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To Grade 12 Students and Parents

We hope the following information is helpful in preparation for the Graduation Dinner and Dance, Dry Grad, and the 2019 Valedictory Ceremony.

I. Graduation Dinner & Dance, Dry Grad After-Party ~ FRIDAY, JUNE 7th

Tickets on Sale April 8th to 12th. Total cost for the two events is \$210 (\$75 Dinner/Dance, \$135 Dry Grad). On purchasing tickets, students will receive a priority number for selecting their table at the Dinner/Dance. Buy your ticket early! Note: Student Fees must be paid before purchasing a grad ticket.

Grad Walk, Friday, June 7th at 4:15pm: at SDSS Track

- Students meet in the West Gym at 4:15 pm for a group photograph and to organize for the walk.*
- The Grad Walk begins at 4:30 pm. The walk will proceed through the theatre before heading outside to the ramp located at the northwest corner of the track. Parents and guests will be able to view the Grad Walk in the theatre or outside on the track or from the bleachers. It is advisable for parents and guests to arrive early to secure prime viewing space.*
- In the event of rain, an alternate route is planned through the school.*

Graduation Dinner & Dance Tsawwassen Springs – Springs Ballroom:

6:00 pm *Grads begin to arrive at Tsawwassen Springs*

7:00 pm *Dinner begins.*
There is reserved seating for ten at each table. A seating plan for the banquet will be available to students during the last week of May. There will be no “in/out” privileges during the evening. Smoking, vaping, alcohol or drugs are not permitted.

8:30pm *Speeches, Dessert, and Dancing*

9:30pm *The Dinner/Dance ends and students will load busses for transport to Dry Grad.*

Note:

Thursday, June 6th 3:00 - 4pm.

Students will drop off their clearly labelled garment bag, including hanger with a change of clothing, hoodie or light sweater and casual shoes to wear at dry grad. Grads will also be given a white t-shirt at clothing drop off to put into the garment bag.

Girls drop off-change rooms by west gym

Boys drop off-mezzanine.

Dry Grad After - Party:

11:00pm *The Dry Grad After-Party begins at the venue. This event is supervised by parents of Grade 11 students (not school personnel) and is scheduled to end at 3:00 am. Busses will transport students back to SDSS, arriving approximately 4:00am. Parents are requested to arrange for safe transportation or to pick up their student from the school.*

II. EMERGENCY CONTACT

When students purchase their Banquet tickets they will be required to provide the name and telephone number of an emergency contact for the evening of June 7th. It is imperative that an adult contact is available throughout the evening.

III. VALEDICTORY ~ TUESDAY, JUNE 25th South Delta Baptist Church

Tickets and Cap & Gown

While the South Delta Baptist Church provides us with a large venue for our Valedictory Ceremony, there is limited seating available due to the large group of grade 12 students. An envelope containing four Valedictory tickets will be distributed to each graduate on June 12th and 13th along with their cap & gown at lunch. Keep these things in a safe place; replacements will not be issued. Grads will be asked to use your best judgment as you decide who your four guests will be. If families require fewer than four tickets, they are asked to pass extras directly onto another family in need. The school will not be creating wait lists for additional tickets nor will they oversee ticket exchanges between families. On the evening of Valedictory, guests with tickets will be seated at 6:30pm. Once all the graduates have processed into the church and have been seated, additional guests may be seated in any available spaces.

Valedictory Program:

*5:30pm Picture opportunities.
6:30pm Grade 12 students report to their posted room in the upper classroom level.
6:30pm Doors open; guests with tickets may be seated. There is no reserved seating.
6:50pm All guests should be seated.
7:00pm Ceremony begins with the Procession of Graduates. Livestream broadcast begins
9:30pm Ceremony ends (approximately).*

Photos of each student, as they cross the stage, will be taken by a professional photographer. These complimentary photos will be available for pick up at the school office during the summer.

IV. EXPECTATIONS

The Grad Dinner/Dance and the Valedictory are formal school functions and all school rules apply. The possession or use of drugs or alcohol is unacceptable and students who choose to violate this expectation will be refused entry or required to leave. No refunds will be provided. We ask parents to support us by reinforcing this expectation.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING GRAD 2019 WITH YOU!

Sincerely,

Your 2019 Grad Banquet, Valedictory and Dry Grad Sponsors:

T. Ainge, M. Woloshen, K. Vasconcelos, A. Dop, L. Caveberry, S. Olsen, C. Fan, E. Tsou, and the Dry Grad Committee

SDSS 2019 DRY GRAD AGREEMENT

To provide for the safety, enjoyment, and reputation of the 2019 graduating class, Grads are asked to review the details of this Dry Grad Agreement and return to the school office, completed by grads and their parents, by Monday, May 24, 2019.

By signing below, students and parents are indicating that they understand the conduct expected at the Dry Grad Event on June 7 – June 8, 2019.

1. ALL GRADS MUST TRAVEL TO AND FROM DRY GRAD BY BUS – NO EXCEPTIONS. The Dry Grad Event begins on the bus at the Tsawwassen Springs parking lot at 9:30 pm and ends at the SDSS parking lot at approximately 4:00 am on June 8, 2019.

2. NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL PERMITTED

All Grads and their personal belongings will be subject to a search. All bags will be checked and any alcohol or illegal substances will be confiscated and not returned. Any Grads suspected of consuming alcohol or illegal substances will not be permitted to stay. They will be held in a safe, supervised area until their parent/guardian is able to pick them up.

3. Any Grad causing a disturbance will not be allowed to stay. They will be held in a safe, supervised area until their parent/guardian is able to pick them up.

4. Smoking and vaping are not permitted.

Grad Name (please print)

Grad Signature

Date.

Parent Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Contact Phone Number(s)

Parent Email

Medical Concerns

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, June 6, 2019

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM – Grads will drop off their clearly labelled garment bag, including hanger with a change of clothing, hoodie or light sweater and casual shoes to wear at dry grad. Grads will also be given a white t-shirt at clothing drop off to put into the garment bag.
Girls drop off-change rooms by west gym. Boys drop off-mezzanine.

Friday, June 7, 2019

4:15 PM - Students meet in West Gym for group photograph and to organize for the walk.

4:30 PM – Grad Walk begins (organized by teachers/staff at SDSS)

5:30 PM – After the Grad walk, Grads will proceed to Tsawwassen Springs for the Dinner/Dance (own transportation)

6:00 PM – Grads arrive at Tsawwassen Springs

7:00 PM – Dinner in the ballroom

8:30 PM – DJ and dancing in the ballroom

9:30 PM – Dinner & Dance ends and Grads transported by bus to SDSS to change for Dry Grad.
Grads will leave their formal clothes in garment bags to be picked up following dry grad.

All Grads must travel to and from the Dry Grad Event by bus, no exceptions.

11:00 PM – Arrival at Dry Grad party – Food, beverages, entertainment, and prizes throughout the evening.

3:00-3:30AM – Busses loaded for return to SDSS.

4:00 AM – arrival at SDSS – p/u garment bags and parent pick up.

All Grads must travel back to SDSS on the bus, no exceptions