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Grad Newsletter March, 2016

Important Dates and Times:

April 8	Deadline for Grad Gown measurement in the office
April 22	Nominations for Valedictorian, Historian etc. due to office
April 22	Grad write ups are due into the office
April 24	Valedictorian, Historian, Teacher Tribute presentations and student votes
May 6	Auditions for Grad entertainment and artwork review
May 13	Grad fee and other school fees deadline
May 20	Grad eligibility adjudication
June 2	Pick up Grad Gowns from the Beattie office
June 3	10:00 am. Grad Entertainment Rehearsal at Calvary
June 3	3:00 Individual and large group photos at TBA
June 3	5:00 Banquet for students, parents & faculty at Calvary
June 3	7:00 Commencement for students, family, friends & faculty
June 18	Dry Grad activities

Graduation Requirements

In order to be eligible to participate in the June Commencement Ceremony, a student must be completing graduation requirements by the end of his or her grade 12 year. At mid way through the second semester, there will be an adjudication of any students in grade 12 with failing grades. Administration, in consultation with counsellors and teachers, will conduct this process. Failing students will be warned formally as part of this process. Students will have until May 20 to improve any failing marks. Students who are still failing at this point will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement ceremony or the banquet.

As well, students need to have successfully completed at least 80% of any on-line courses by this deadline. Please note that ***Grad Transitions*** and ***Planning 10*** are compulsory courses for graduation and must, therefore, also be completed by May 20! Please contact Mrs. Hamblett if you have any questions regarding your eligibility.

Grad Gown Measurements

Students will be measured for their grad gowns. Please come down to the office by Friday, April 8 at the latest to report your height to Ms. Scheidegger. (We can measure you in the office).





Grad Photos

There will be a photo session scheduled for June 3 just before the banquet. The location for these individual and group photos will be at the Japanese Gardens at Riverside Park. Students will be asked to be there by 2:45 pm. Students are to arrive with their grad gowns on and individual pictures will be taken with their diplomas. A group picture will then be taken of the entire class in their formal dress. Please ensure you are not late for this! Students will then make their way to the Calvary church when the group photo is done.

Commencement and the Banquet – Friday, June 3

The Calvary Community Church is booked from 5-9 pm and can sit 1000 people in the Sanctuary for Commencement, so tickets are not limited for this part of the program.

I have set up the evening to start with the banquet which includes the grads, their parents/guardians and faculty for 5:00. (This will be catered at a cost of \$35 per person). The facility will then be open for family and friends for commencement which is the formal recognition of students as they are greeted by administration and district staff. Please note, student grad fees include 1 ticket for the grad. Students must then purchase tickets for their parents/guardians at the office at \$35 each.

Commencement with Art & Entertainment!



Because we are a relatively small group with a very specialized educational experience, students will be given the opportunity to showcase some of their accomplishments from their area of focus at Beattie School of the Arts. Please consider displaying some of your art, reciting a poem, or singing a song that demonstrates excellence in arts education.

Students will be asked to present their artwork and performance pieces to the office by Monday, May 6 for review and feedback.

Scholarships and Bursaries

The deadline for most scholarships and bursaries is May 1!! Make sure you apply for as many of these as you can. The successful candidates will be announced at our School Awards ceremony in June.



Valedictorian, Historian and Teacher Tribute for this year

Students will submit their nomination forms into the office by Friday, April 22. Selections will be made in part by the grad class as well as the faculty. Those who have submitted nomination forms will have a chance to present their ideas as well as a rationale for why they should be picked for each of these positions. This will take place during A major block on April 22.

Costs Associated with Grad

Grad fees for this year are \$150. This fee includes

- All commencement costs: decoration, the gown rental, a memento grad cap and tassel, and diploma
- All banquet costs: the meal for the grad, decorations , and rental of the hall
- Photography: a professional 5X7 photo of each grad with their diploma, a large 8X10 photo of the entire class as well as a large composite photo of individual classmates.

A number of students have already paid their grad fees. You can do this at the Beattie office. Please remember that **all school fees** as well as Grad fees must be paid before **May 13** in order to eligible for participation in Commencement and the Banquet.