

MEMORANDUM

To: Graduates & Their Parents/Guardians
From: Kevin Whitrow, Principal
Date: May 27, 2011

The following is the schedule of events and instructions for graduates, which we hope you will find helpful. It is our hope and our commitment that your graduation activities be successful and most memorable for each of you.

June 9 (Thursday) - Last Day of Grade 12 Classes:

Attendance on June 9 is required to maintain exemption status.

Students are asked to clean out lockers and return locks to homeroom advisors.

In order to receive their report card and be fitted for the gown students are reminded:

- 1) **All library books are to be returned to Mrs. Profit by June 9th.**
- 2) **Textbooks must be returned to subject teachers on the day of the exam.**
- 3) **Outstanding fees must be paid to Ms. Fleming as soon as possible.**

Please make sure these arrangements have been completed before the grad rehearsal on Tuesday, June 21st.

June 10 - 20 - Final Examinations:

Grade 12 examinations will be written in designated classrooms as per the exam schedule at 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 BEFORE an exam begins.

Thursday, June 16 - Graduation Dance:

Students are reminded that tuxedos or gowns are NOT required dress for this dance. Tickets for the dance will be sold to grade twelve students who meet the following criteria:

1. All students who will graduate in June 2011
2. Students who will meet graduation requirements by January 2011

Students who do not meet the criteria can only attend the Grad Dance as a guest of a graduate. Prom is for students who are graduating this year, if you are unsure of your eligibility to attend the prom, please see Ms. Fleming.

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Bracelets are \$13.00 each and will be on sale Monday, June 6th and Tuesday June 7th. Last day for the early rate will be Wednesday, June 8th during Block A class. Last minute bracelets will be available from Mrs. Costello **one time only** on Tuesday, June 14th between 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. **or** 2:30 - 3:30 in the Bio Lab. The dance bracelets will cost an additional \$5 at this time (\$18.00).

Please note that all graduates are very welcome, and a date is NOT required in order for the graduate to attend this dance. A number of graduates will come unaccompanied.

The dance takes place in Memorial Hall at the Confederation Centre between 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Doors close at 10:00 P.M. Entrance will be from the Richmond Street (Victoria Row) at the outdoor amphitheatre. There will be a receiving line between 8:45 - 9:30 p.m. and, as students arrive, they will be announced if they so choose. Please write your name (and guest's) on your ticket. Any students leaving the dance will not be readmitted. Group picture will take place at 8:30 p.m. on the front steps of Province House, if you want in the picture please be on time. The picture will be available online to students that would like a copy.

Parents are welcome to come to take photographs at the outdoor amphitheatre. In case of inclement weather, all of the activities will be moved inside in the lower lobby.

The Graduation Dance is a chem-free activity. Procedures and policies for the Prom will be consistent with previous school dances, including advance sale of tickets and random breath strip testing. Any student or guest who attempts to carry liquor or drugs into the dance or arrives at the dance in an improper condition, will be refused admittance. If during the dance it appears a student or guest is under the influence, they will be removed from the dance and graduate's parents will be contacted to escort their son/daughter and guest from the event. **In either case the graduating student will forfeit his/her opportunity to attend Safe-Grad on June 22nd.**

Tuesday, June 21 - Report Cards, Rehearsal, Gowns:

Graduates may pick up their report cards in Room 101 during the period of 9am -12pm. Students must return/pay for lost books and/or pay outstanding fees in Room 101 before they can receive their report card and proceed to the top south quadrant - Rooms 210, 213, 214, or 215, to be fitted for their gown. **Students will not receive a report card or their gown until all accounts have been settled.** Gowns will be marked with your name for easy identification. All gowns remain at the school until the student picks them up prior to the Graduation Celebration and Exercise.

Final transcripts will not be issued from Student Services if there are outstanding fees and/or unreturned books.

Grad rehearsal will start at **1:00pm sharp** in the Cafeteria.

Wednesday, June 22 - Graduation Exercises:

Dress - (Women) - Dress, skirt & blouse, or dress pants & blouse
(Men) - Dress pants, shirt & tie (jacket optional)

6:15 Pick up grad gowns in assigned rooms at the school.

6:30 Assemble on school's front walkway in preparation for the Service of Celebration and then proceed to church.

6:45 The Service of Celebration, this year, will be at Holy Redeemer Church. Parents are also most welcome to attend this special service.

7:30 Load busses and proceed from church directly to U.P.E.I. Centre (Field House). All graduates will travel by bus to U.P.E.I. and return by bus to Colonel Gray after the ceremony. (no cars are to be taken)

7:45 Line up for procession in the U.P.E.I. MacLauchlan Arena Lobby

7:55 Procession begins

8:00 Graduation Ceremony at U.P.E.I. Sports Centre (Field House)

10:15 (Approximately) Reception For Graduates and Families/Guests

10:50 (Approximately) Students will proceed back to the school by bus. They will return gowns to assigned rooms at Colonel Gray. (Please place your gown on a hanger and place on rack.) There will be time provided for students to change into comfortable clothing for the Chem Free Event.

11:10 (Approximately) Graduates will meet in the cafeteria for free pizza, Safe Grad polls and many exciting door prizes. At approximately 1:00 pm, a hypnotist will be performing in the Lecture Theatre. At 2:30 a.m., grads will board the busses for the Sandspit. Busses will be returning at approximately 5:00 a.m. where breakfast will be served from 5:15 - 6:00 a.m. in the Colonel Gray Cafeteria. (This is a school-sponsored event, with financial support from the Department of Education, Eastern School District, local firms, individuals and parents.) All students must have a CONTRACT SIGNED before they are allowed to attend this event. Kit bags must be left in the classroom where gowns have been returned.

Graduates Please Note:

Five (5) **invitations** for Graduation will be available from your Block A teacher on Thursday, June 2nd. These invitations are more or less for a keepsake, as they are not required at the door. There is no restriction on the number of guests you can invite to the Graduation ceremonies.

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.

All grads must initial beside their name on the "Intentional List" and indicate, either way, what their plans are for September (i.e. university, college, working). Counsellors have visited classes during Block A with this list, but some students have been missed. Please see Ms. Inman in Student Services to fill this in. All **transcripts** ordered to be sent are \$1.00 each and must be paid for in advance.

All graduates should have had photos taken already by Life Touch in order to be **included in the 2011 wall composite and the yearbook.** Anyone previously missed should make immediate contact with Rick at Life Touch at 940-6543. Inquiries regarding grad proofs can be made at the same number.

The Governor Generals Medal will not be presented until all the IB Program marks have been received in July. The medal will be presented at a later date.

All graduates are encouraged to participate in all grad activities to celebrate their success and accomplishments!