



Sutherland Secondary School

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Dear Graduates of 2018. It is hard to believe that roughly a third of the school year has already passed! As always, your graduation year is a time to reflect on your current learning situation and your preparation for life after high school. In a world that seems to gain more complexity with every passing year, students have to think and plan their next steps carefully. For some, it might be to attend a post-secondary institution next fall, for others, a plan to work or travel. Regardless, there exists much opportunity – it's a matter of pursuing your interests and following your passions.

As well, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the manner in which this year's graduating class has contributed to setting a positive school environment by providing a positive attitude and strong leadership to school life and learning. I would encourage you to continue to stay involved and if you aren't there is still time for you to contribute to the school community.

As we move into December at the end of this week, keep in mind we are in class until the 22nd of December and when we return in January, there are only two weeks of classes before final assessments begin! Be aware of the tight timeline around courses ending and exams, particularly should your mark not be where you had expected it to be.

A reminder that every year many Sutherland graduating students receive scholarships and bursaries at the June convocation ceremony. **To be considered for scholarship and bursary opportunities, grade 12's students must submit a completed Sutherland Scholarship and Bursary Form.** The form has many questions as the criteria for each scholarship and bursary varies. There is a draft form available on the portal to download. The form will take time to complete thoroughly so students are encouraged to start working on it now if they haven't already. **The deadline for completing this form is December 22nd, 2017.**

The Application Form and information about scholarship and bursary opportunities can be found on the school's portal under Ms. Turner's classes: "2017-18 Scholarship Information". Completing the application form is a required assignment for all students enrolled in Planning 12, however we are aware that some students are taking this course elsewhere. All students, regardless of where they are completing Planning 12, **are required to fill out this form if they want to be considered for a scholarship or bursary.**

Students are also encouraged to join the Sutherland Scholarship and Bursary Club. Any student in Grade 12 may join this group of students who meet every third Thursday at lunch with Ms. Turner and Mr. Nevison to become informed about the many opportunities for awards and bursaries available to Sutherland grads. Assistance with the writing of applications is also available.

If you have any questions about the Application Form or Scholarships/Bursaries please see Ms. Turner in the library.

A reminder that Grad Photo sessions take place on December 3rd and 4th at Artona Studios in Vancouver. Students must contact Artona directly to book their photo time slot. Please visit the following website to book an appointment: <https://artona.com/schools/SUTH/programs/graduation>

Lastly, the date for the Sutherland Grad Winter Formal is Thursday, January 25 at the North Vancouver Pinnacle Hotel. Tickets are \$90.00 and will be on sale soon. Other important dates for your calendar are: The Grad Ceremony – Tuesday, June 12th, 2018 and the Grad Banquet – Saturday, June 16th, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ray Bodnaruk', written in a cursive style.

Ray Bodnaruk
Principal.