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## Grade 12 – Red Carpet/Dinner Dance & Commencement Update

May 6, 2023,

Dear Grade 12's and Parent/Guardians,

Now that we are in May, many of our Grade 12's and their parents are focusing on the culminating Grad events and some inquiries regarding the May 31<sup>st</sup> Red Carpet / Dinner Dance / Dry Grad and our June 25<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony.

These "Grad Events" are created to recognize, honour, and celebrate our graduating class and are intended for our graduating students who are in "good standing". Back in September, I sent a letter talking about Grad events and what it meant to be in "**good standing**":

- *Regular attendance and in good standing with regards to behaviour and expectations*
- *Currently passing all required courses for graduation (English 12, CLC & Capstone 12)*
- *Will have more than 80 credits accumulated by June 30th.*

**If your child is not in "good standing", they are not eligible to participate in our remaining Grad events** – Red Carpet, Dinner Dance, Commencement Ceremony. **To participate in these events, they will need to have a meeting with myself and their counsellor to address the reasons why they are not in good standing** (attendance, lack of credits, or currently failing required courses) **and co-create a plan that will provide them a path for success by June 30<sup>th</sup> or beyond.** This plan may include:

- Attendance contracts for the remainder of the school year
- Registration for online learning to complete missing credits (Delta Access),
- in-person learning next fall at Delta Community College to complete missing credits, or
- an additional semester (semester 1) for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

### **Red Carpet, Dinner and Dance, & Dry Grad – May 31<sup>st</sup>**

On Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>, we have our Red Carpet, Dinner Dance and Dry Grad events happening for our graduating class. One of the changes for this year is that we will NOT be having a parent-reception following the Red Carpet event in our school courtyard. This decision was made after evaluating the following factors and considerations:

- Request from graduating students to not have the reception with parents as they would rather have some time after the red carpet for photos with parents, extended family and friends before heading to the Dinner and Dance at Tsawwassen Springs.
- Limitation of time between the Red Carpet Ending (5:00pm) and the Dinner Dance starting (doors open at 5:30pm)
- Limitation of space in our courtyard where we could only accommodate a graduating student and 2 parents.

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For the Red Carpet Event, below is a timeline for this event:

- **Red Carpet & Dinner Dance Schedule for May 31st**
  - 3:00pm – students and vehicles organize in the back parking lot (near tennis courts) and begin to assemble for start of the Red Carpet
  - 3:30pm – Red Carpet Event starts with our first graduating student(s)
  - 3:30 – 4:45pm Grads walk the Red Carpet
  - 4:45 – 5:00pm Grad Group Photo on flatbed trailer (DSS Tradition)
  - 5:30 – 6:00pm Grads check in at Tsawwassen Springs
  - 6:00 – 11:00pm Dinner Dance Event
    - \*Final Draw Prize at 10:30pm
  - 11:00pm – 4:00am Dry Grad (Ladner Community Centre)
    - Students need to arrive before 11:45pm

## **Commencement Ceremony – June 25<sup>th</sup>**

For our Commencement Ceremony, below is a timeline for this event.

- **June 25 - Graduation Ceremony (Commencement), 7:00pm SD Baptist Church**
  - Doors open at 6:15pm.
  - 6:30pm – Grads meet in the gymnasium to be organized into divisions.
  - 6:50pm – parents & guests asked to take their seats.
  - 7:00pm – Commencement Ceremony Starts
  - 7:00 – 9:30pm – Commencement Ceremony
  - 9:30 – 10:00pm – Reception in gymnasium for graduates and family members

An email will be sent out later this week with a form for Commencement Ticket Requests. Each family will be provided up to three tickets (grads do not need a ticket). For any families who require an additional ticket(s) they will notify this on the form and their names will go on a lottery list for additional tickets. Once tickets have been finalized, families will be notified when they can come by to pick up their tickets at the school office. More information to follow in an upcoming email.

We look forward to honouring, celebrating and recognizing the achievements of your child and their classmates as a graduating class through these school sponsored events, culminating with your child crossing the stage in June as a graduate from Delta Secondary.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's counsellor at the school.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,  
Principal (Grade 12 Administrator)  
Delta Secondary School