
HIGHLAND GRAD NEWSLETTER OCTOBER

Grad Dessert Evening

The first Grad event of the year is the Grad Dessert Evening and it is fast approaching. It takes place on Thursday, November 30th at 7:00 pm in the school gym. This is an opportunity for Grads and their parents to get together, share some desserts, enjoy some entertainment and raise some money towards future Grad events. There are several things parents can do to help make the event a success:

1. One of the highlights of the evening is Grad slide show. This is a presentation which shows photos of the Grads as babies and then their most recent school photo. This is always an audience favorite but requires lots of time to prepare. Thankfully, we have a student who has volunteered to create this slideshow. What she needs is a baby photo of your child; funny photos are great but lets try to ensure that the evening maintains it's PG rating. The preferred way to deliver the photos is by email: highlandbabyphotos2018@gmail.com with the photos in jpeg format. Alternatively, you can bring the photos to Stacey in the main office and she'll scan the photos for you. Crucial to the slideshow's success is getting the

photos in promptly therefore, we have a **deadline of November 17th** to get the photos submitted.

2. The Dessert Evening is lots of fun but it is also one of our major fundraisers with its 50/50 draws and Silent Auction. Our Silent Auction depends on donations from Grad Parents and local businesses. If you have something you'd like to donate to the Silent Auction or if you have a connection with a local business that can make a donation, could you please contact Kim Moore by email at kimmoore@shaw.ca or phone at 250-702-5529.
3. Lastly, we ask all families to bring a dessert for the evening. Please be mindful of how the dessert is to be served. Lots of desserts, although delicious, can be challenging to serve at such an event.

Burger & Beverage Evening

All parents and guardians of graduating Highland students are invited to our third annual "Burger and Beverage Evening" at The Prime Chophouse, Thursday, October 26th at 7 o'clock. This is a fundraiser for our graduating class and has proven to be one of our more popular Grad events for parents. The Prime provides us with the venue and a set menu with a portion of all orders going directly to our

Grads' fund raising efforts. In addition, we will be running 50/50 draws and have a silent auction. So, mark it on your calendar. Come by yourself and meet some new people, make it a date night or invite friends and neighbors, our only restriction is that it is a 19+ event so no students. Hope to see you then.

Q Points

If you at shop Quality Foods you can support the 2018 Highland Grad Class by donating your Q Points when you go shopping. Just mentioned to cashier that you'd like your points to go to the "Highland Graduation" account. These points will then be used to support upcoming Grad events.

Grad Photos

LifeTouch does our Grad Photos and they will be at the school December 4th to 8th. This year each Graduating student will be assigned a time for their sitting. Appointment times will be posted in a couple weeks for all to see. Anyone who needed to have a different time will need find a friend to switch with. We will notify all grads, parent and guardians once the schedule is available.

Grad Clothing

Grad 2018 clothing is now being designed and will soon be available for sale. This year Grad Council is planning a number of different garments for Grads to choose including: hoodies for \$48.00, sweatshirts for \$41.00, sweat pants for \$31 and even Grad socks for \$20. Sample sizes will soon be available in the office to ensure you've selected the correct size. Order forms and payment can all be taken care of in our main office beginning next week.

How to get involved as a Grad Parent

We have two parent committees which are working towards making this Grad year a huge success. These committees are the Executive Committee, which meets regularly and does the bulk of the planning of events, and the Work Crew, which is called on to set up and take down for specific events. If you'd like do have your name added to either of these groups please contact Dean Patterson at dean.patterson@sd71.bc.ca.

Also, we encourage parents to regularly visit our website <http://www.sd71.bc.ca/School/highland/Pages/default.aspx>

And particularly the Grad section <http://www.sd71.bc.ca/School/highland/Grad/Pages/default.aspx>.

Up Coming Dates

October 26th Burger & Beverage Evening at the Prime

November 30th Grad Dessert Evening

December 4-8th - Grad Photos

February 2nd - Grad Transitions Due

February 16th - Bursary information available

March 16th - Bursary Application Deadline

April 16th - Grad Fashion Show

June 2nd - Commencement Ceremony and After Grad Celebration

Please check the Highland website for updates. www.highlandsecondary.ca