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A Tradition of Excellence

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Dear Grade 12 Parents and Guardians,

Re: Grade 12 Grad Transitions Exit Interviews on Friday, April 26, 2013

In order for grade 12s to graduate in June 2013, the British Columbia Ministry of Education requires that all students complete the Graduation Transitions 12 course. If any of the 4 written assignments or the exit interview is not completed, students will not graduate and will not receive their Dogwood Diploma.

At Port Moody our students have been working with their Phoenix teachers in grade 10, 11 and 12 to complete all aspects of the Graduation Transition 12 course. There are 5 requirements for this self-paced course.

Written Requirements

1. Graduation Transitions Planning Booklet
2. Resume
3. Cover Letter
4. 30 hours work experience OR volunteer experience

Exit Interview: Friday, April 26, 2013

5. Grade 12 Exit Interview

For this interview, all students will prepare a 10-15 minute presentation and then answer some questions. They will give this presentation to a panel of 2 teachers and possibly a member of the community. The interviews are scheduled throughout the day on April 26th from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. During their presentation students are to include these three areas:

- Who are you? What are some experiences that you have had that have shaped who you are today?
- What do you plan on doing next year and in the near future?
- Why have you made those choices? Can you make connections between your past experiences and your plans for the future?

A schedule has been created for the interviews and the lists are posted outside of the Graduation Transitions office (Room 3055), the main office and the Career Resource Room. Students should plan to arrive 15-30 minutes before their scheduled interview time. It is strongly recommended that they are well prepared for their interview.

Some students create a PowerPoint, a poster, graphic organizer, notes or picture book to use as a prompt. Others bring in a musical instrument or a recording to demonstrate their musical talents. Some students bring certificates, ribbons, uniforms or other items that represent activities over their school career. Some students share stories of some significant or unique event that changed their life directions, views on life, or goals. Everyone should bring in items that illustrate important events in their lives and practice their presentations at home before April 26th. We wish everyone the best in their presentation.

If you have any questions about the Graduation Transitions Program you are welcome to contact Ms. Jensen at kjensen@sd43.bc.ca, Mr. Bolognese dbolognese@sd43.bc.ca or Ms. Joni Tsui jtsui@sd43.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

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