

Please read this important message about your son/daughter's Graduation

Graduation Day is only two weeks away, Wednesday, June 28, 2017.

There is a mandatory **Grad Rehearsal Tuesday, June 27th starting at 4:30 pm** in our gym. Please ensure your son/daughter can attend this mandatory rehearsal. Please let us know if they can't by emailing brenda.hunt@sd71.bc.ca . If they won't be coming to the Grad Ceremony we need to know ASAP, so please call the school 250-334-2428.

If your son/daughter is in the **Grad Car Cruise** they need to be at the **Driftwood Mall by 3:30 pm**. Family and friends are invited to the Mall as well. Grads will leave the mall at 4:15 in a vehicle driven by a car club member or in a vehicle that they have provided information about to the school. Vehicles must be preregistered. Parents must sign the Grad Car Cruise Agreement before they can go in the parade.

The **Grad Group Photo** takes place at **5:00 pm in the gym**. The gym is closed to the public at this time. Grads then go to one of our foods labs to have appetizers and drinks before the ceremony and to receive their blue gown. They will then line up in homeroom order.

The Ceremony starts at 6:30 pm. Doors to the gym open at 5:30 pm.

Important: please note that your son/daughter will not be issued their **five (5) Grad Ceremony tickets (Grads do not need a ticket) until they have completed all the check list of items including the Exit Interview with their TA teacher**. The checklist is located in the office. They also need to have paid Grad Fees and other outstanding fees and library fines.

Only 40 Grads have picked up their tickets. Unfortunately, we MUST wait for all of the original 5 tickets to be picked up by ALL grads and tickets not needed must be returned before extra tickets can be distributed. We have limited seating per fire safety regulations.

The ceremony can be hot so you are advised to bring water. Grads are provided drinks and appetizers before the ceremony and will have a water bottle and snack

under their seat. If **specialized seating/parking** is required for medical purposes, you need to call our office **before Friday June 23rd**. **Reserved seating is provided only for VIP's and we appreciate your understanding.**

After the ceremony you are invited to a **reception** taking place in the area of your Grad's homeroom. The reception lasts about ½ hour and then grads and family are invited back to the gym for a **few dances**. Grads and their guests (**guests MUST be pre-authorized by Mr. Taylor and \$65 paid prior to Friday, June 23rd**) will then board buses to go to the **after-grad at Crown Isle**. They will be met by grade 11 parents until the grade 12 parent helpers arrive. At Crown Isle they will enjoy a **DRY AFTER-GRAD** where they will have dinner, a dance, a hypnotist act, a magician, a tarot card reader, a casino, karaoke, a silent auction, etc.

Grads must be **picked up by a parent or a preauthorized person at 3:15 am** at the Crown Isle Clubhouse. We need them to honour the principle of a Dry Grad and stay until 3:15 am.

If you signed up to help with grad and after-grad you will receive an email early next week. We are also looking for parent help to steam our grad gowns. Please contact the school if you can help with this.