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Principal's Message! June 3, 2021

Hello Graduates, Parents and Guardians,

We will have our graduation ceremony on June 25 between 3:45PM and 7:30PM. We will follow alphabetical order based on last name. We will follow the Provincial Guidelines to make sure that we provide a safe Graduation event. In order to limit gatherings, you will receive a parking arrival time. When it is your time to enter the main entrance, you will then be directed to proceed. The graduate and 4 guests will enter together and proceed as directed by the Seaton staff to maintain physical distancing throughout the time in the school.

You will be able to see the graduate walk across the stage in the theatre with your group of 4 guests. You will then exit the theatre and enter the gym where there will be decorated backdrops and photo opportunities with your group of 5 only. You will then exit the building and return directly to your vehicles and enjoy the rest of the evening, making way for the next families to have the parking space. Please be aware that we cannot have gatherings outside of Seaton before or after the ceremony. We are hoping that the schedule will flow nicely and it should take approximately 30 minutes. Additional details will follow with your allotted arrival time.

We will livestream the event so that those who are unable to attend will be able to watch remotely. This event will be recorded and you will receive a link to watch the ceremony after as well.

We will also have a Grade 12 Field Trip to Gardom Lake on June 15. The activities will include a climbing wall, a high ropes course, archery, canoeing, laser tag and cooperative games. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Activities will be done according to their Cohort Groups after the Quarter Flip. I have attached the Field Trip Consent Form to participate in this activity. You can send this back to school with your graduate or fill out the online form to give permission.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ferrZQAhhb>

We also have some students who have not indicated their participation in the Graduation Ceremony. We ask that each graduate fill out the survey to help us plan the Graduation Ceremony and our Grad Field Trip. When we receive this information we will be able to provide greater detail of the Graduation Ceremony times. Our Graduation day is scheduled for June 25.

Here is the survey that we ask each graduate to fill out.

<https://forms.office.com/r/47N4NzvvkL>

Here are the guidelines established by the Public Health Authority that we will follow for our Ceremony.

- Spectators (e.g. family members) can only participate in-person in accordance with the Gathering and Events Order (see options below).
- Staff and participants must follow all other required safety measures in the K-12 Health & Safety Guidelines (e.g. stay at home when sick, physical distancing, frequent hand hygiene, masks, etc) during ceremony planning and day-of activities.
- No additional social activities beyond the ceremony itself are allowed (e.g. no dinners, dances, parties, etc).
Ceremony organizers should emphasize the risks of informal social gatherings in their communications, in addition to promoting adherence to public health measures.
- If indoors, students may temporarily remove their mask while receiving their diploma (e.g. crossing the stage) and while being photographed, provided they maintain physical distance from those outside their household.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PLUS IN-PERSON SPECTATORS

- Only the individual student, their guests, and staff running the ceremony are present.

Max. 4 guests (plus additional children under 12 that require supervision) allowed per student. For indoor ceremonies, guests should be members of the students' household(s) or someone who lives on their own but regularly interacts with the occupants of the household(s).

- Gathering and crowding must be prevented at all times, in the school and on the school grounds.

Schedule individual ceremonies throughout the day/week.

Stage students and their guests, to ensure groups do not gather and there is at least 2M physical distance between different groups (and within groups, if not members of the same household).

Minimize the number of guests onsite at any given time. Guests should be reminded to only arrive at the school just prior to their scheduled ceremony, and to leave as soon as their ceremony is complete.

If you need additional assistance, please send me an email to jhuggins@sd22.bc.ca.

We appreciate your support.

Thank you,

Jeff Huggins
Principal

