<u>Information about 2018 Prom and Commencement Tickets</u>

This year's Graduation Prom is happening on Thursday June 28th at Newlands Golf and Country Club in Langley. Commencement (walking across the stage) will be Wednesday June 20th at Chandos Pattison Pavilion at Pacific Academy. <u>Tickets for Prom and Commencement will be on sale Monday May 7th – Friday May 19th during lunch time in the Counselling Department.</u> Prom tickets are \$90 for the full dinner ticket and \$30 for the Dessert Only option. Please note that the dessert tickets are available <u>only to family members</u>; grads and their 'dates' must purchase a full dinner ticket.

IMPORTANT: Students will not be allowed to purchase their ticket(s) if they are on the Non-Grad list, if they have any outstanding student fees, or if they have not yet completed their Grad Trans. If you are not sure if you have any outstanding fees please see Mrs. Maxwell in the office prior to the beginning of ticket sales. We will inform students if they are on the Non-Grad list during the first week of May.

Students who are bringing a guest (date) who is **not** a DWP student must complete a guest pass application form. These can be picked up from the office, in the Counselling department or downloaded from the DWP website and must be submitted to Mr. Pacheco or Mr. Yu **prior** to the purchasing of tickets. <u>Tickets for a guest will not be sold without a completed and approved guest pass</u>. Once the guest pass is approved, students will need to bring the guest pass with them when purchasing tickets. If a grad is bringing a current DWP student with them as their 'date', or if their 'date' has attended a previous 2018 Grad event and has already completed an approved guest pass, they do not need to complete this application.

When purchasing tickets, students will be asked to choose their desired table. If they would like to sit with certain friends, they must come as a group to purchase their tickets. Students will also choose tables for their family who are attending. If family is attending the dinner portion, please communicate with them whether or not you would like to sit with them or at a separate table. If your parents are coming for the dessert option, they will be seated at a separate *Dessert Only* table.

Dry Grad tickets will also be on sale during this time. A separate payment must be submitted for your Dry Grad tickets as this is a non-school function. Dry Grad tickets will be \$35 from May 7-19. The price will go up to \$45 after May 19.

Students and their 'dates' can start arriving at Prom at 5:30pm. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Prom. All students and their 'dates' will be searched upon arriving at Prom. A reminder that this is a school-function and that all school rules apply. Students found under the influence or in possession of drugs or alcohol will be denied entry into the event. Students attending Dry Grad will be bused directly from the Newlands to the Dry Grad function then will be responsible for their own ride home from that event. Please plan accordingly. Parents and family can arrive at the venue starting at 6pm for dinner or 7:30pm for the Dessert Only option.

Students will also be able to purchase commencement tickets during this time. These tickets are \$5 each and each grad may purchase a maximum of 8 tickets at this time. If there are extra tickets available, they will be released starting June 1st. This process is used to ensure there will be enough seats for each student to have at least some (if not all) of their family at the ceremony. The commencement ceremony will start at 6:00pm on June 20th. Grads need to be at Pacific Academy no later than 5:00pm.

If you have any further questions about Prom please feel free to contact Ms. Blount (<u>ablount@sd35.bc.ca</u>). If you have any questions about Commencement, please contact Mr. Harrison (<u>dharrison@sd35.bc.ca</u>).