



### Dr. Charles Best 2019 Graduation

Graduation 2019! I cannot believe this year is almost over and this class is almost ready to move on to the next chapter of their journey. This Saturday we will celebrate with them at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel – downtown Vancouver. Please remind your son/daughter to have a safe evening and make good decisions. Hotel security is very strict, and we would not want any of our grads to be refused entry to their Grad Dinner Dance. The venue is spectacular, and they want to protect it as well we want to preserve our excellent reputation with them. They will confiscate anything that they do not want our students in possession of in their building i.e., vape paraphernalia, drugs or alcohol, etc. Please help us ensure this weekend goes well for everyone. Following the Dinner Dance the Grads will make their way to After Grad which will be held at Dr. Charles Best Secondary. Doors open at midnight and close at 1 am – 4 am. Grads must be present throughout the entire After Grad in order to win one of the many outstanding prizes.

I am certain the preparation and excitement leading up to this weekend has consumed many of our grads and their families for the past few weeks – maybe even months! I know our teacher sponsors: Ms. Thomas, Ms. John and Mr. House have been working and planning all year for these events to be very special and memorable for all. Please remind your child to be thankful to these people for their outstanding efforts. I know the After-Grad Committee of Parents have also been working hard all year fundraising and planning for this weekend. Thank you to Mrs. Verones and her team for all of their work to make this year's After Grad so excellent. Grads, I encourage you to thank all of the people who have volunteered their time to make these events so special for you.

We know that the local RCMP detachments are aware of the various grad camping events that are planned for the many campgrounds. Please know that 'other people' out there are also aware that there are many teenagers camping during this time without supervision. Please remind your child to be safe, drive safe, plan, be aware and be SMART! We love all of them and we do not want anything to happen to them.

Commencement is June 13<sup>th</sup> at the classy Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver. Our Commencement Rehearsal is tomorrow (Thursday, June 6) during period 5. **All grads must attend.** At the conclusion of the rehearsal the grads will receive their Grad Gown, V-stole and grad cap/tassel. Please make sure your child arrives at the theatre on Commencement Night (Thursday, June 13) with all the pieces to their grad gown. Thank you.

Again, congratulations to our Grads! Have a safe and wonderful weekend and keep it all in perspective! Sincerely, Ms. Heather Murphy