



Dear PMSS 2021 Graduates & Parents,

COVID-19 safety protocols continually require significant alterations to all aspects of our school-based activities and events. As there have been no changes to the [PHO order](#) on events and social gatherings, we currently are unable to plan for something resembling the typical graduation and commencement activities many of you hope for and deserve.

Our staff, Student Grad Council, and Parent Graduation Committee have been making preliminary plans for a June event similar to last year. While we are committed to adjusting plans if new PHO updates are presented in the late spring, we do need to manage our expectations and acknowledge that we can not plan based on predictions, nor can we repeatedly amend set plans into June. In late April / early May we will proceed based on the health information we have at the time and host a June program approved by the District Leadership team in compliance with district and provincial requirements.

Soon after the return from Spring Break, families will receive more frequent information and updates to our Grad plans. For the months of February and March we ask for your support in addressing the initial practical aspects of our planning by participating in the following.

Parents:

- Join the Parent Graduation Committee by emailing Shirley McQueen: [shirley.mcqueen@shaw.ca](mailto:shirley.mcqueen@shaw.ca)
- Consider donating to the PAC Donation account (open on School Cash Online) to provide the committee a discretionary account to plan for enhancements to the event.
- Support the various fundraisers advertised (ex. Me N Ed's pizza night)
- Pay the posted \$20.00 Grad Fee by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This cost is primarily for the expense of the Cap n Gown (yours to keep). Other expenses such as programs, certificates, photography, and staging will be paid for by the school, parent donations and fundraising.

Students:

- By **Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, complete the [survey](#) sent to the Grad Class 2021. This survey collects gown sizing and your 'crossing the stage' comment.
- Provide feedback to the Student Grad Council when surveys are sent out.
- Ensure your graduation requirements are on track, current fees paid and any outstanding Q1/Q2 textbooks and/or library materials are returned.

We appreciate your understanding and patience.

Sincerely,

Glen Conley