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Dear Grads, Parents and Guardians,

As we are wrapping up the 2020-2021 school year, we look forward to celebrating your graduation with you. As outlined in our previous letter in May, we had been looking at a few options to help celebrate this special moment. Last week the Department of Education sent out some guidelines for graduation ceremonies. The scenario that best falls within these guidelines is the 'drive in' scenario.

- 1) Drive-In Graduation Ceremony: This is a well thought out proposal from our grade twelves. It will be held on June 24th at 1:00pm. This is a rain or shine date. It will be held in the Meadow Lea Hall parking lot. We are anticipating roughly 2 ½ hours to hand out all of the diplomas. In order to adhere to public health orders, the following details will be implemented:
 - a. Due to very limited space, we will only be allowed to have one car per graduate. In the case of graduates who come from multiple household families, please call the school to make additional arrangements. Only participants from the same household can be in the same vehicle.
 - b. Vehicles will be separated by 2 meters. Windows and sunroofs may be open, but doors and trunks will remain closed.
 - c. Graduates will be responsible for decorating their own car.
 - d. Sound will be available through an FM transmitter.
 - e. Please choose your vehicle wisely. We will be lined up in rows of 5 cars, alphabetically. Cars will move forward one at a time to drop their graduate off to cross the stage, ensuring the graduate's household will be at the front when their graduate crosses the stage. A graduate's family may step directly outside of their vehicle to take photos. At all other times people must remain in their vehicles. As a row of graduates are complete, rows will move forward. We will prepare a short demo and send it out so families have an idea of how this will work. In order for all to see, please do not bring trucks or large vehicles.
 - f. Speeches will be very limited, there will be a welcome from the school and the Valedictorian address. All other speeches and photo presentations will be virtual with a link sent to graduates after the ceremony.
 - g. Caps and gowns will be picked up before the ceremony on June 23rd or 24th. Please watch TEAMS for updated information. Gowns will be handed in as grads have crossed the stage. Please note that the only opportunity to take photos in the grad gown will be between the pick-up time of the gown and the

handing over of the diploma. After students have received their diploma they will immediately hand in their grad gown. Then there will be an opportunity to take a photo in your formal attire before you exit the stage. Please dress accordingly.

- h. Washrooms in the Meadow Lea Hall will be available for use, being cleaned before, during and after the ceremony. Masks and social distancing of 2 meters are mandatory. Capacity will be limited.
- i. Decorating of the stage is presently being planned. If you have any ideas or props we can use, please let us know.

The grad fee of \$40 is past due, so please ensure you have brought your \$40 to the office.

A huge thank you to our grads who have had one of the most difficult school years in recent history. Instead of disengaging, our grads used their critical thinking skills to figure out a way to celebrate as a group. The skills and attitude we've seen you display make us confident that you are well prepared for whatever your future will hold. Thank you for all that you do.

If you have any questions regarding the above details, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Schutz, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Oliver or myself.

Take care,

Mrs. Perrella