

## The Year is Already Flying By!

Dear Grads and Families,  
It's hard to believe it has been two months since the first newsletter and our Parent Info Night! Our Grads have finished first term and are now on the downward slope towards the end of first semester. That also means a few more important dates and deadlines coming up in preparation for graduation.

On Tuesday, November 28 we sent a form out to Grads via Teams to send in their sizing information for cap and gown ordering. This also means that we have started to collect commencement fees. The \$75 commencement fee includes the purchase of the graduation regalia (cap and gown), their sitting fee for grad photos, and miscellaneous costs related to commencement. Please pay the fee by December 22<sup>nd</sup>. It can be paid by debit/credit/cash/cheque in the main office or by e-transfer to timberline.accounting@sd72.bc.ca.



### Career-Life Connections 12

This course is delivered online to our Grade 12s via Teams and is a requirement for graduation. Grade 12s should have completed all first term assignments by November 1<sup>st</sup>, and would have received a comment indicating their progress on the Term 1 report card. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, their Capstone Proposals are due, where they outline their plans for their Capstone Projects. Projects should be completed and handed in by January 15<sup>th</sup> so that they can be assessed for the Semester 1 report card. Students will then present their Capstones to a mentor prior to Spring Break.



### Grad photos

Grad photos are on January 31 and February 1, and a draft schedule is currently being developed and should be given to Grads in early December.

Closer to the photo date, information regarding what to wear/how to prepare for your photo session will be sent out. Please note: You may bring a small personal item to your photo session but no pets are allowed at school-based photos.

### Important Dates

**Capstone Projects due** – January 15<sup>th</sup>

**Grad Photos** –  
January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>

**Prom 2024** – Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

**Commencement** – Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>



# Fundraising

Fundraising is a critical part of a successful graduation celebration and we expect all Grads to fundraise at least \$200 in **profit**. Our Growing Smiles fundraiser closed this past week, and the Purdy's Seasonal closes on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Over Winter Break, the Fall fundraising amounts will be collated and an update will be given to Grads upon our return to school in January regarding their fundraising status. We fundraise to pay for all of the Grad events and activities, including prom, yearbook, and more. Please see below for information regarding the fundraisers currently running, and those upcoming:

**Purdy's Chocolate Bars:** So far this year Grads have picked up over \$4000 in chocolate bars to sell. We will order more in the new year based on how many requests we receive.

**DIY Bottle Drive:** We have an account at the Island Return-It Depot at 1580 Willow Street F. Just bring your cans and bottles in, say you'd like to credit Timberline Grad, then bring your receipt to Ms. McCormick. Grads will be credited for the full amount on the receipt.

## *Coming Soon:*

Aroma Coffee/Stonehouse Teas (January)

Growing Smiles Spring Plants (February/March)

Purdy's Easter (February/March)

## Grad Wear

Did you miss out on ordering Grad Wear? Don't worry! We will reopen the Grad Wear store in February so you will have another chance to pick up this year's grad hoodies, sweatpants, and crewnecks. The fall order is currently in production and should be delivered the second week of December.

## Message from Counselling



Ms. Noren and Mr. Berg are working with our grade 12s to maintain a course load that will enable them to successfully graduate and prepare for post-secondary pursuits. Grade 12 students have been divided as follows:

**A – K: Stacey Noren**

**L – Z: Derek Berg**

Letters were sent home in November updating students and families on their graduation status. Students must meet all graduation requirements in order to attend commencement in June. If you have any questions or concerns about the status of your graduation, including required credits, please contact your counsellor. If you did not receive a letter, please contact Student Services to check your contact information.

The counsellors have also be sharing post-secondary and scholarship/bursary information to our grads via the Grad Teams site. This includes information about applications, programs, and hints and tips for post-secondary planning.



**Did you know?** Our Grads have access to all current information on anything related to graduation, post-secondary, and more via **TEAMS** and we encourage them to check regularly for information and updates.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this newsletter, or anything contained within it, please contact Megara McCormick at [Megara.McCormick@sd72.bc.ca](mailto:Megara.McCormick@sd72.bc.ca).