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HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY SCHOOL



April 25th 2020

Dear Handsworth Families:

Firstly, my sincere apologies as information regarding our virtual Graduation and request for grad write-ups was sent out prematurely and contained tentative information about dates – we recognize this may have caused confusion – apologies.

Please find below specific, and important, details pertaining to the virtual Handsworth Graduation Ceremony.

I hope all families of graduates have now had an opportunity to read the letter from Superintendent Pearmain sent on Friday April 24th, 2020. As Superintendent Pearmain indicated, we are working to create a virtual graduation celebration for each of our secondary schools that will be unique to Grad 2020 in the North Vancouver School District. The school district has negotiated a contract with GradsBC to record a virtual grad ceremony and produce a highlight video for each of our secondary schools. While we know this is far from what we were planning, we are excited to be able to capture the special moment for all our graduates in an innovative and timeless manner!

The filming for our 300+ Handsworth graduates will happen over two days. At this time, and as we have tweeted out, we will ask you to please “save the date” for **Monday May 25th and Tuesday May 26th**. We are working out the specific details of scheduling students over the coming week, but expect to be scheduling students alphabetically by last name and for filming to occur from approximately 11am – 8pm on Monday May 25th and Tuesday May 26th at the Education Services Center, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue.

Students will be scheduled to arrive at the ESC at **pre-arranged times** and in small groups so we are in compliance with the orders of the Provincial Health Officer. We will ask that graduates arrive to the ESC “camera ready” in their formal outfit. Students will be photographed in their formal outfit and also in their cap/gown on stage. In the event that your child(ren) can not attend the scheduled time due to a conflicting commitment that can not be re-scheduled, we will endeavour to re-schedule the time. It is important to note that our filming is limited to the two scheduled days.

As we normally do, students will be provided with their own keepsake cap/gown/tassel for walking across the stage. If you have purchased a gown, it will be available along with the cap and tassel at the ESC on the day of filming. If your child(ren) did not purchase a gown, and have one, we will ask that they please bring the gown with them and we will provide the cap and tassel. If you have not paid your graduation fees, we will ask that you please do as soon as possible and will be sending out a reminder to those families.

Over the coming weeks, we will be planning the finer details of the ceremony and will send out updates as they become available. For now, please work with your child to complete the [Grad Write-Up](#) and I look forward to seeing all our graduates cross the stage next month!

Sincerely,

Rupi Samra-Gynane, Principal

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