



MISSION SECONDARY GRAD AND PROM NEWSLETTER

Grad Tea

All grads and their families are invited to attend a tea and social in the cafeteria at 4:00 p.m. on May 25th. This is an opportunity to see the grads in all their finery before they leave for Swan-E-Set. Please note that the bus loop will be closed to cars. Parking is available on 7th Avenue and at the Leisure Centre.

Transportation

Following the Grad Tea, busses will carry prom participants to Swan-E-Set. All graduates and their guests are **required** to use this service.

Prom

Prom is on May 25th at Swan-E-Set Golf and Country Club. As always, the school and Swan-E-Set have a strict policy regarding the use of alcohol and drugs. ***If any grad, or guest, is found in possession of, or to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the grad and guest will be removed from the event.*** Every year we receive positive remarks from the staff at Swan-E-Set regarding the behaviour of our grads in comparison to other schools and we are certain that this year will be no different.

Mrs. Grewal is organizing the prom seating arrangements. Only those students who have completed their Grad Portfolio should see her to choose their tables. The process will be outlined on the bulletin board outside the grad office.

Prom and Dry Grad Tickets

Grads may invite a guest to Prom but must request permission. Guest Pass Invitation Request Forms are available to students who are eligible to purchase prom tickets (please see note in bold printing below) at the main office and must be returned to Mr. Pearce no later than May 9th. Please remember that the grad's guest is the grad's responsibility; all school rules and Mission Public School district policies apply to this event and all person in attendance.

****All fees, academic and attendance concerns must be addressed and Grad Portfolio completed before tickets may be purchased****

Dry Grad

Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard this year to prepare for Dry Grad. This event is important as each year students have a wonderful and safe ending to their big night. We are still in need of parent volunteers to help with food, entertainment, security, prizes and decorations. Our next meeting dates are Thursday, April 26, May 3, and May 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Dry Grad is held at the school between 12:30 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., immediately following prom. Typically we have close to 100% participation by students for this event. Students not participating in Dry Grad must bring a permission form, signed by their parent/guardian, stating they are not going to attend. Additionally, the family must pick up their student at the school when the busses return from Swan-E-Set at approximately 12:30 a.m.

Outstanding Fees or Lost Books

Many grads have accumulated large amounts of monies owed for lost textbooks and fees over their years in attendance at Mission. **All payments received after May 4th must be made in cash, certified cheques or money order. Interac, Mastercard and Visa are available at the school.**

Commencement Ceremonies

Commencement ceremonies take place at the Clarke Foundation Theatre at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 7th. There are approximately 180 grads and given the seating capacity each graduate will be allowed three guest tickets to the ceremony. There is no charge for the tickets which may be picked up June 1st provided that all outstanding commitments and fees have been paid.

At the time of pick-up a student may put their name on a waiting list for extra tickets that may become available. These may be picked up by the student following the commencement rehearsal which is on June 1st. The tickets will be distributed in the main foyer of Mission Secondary. Extra tickets will be distributed in order, from the waiting list, and each student will receive only one ticket at a time. The list may be repeated depending on the number of extra tickets available. **Tickets must be presented at the door of the theatre.**

Valedictorian Nominations

Again this year there will be a female and a male graduate selected by the graduating class to represent the grads and pay their last homage to their public school journey. Nomination forms will be given to each student and must be returned to the office no later than May 4th.

Closing Thoughts

This is a special time for graduates and their families and Mission Secondary School wants to do everything possible to ensure that these planned events allow for a safe and joyous celebration.

Hardeep Grewal
Vice Principal, Grad Program
604-826-8431