2013 Colonel Gray Graduation Memo
Important Dates and Information for Graduating Students

Student Services Department Notes:

- Grads please indicate what post secondary schools you want to have your transcripts send to. There is a $1.00 charge for each transcript.
- Student Awards for School Spirit, Outstanding Achievement, Initiative Perseverance, Effort, etc. are chosen by the staff each year. Each student is asked to consider the award and self-nominate if they feel that they have strived for excellence in the based on the criteria.
- Graduates are asked to bring in a photocopy of any scholarships and awards they have received and exactly what they are accepting to Student Services. Only accepted offers will be acknowledged at graduation.
- Grads, you should have had your picture taken by Life Touch photography so you will be included in the Grad Composite. If not, please contact Rick at 940-6543 to make arrangements for a sitting.

Thursday, June 6, 2013 Homeroom Meeting 9:00 to 9:25

- Grads purchase Prom Bracelets for $13.00. Bracelets will also be available for purchase at noon and after school from the main office. Prom tickets will be $18.00 after Friday, June 7.
- Students with exempt status choose exams that they will exempt.
- School Cash statements and unreturned items information are provided to students.
- All library books are to be returned to Mrs. Profit.
- Outstanding fees must be paid on-line through School Cash or at the main office.

Friday, June 7, 2013 - Last Day of regular classes for graduating students:

- Students clean out lockers and return locks to homeroom teachers.
- Textbooks must be returned to subject teachers on the last day of classes or on the day of the exam.

Monday, June 10 – Monday, June 17, 2013 – Grade 12 Final Examinations:

- Examinations will be written in designated classrooms as per the exam schedule on the Colonel Gray website at http://www.edu.pe.ca/gray/
- It is Colonel Gray policy that exams are to be written on the day they are scheduled. Only in extenuating circumstances such as illness (with medical note) or bereavement are exams re-scheduled.
- Permission to rewrite at a different time must be requested by the parent and obtained from Mr. Cole prior to the scheduled exam time.

Tuesday, June 18 - Graduation Dance and Prom - Memorial Hall at the Confederation Centre

- 7:30 - Graduates arrive for an outside gathering and group picture on the steps of Province House. The picture will be available online to students that would like a copy. If the weather is bad, activities will move to the lower lobby.
- 7:45 - Grads and quests enter the dance through the staff receiving line in the amphitheatre. Each Grad is introduced to the crowd as they enter the dance.
- 9:00 - Doors to the dance close. No one is admitted or readmitted after 9:00 p.m.
- Prom Details:
  - Guests (dates), tuxedos, gowns, are not expected or required. Just dress up and be there.
  - All students eligible to graduate in 2013 or who will complete the requirements by the end of the 1st semester 2014 can attend the prom.
  - Guests must be “school age” (less than 21 years old) or have special permission from Mr. Whitrow.
Some teachers and students are hosting a Prom Spa at the school for any grad that would like to have their hair and make-up done and prep for the prom. First come, first serve, contact emblaize@edu.pe.ca to reserve a spot.

The Prom Dance is a drink and drug free school event, school rules apply. Breath strips will be used randomly or if drinking is suspected. Grads are responsible for themselves and their guest’s behavior. If drinking or drug use is suspected, parents will be contacted, and the grad and guest will be removed from the dance and will not be allowed to participate in Safe Grad.

Friday, June 21 – Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Students arrive at the school and meet with their homeroom teacher.
  • If all fees have been paid, textbooks, library books, and other items have been returned the student picks up their final report card and goes to be fitted for a gown.
  • If there are any unpaid fees or outstanding items, the student reports to room 209 to pay fees and return the items and settle accounts. The student then returns to homeroom to pick up their report card.
  • The Report Card must be presented in the gown room to confirm that accounts are settled. Accounts must be settled before a gown is fitted.
  • Gown rooms are located in rooms 210, 213, 214, and 215. Students are fitted with a gown and it is marked so the student can pick it up at 6:15 p.m. prior to the graduation service on June 24, 2013.
- 1:00 p.m. Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal

Monday, June 24, 2013 - Graduation Day
- Dress formally, girls, wear a dress, skirt, dress pants, blouse. Boys, dress pants, shirt and tie, dress shoes. Bring a change of clothes to wear during safe grad, a jacket and long pants are usually nice to have at Sandspit.
- 6:15 p.m. – Grads pick up and put on their grad gowns at the school.
- 6:30 p.m. - Grads assemble on school’s front walkway in preparation for the Celebration Service and then walk as group over to the church.
- 6:45 p.m. - The Celebration Service is held at Holy Redeemer Church. The program is presented by the grads in music, poems, and stories. Parents are invited and usually enjoy this lighthearted service with the grads.
- 7:30 p.m. – Grads load into the busses and proceed from church parking lot directly to the Chi-Wan Young Sports Centre at UPEI. All graduates will travel as a group by bus to U.P.E.I. and return by bus to Colonel Gray after the ceremony. (no cars are to be taken)
- 7:40 p.m. – Grads line up for the procession in the U.P.E.I. MacLauchlan Arena Lobby
- 8:00 p.m. – The Graduation Ceremony begins.
- 10:30 p.m. – Grads load the busses (no cars) and return to the school. The Safe Grad party has officially started.
  • Grads enter the school; return their gown to a hanger and on the rack in the gown rooms and change into comfortable safe grad clothes.
- 11:10 p.m. – Grads meet in the gym to eat. Free pizza, pop, ice cream, more. Gym games begin, prizes are won.
- 1:00 a.m. The hypnotist performs in the Lecture Theatre and the grads entertain.
- 2:30 a.m. – Grads load the busses and travel to Sandspit amusement park for unlimited rides.
- 5:00 a.m. Grads and teachers starting to get tired now, load busses.
- 5:20 a.m. Breakfast at the school! Pancakes, juice, fruit, yogurt, everyone awake again.
- 6:00 a.m. Tired again, go home. Safe Grad over. Good times. Public school completed.