

June 5, 2021

Message to Claremont GRAD's and Families,

**Re: June 28 and 29**

It is hard to believe we are only weeks away from Grad 2021. This is a very exciting time for Grads and an opportunity to make these final few weeks of High School memorable. The following information is a preliminary look at what to expect on two very important dates, Monday, June 28th Grad Social Day with lunch, and Tuesday, June 29th Grad 2021 "Walk Through" Parade.

Planning for these two days has taken considerable time that has involved students, staff and parents. In addition, adherence to safety guidelines from our Provincial Health Office and District Safety office has and will continue to be guided by strict criteria, as we plan for these two days.

The following should address some of the, "who, what, where, when..." But, first and foremost, Grads make sure Monday, June 28 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm) and Tuesday, June 29th (11:00 - 2:30 and beyond) are booked off from work or other commitments so you can dedicate these dates and times for celebrating with your Claremont Grad Class of 2021.

<b>Monday June 28 Grad Social and Food Truck Lunch!</b>	
<b>Morning Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9:00 am Grads meet on lower field, dress for engaging in activity and light running, bring a mask with you at all times, feel free to wear your pinnie</li> <li>● Scavenger hunt activity 9:15 - 12:30               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In teams you will complete a series of challenges that include; trivia, puzzles, creativity, physical, photo, video, etc..</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Lunch - Food Trucks @ Claremont (free!) 12:30 - 1:30 PM</li> </ul>
<b>Team Formation- Google sign-up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On June 9 a Google form will be sent out through your Grad Google Classroom</li> <li>● Sign up in a team of 4 with your friends               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><i>One person on your team must have a phone with data</i></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Your team of 4 will be added to other teams to make a Cohort of 40 Grads</li> <li>● If you do not have a team, please sign up and you will be added to a team</li> <li>● Your cohort will be announced by June 25th</li> </ul>

Tuesday June 29th - Claremont GRAD DAY 2021 - Student "WALK THROUGH" Parade	
Overview for all Grads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An email to all Grads will be sent by June 11th outlining specifics for June 29th.</li> <li>● For now be thinking about the following... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Make sure you have the day booked off work!!</b></li> <li>○ Unfortunately there will be no opportunity for parents/guardians to view the "Walk Through." This is a student and staff only event.</li> <li>○ You will arrive at Claremont and assemble around the track at set times, starting at 11:00 am in your Cohort in a set location</li> <li>○ You will be in a Cohort of 45 to 50 Grads, approximately 5 Cohorts</li> <li>○ You can be dressed up in the same or similar outfit you wore to cross the stage on filming day</li> <li>○ Wear comfortable walking shoes, heels on the grass are not ideal :)</li> <li>○ In 25 minute intervals each Cohort will "Walk Through" the school in a parade to honour you as a Grad. Staff will be along the parade route cheering</li> <li>○ Once you have completed your "Walk Through," each Grad will receive a 'Swag Bag' of gifts from the Parents.</li> <li>○ <b>During the "Walk Through" a photo of all Grads on the field will be taken, masks will be required ( this may happen at the mid way point...more details to follow)</b></li> <li>○ Music will be playing in the background, photo booth on site, and various locations assigned for photo opportunities</li> <li>○ At approximately 2:30 p.m. Grads will depart Claremont to UVic for the parent organized Car Parade. More details to follow...</li> <li>○ Grad 2021 Ceremony Video will go live at 6:00 p.m.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
"Walk Through" Parade sign-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grads sign up for the "Walk Through"</li> <li>● Starting <b>Thursday June 16th</b> until <b>Tuesday June 22nd</b> Grads are able to sign up on the Google Form for the "Walk Through"</li> <li>● Each Cohort will be 40 to 50 Grads; please note, students won't be able to see who is in each group, so they will need to coordinate with friends and sign up for a particular time individually</li> <li>● If a Grad is having difficulty signing up, please contact Christine Knapp for help</li> <li>● Arrival times start at 11am</li> <li>● Cohorts will "Walk Through" the school in 25 minute intervals.</li> </ul>

The purpose of this message is to provide Grads with an overview of what to expect on June 28 and 29th. An invitation to a Grad Google Meets virtual meeting will be sent out next week as an option for all Grads to review this information and address any questions about these two days that they may have. In addition, Admin will make visits to Grade 12 classes to review this information and answer questions.

Parents/guardians will be needed as volunteers on Monday, June 28th, and for the Car Parade at UVic. Watch for a sign-up link to a Google form later next week.

Thank you all, for your support, and patience as we work collectively to make this year's Grad memorable and special for all involved.

Sincerely,

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