

SANDS SECONDARY *“Creating Our Future Today”*

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Dear Parents/Guardians and 2021 Grads,

The Provincial Health Office and Fraser Health have issued new guidelines about graduation activities. We are happy to announce that a maximum of 2 family members will be allowed to accompany their Grad to the Grads BC activity. There will be no exception to this maximum number. Safety protocols will be in place throughout the activity. Mask wearing will be mandatory for all except when the Grad is getting photographed or when walking across the stage.

Below you will find out more specific information about the Grad activity on June 6th 2021. Sands' event will be held at North Delta Secondary School between 12:00 and 6:00 pm. In order to make this event run smoothly and have a quality video production, we are asking Grads and families to move through the stations quickly and in some cases very quietly.

Time Slots:

Each student will be assigned a specific time to arrive at North Delta Secondary. This will be done alphabetically and in groups of 10 students every 20 minutes. Timing is critical for this activity to stay on track and on schedule. We would ask that all participants abide by the protocols in place to ensure the safety of all staff and students and keep the event on schedule.

Assigned Time

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What to Bring:

All students must bring their cap, gown and v-stole on a hanger to the venue. Please limit the number of possessions – family members might have to carry them for you.

Drop off/pick up:

The Grad and 2 family members will park or be dropped off at the main parking at the front of North Delta Secondary 5-10 minutes before they assigned time. If there is a driver, they will wait in or near the vehicle until the grad's activity is complete. We ask that you leave the parking lot ASAP after the activity is done.

Station 1- Grad Formal Photo Station

Student will enter North Delta front entrance beside the gym. There will be a maximum of 2 family members and 1 grad allowed to enter North Delta. No exceptions will be made. When entering the foyer the Grad will be given a number that corresponds to the waiting spot at Station 2. Please don't lose this. At Station 1, pictures do not need to be taken alphabetically. The Grad should get their photo taken when they arrive. The Grad and family members will be lined up along the foyer hallway on the way to the Formal Photo station. Markers will be used to ensure distancing. Grads

then will proceed to the Formal Photo station one at a time. Family members will wait and watch from a distance. Grads can either wear a formal or semi-formal outfit or their Cap and Gown. Once the formal photo has been taken the Grad and family members will proceed find the next number to stand on near the theatre. Once there, Grads will put on their cap and gown over top of their outfit.

Station 2- Theatre Station

After the Grad formal wear photo, Grads and family members will line up outside of the theatre on the assigned number on the floor. Family members should help Grads arrange themselves. Grads and family members will enter the theatre together. Before each Grad enters the theatre, they will be given a Grad folder that will contain their diploma, scholarship/award information (if applicable), and a grad composite. Grads and family members will enter the theatre and split up with Grads on one side of the theatre and family members on the other. Grads will have their name called, then they will walk across the stage while their Grad comment is read by a staff member. Grads will stop midway across and have a photo taken and the entire sequence will be videotaped by Grads BC. We ask that all family members and Grads remain silent while the filming is going on in the theatre. Clapping for a Grad is appropriate and will be allowed. As the Grad is exiting the stage they will be joined by their family members and exit the theatre together.

Station 3- Cap Throw Station

After the Grad has left the stage, they will leave the theatre and stop at the Cap throw station. Grads and family members will line up on the floor markers to space themselves at a proper distance. As it sounds, they will throw up their cap and this will be videotaped. The grad will recover their cap and then proceed outside with their family members.

Station 4- Family Photo Station

The Grads and family members will leave the school building and move into the courtyard for a family photo. Photos will be taken by Artona Photography. Once the photo is complete the Grad and family members will re-enter the school building and proceed to the exit at the front of the school. We ask the Grad and family members exit the parking lot ASAP as the next set of families will need to find parking spots.

Video and Photo Production and Release

Each grad will receive three 5x7 photos (two from GradsBC and one from Artona) from the day's activities. They will also have access to the video on Premiere night.

Mark your calendars! We have a date and time for the Premiere of our 2021 Graduation Ceremony! Tune in at 5pm on Friday, June 25th to watch your grad cross the stage. Please look out for the video link for the Grad 2021 premiere – we will send it to you the week prior to the video release.

Other Grad Information

Grad Cap and Gown Distribution

Grade 12 students will have an opportunity to pick up their Cap and Gown on Monday, May 31. They will be given out in Block B classes. If the Grad does not have a B Block they can pick up the cap and gown from the office starting at 10:30 am on May 31.

Outstanding Balances

As we approach the production event, we ask students and families to clear any outstanding balances prior to May 31. Balances owing can be paid through Parent Connect using debit or credit. Balances can also be cleared by visiting the Main Office. Cheques can be made payable to Sands Secondary. By paying outstanding balances and the Grad Fee this will help us cover the cost of the Cap and Gown and pay for the Grads BC event. The PAC and the District have helped contribute to the cost of the Grads BC activity so that we have not had to ask families for more money.

Scholarships

The recognition of student's achievement and success in all areas of the school is an important part of the Graduation event. The announcement of the recipients of each scholarship will be announced during the production event as the students cross the stage. Recognition of the award will be acknowledged in the personal folders each student will be given prior to crossing the stage. Sands scholarships can be claimed at the Main Office. Students will need to see Ms. Sansregret, Accountant, and have a "Thank You" card ready to submit prior to the release of the scholarship cheque. The "Thank You" card needs to be addressed to the particular donor or staff member as indicated in the Graduation Program.

Safety Measures:

We will be taking many precautions when inviting Grads and families into this event. Physical distancing markers will be in place throughout the event as reminders. Grads and families will be required to wash their hands with hand sanitizer prior to the start of the experience. We expect all Grads and families to comply with the safety measures in place. Mask wearing will be mandatory for all except when the Grad is getting photographed or when walking across the stage.

North Delta Reporter Honouring Sands Graduates

The North Delta Reporter will be honouring Sands Grads in their upcoming issue. Please look out for the 2-page tribute.

We are excited about having our grade 12 students experience the production event. We are even more excited about the release of the Grad 2021 Premiere video. I look forward to seeing all of our graduates crossing the stage at our production event!

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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