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Dear Argyle Graduates & Families,

I hope this email finds you well. This graduation newsletter has important information regarding our 2020 Virtual Graduation Ceremony held in the Gordon Smith Gallery in the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Avenue).

We have finalized the details and the scheduling for the arrival of your graduate(s) to the Education Services Centre for photographs and video recording in the **Gordon Smith Gallery on Friday May 29th**. Our schedule is included with this message. In order to adhere to the Provincial Health Office's direction regarding groups and social distancing, it is critical that graduates arrive as scheduled. If your name is not on the schedule please contact me via email at kjonat@sd44.ca.

To ensure the safety of students and staff, please keep the following in mind:

1. Graduates will **need to arrive at their designated time**. Schools have carefully scheduled when students are on site to allow for safe physical distancing. There will be students arriving before and after you, in shifts, until the end of the day. **Large group gatherings will not be permitted.**
2. Students are asked to stay home if feeling ill. An alternate time can be scheduled for when they are feeling better. If the alternate time does not work then we will use a photo of the graduate for the virtual ceremony.
3. Parents are asked to drive their graduates to allow for arrival at their designated time and pull over in front of the Education Services Centre (west side of Lonsdale Avenue, between West 22nd and West 21st). A temporary loading zone will be clearly marked, and a parking attendant will escort your student to the filming entrance. **Parents are asked to remain in their car, drive away from the loading zone, and return once their student is finished filming.** Students who need to drive themselves must park in the underground parking lot in the limited designated spots on P1. They will be directed to take the stairs to the filming entrance. Students should bring their own umbrella if it's raining.
4. Students need to arrive camera ready in their formal wear (or whatever you choose to wear) for their formal photo. Grad gowns need to fit over the formal wear and there are no change rooms available.
5. Students will proceed into the Gordon Smith Gallery to dress in their cap and gown and will cross the stage, where photos and video will be taken.

6. Students will be provided with a 5x7 copy of both these photos at a later date and will have the opportunity to download additional copies.

7. Students will leave in their cap and gown, which will be theirs to keep for future photos if they choose.

Grad Ceremony Viewing

The release date of the final production will be announced by the School District soon and we look forward to sharing in the experience with our graduates and their friends and families in late June! Note, the virtual ceremony will not air the same day that the grad ceremony was originally scheduled for as the Grad Ceremonies across the NVSD will be aired on the same evening.

There are a few other grad items I would like to draw your attention to.

Grad Fees:

Refunds will be processed for anyone who purchased convocation tickets. There are two other grad fees – “Grad – Gown Rental” and “Grad Fee”.

Given recent changes we will be refunding the Grad Gown fee, \$10, and are able to include this in the General Grad Fee for this year.

Grad Fee - \$65 – This fee covers the grad cap & gown which your child will keep, offsets some of the costs for the virtual ceremony, honor cords, awards, and decorations at the Grad Dinner Dance events and Grad Ceremony. Thank-you to all who have paid.

Please log on to School Cash Online to pay if you have not done so.

Valedictorian

We had many strong applicants for Valedictorian this year! It is my pleasure to announce that the Valedictorian for Argyle’s Grad Class of 2020 is **Jake Rubin**.

We have included many elements of a traditional grad and will be emailing a programme to families just prior to the viewing.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at kjonat@sd44.ca.

I encourage you to read the attachment on an initiative organized by one of our Grad Parents about lawn and hanging signs for graduating students.

Stay well,



Kim Jonat
Principal