

## Grad Ceremony and Dance Schedule of Events 2017/18



1. Grad ceremonies are scheduled for June 22 and the grad dance is June 23.
2. The final grad list will be posted outside the main office and on our web site by May 28<sup>th</sup>. Only those students whose names are on the list will be permitted to participate in our Grad ceremonies. It is the responsibility of students and parents to check the list and contact the school if they have any questions or concerns. Please don't assume that your name will automatically be added to the grad list.
3. Grad fees are set at \$180.00. This amount will need to be paid by June 1. Students who have participated in peer supervision this year will have their grad fees covered. Grads will also be required to pay all other outstanding school fees at this time. Grad fees cover expenses such as: the purchase of grad gowns, caps and tassels, group and individual grad picture, dvd of all grads getting their diploma on stage, rental of arena, clean-up costs, security, programs, food, music, decorations, year book, etc.
4. Here is a breakdown of the events for our grad ceremony:
  - a. Grad rehearsal at the arena on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 pm. All grads must attend this rehearsal and it will take approximately 1 hour. After our final grad list is published on May 27, we will assign 4 reserved seats per grad on the floor of the arena. This will be done by draw and 2 tickets will be issued to each grad and can be picked up at the office. Only people with tickets will be allowed on the floor. Ticket holders will use the side door to gain access to the arena floor.
  - b. Grads will meet at MSS at 5:00 pm on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will pick up their gowns and caps. This is also a good time for parents to take some pictures as we will be asking parents not to photograph at the ceremony. We will have Lifetouch portraits taking pictures of each grad as they cross the stage and accept the certificate. A DVD of all the pictures will be given to all grads.
  - c. Grads will then meet outside on our main field for a group picture on the bleachers.
  - d. After the picture, Grads will line up in our parking lot and at 6:40 pm, we will parade to the arena with our RCMP escort.
  - e. The ceremony will start at 7:00 pm at the arena. Seating on the floor will be reserved for parents. Two tickets to assigned seating will be given to each grad. Parents must present their tickets to be allowed to enter the floor area.
  - f. Extended family will not be allowed on the floor but can sit in the bleachers. Bleacher seating is on a first come first serve basis. Parents who wish to sit with their extended family are encouraged to sit in the bleachers. Come early to get a good spot — despite using a sound system, hearing can be a problem.
  - g. Grads do not have to return their gowns. They are part of their purchase made with grad fees.
5. Here is a breakdown of the events for the grad dance.
  - a. The Grad dance will take place on Saturday, **June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This entire event is being organized and run by our parent group. Students can assemble at Rotary Park for a photo op, meet and greet starting at 3:00 pm. If they are interested in participating in a "vehicle parade", the parade will start at 5:00 pm. **PLEASE PARK ACROSS THE STREET OR SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN ROTARY PARK OR THE CHURCH** as this is reserved for grads.
  - b. The "Grand Entry" begins at 6:00 p.m. Interested family members can find a suitable viewing spot near the front entrance. **PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE AT THE CIVIC CENTRE IS FOR GRADS ONLY.** Grads and escorts will be dropped in front of the Civic Centre main entrance. A speaker will announce your name and the name of your escort from the card you hand him. Students not participating in the parade should be at the Civic Centre by 6:00 p.m. to line up. As students enter the Civic Centre they will be able to pick up a light snack and drink to hold them over until the main venue is served at 8:00 p.m.
  - c. Only those guests with tickets will be permitted into the Civic Centre. Please note family/guests are able to interchange the tickets amongst themselves to enter the dance.
  - d. All parents and guests will be asked to leave the dance by 7:30 pm.
  - e. The dance will conclude at 12:00. All grads and their escorts will be asked to leave at that time.