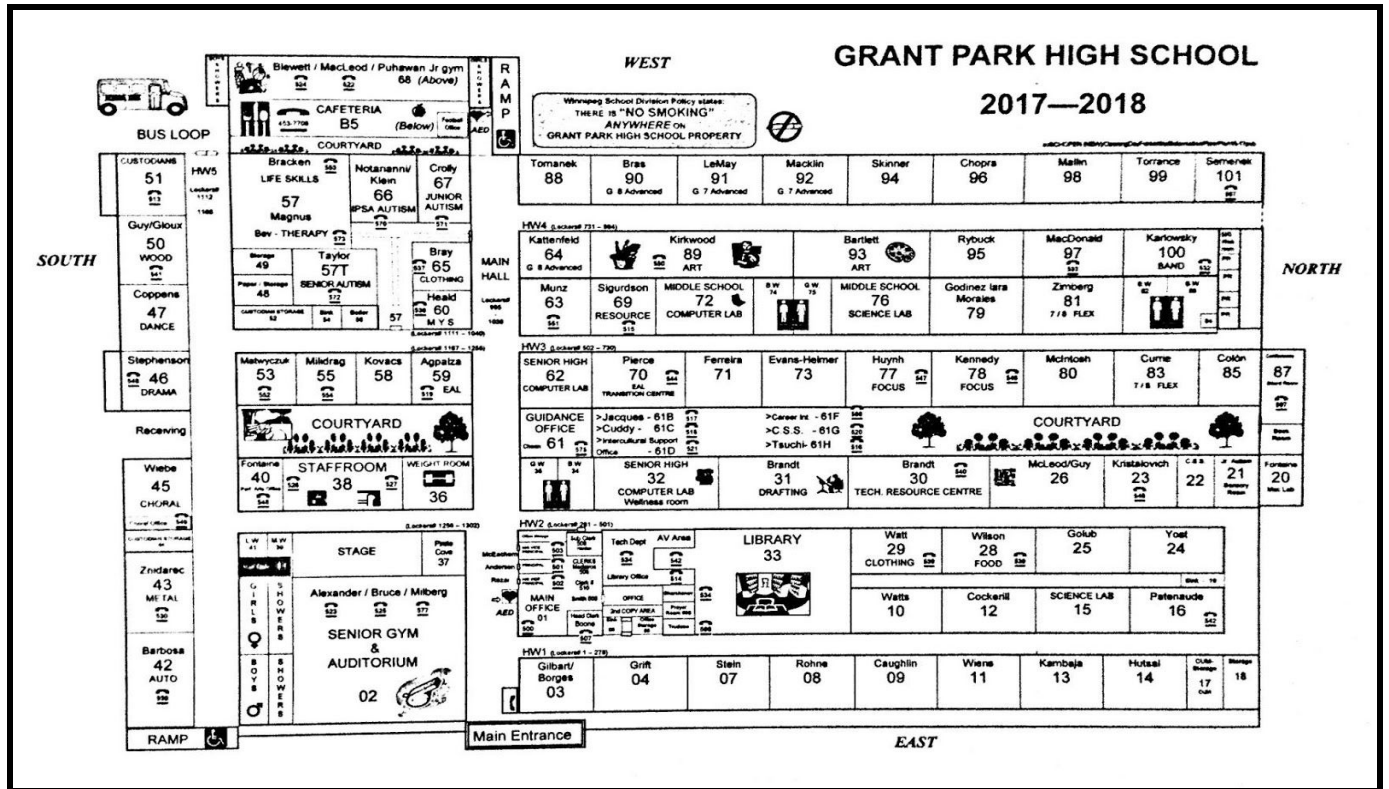
If at any point throughout the day you have questions, look for students wearing white shirts with the conference logo or students wearing “volunteer” pins.

The list of room assignments can be found here.

[RightsHerRightsNow.ca/Speaker-Room-Tables](http://RightsHerRightsNow.ca/Speaker-Room-Tables)

The Middle School keynotes are Julie MacFarlane and KC Adams and the High School keynotes are Karen Busby and Michael Champagne.

**School Map:**



Thank you for your participation in our conference! We appreciate your taking the time to change the lives of our students.

Please stay tuned for changes and email us at [rightsherightsnow@gmail.com](mailto:rightsherightsnow@gmail.com) for any questions or concerns you may have.