



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 3:30 p.m. on May 12th. This is an opportunity to see the grads in all their finery before they leave for Newlands Golf and Country Club. 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 Newlands. All graduates and their guests are **required** to use this service.

Prom

Prom is on Saturday, May 12th Newlands Golf and Country Club in Langley. As always, the school and Newlands 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.**

Mrs. Waterson is organizing the prom seating arrangements. Only those students who have completed the following **5 criteria listed below** should see her to choose their tables after they have purchased a prom ticket. The process will be outlined on the bulletin board outside the Counselling Centre.

- 1) Completed their Grad Transitions
- 2) All fees paid and outstanding textbooks handed in
- 3) Met academic expectations
- 4) Turned in the Letter of Expectation form
- 5) Met attendance expectations

Prom 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 from Mrs. Waterson in the Counselling Centre and must be returned to Mrs. Waterson no later than April 20th. 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 persons in attendance. **Prom tickets may be purchased at a discount online for \$120 or at the payment window in the main office for \$130.**

Outstanding Fees or Lost Books

Many grads have accumulated large amounts of monies owed for lost textbooks and fees. These must be taken care of before prom tickets are purchased. **All payments received after April 20th must be made in cash, certified cheques, money order or School Cash Online. Interac, Mastercard and Visa are available at the school.**

Commencement Ceremonies

Commencement ceremonies take place at the Seven Oaks Alliance Church in Abbotsford on Saturday, June 23rd. There are approximately 355 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 13th at 8 a.m. in the front foyer provided that all outstanding commitments and fees have been paid, including a \$60 commencement fee.

At the time of pick-up students may put their name on a waiting list for extra tickets that may become available. These extra tickets may be picked up in the front foyer of Mission Secondary at 3:00 pm by the student on June 22nd. 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.

The mandatory commencement rehearsal is also on June 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at Seven Oaks Alliance Church, 2575 Gladwin Rd. Abbotsford (across from Seven Oaks Shopping Centre). Students can make their own way over to the rehearsal or there will be busses provided. If you would like to sign up for the bus, please see Mrs. Waterson in the Counselling Centre before June 15, 2018.

Tickets must be presented at the door of the venue.

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.

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