



May 26, 2021

Dear Grads of 2021 and Families,

June is fast approaching and needless to say, this very unusual year of learning is quickly coming to an end. I want to take this time to thank each of you for your patience and understanding as we navigated through the entire year dealing with the pandemic and the changes that came with it.

Although this may not come as a surprise to you, we want to advise you that your graduation ceremony will be different than a non-COVID grad. Following the directions of the Provincial Health Officer, our local health authorities, and the school district, we will be performing the graduation ceremonies in an adapted manner while still celebrating this important time in your life.

The end of high school is a significant milestone in your lives, and we know that graduation and leaving public school only happens once in a lifetime. As the graduating class of 2021, I'm sure you have been waiting for years for this occasion and even though this grad will look different than expected, it will be a celebratory event and the staff of CLC are prepared to provide as rich an experience as possible within the current restrictions.

The details below will help you in planning for the grad ceremony:

1. Date, Time, and Location – **Thursday, June 17, 2021 @ 5:30pm; Peace Portal Alliance Church, 15128 27B Ave, Surrey**
 - We ask that **students arrive no later than 5:00pm** to pick up and put on their gowns, caps, tassels, etc.
 - The ceremony will begin at 5:30pm sharp.
 - Once all of the students have arrived, we will organize them alphabetically in the lineup and get them prepared for the event to start.
 - Students will be allowed to keep their grad gowns, caps, etc. and can take them home to take pictures with family and friends after the ceremony.

2. Will parents and guests be allowed to go into the auditorium?
 - At this point, **only students and some staff will be permitted inside the church/auditorium.**
 - We ask that parents and guests remain in their vehicles and watch the ceremony via livestream (link to be shared on the day of the event).
 - Parents will be permitted to take photos outside of the church as students exit the building.
 - Once the ceremony is completed, we ask that everyone vacate the parking lot and make their way to their individual family celebrations at other locations.



3. Will we receive a recording of the event?

- Yes, a final edited copy of the entire grad ceremony, along with all of the speeches from guests, will be made available a few days after the event.
- We hope to email the video link to grads and parents/guardians as soon as possible in late June or early July.

I want to assure you that the CLC staff will do our best to celebrate and recognize your accomplishments within the health and safety guidelines provided to us.

In the meantime, if you have not already done so, please take care of the following important details to ensure that you are ready for grad:

- **Before June 4th** - Please **confirm your attendance** at grad by calling 604-574-3615 or emailing CLC cloverdalelc@surreyschools.ca no later than June 4th, so we can plan/prepare for the event with an accurate number of attendees.
- **Before June 4th** - If your **grad write-up** hasn't been submitted to Kris or Corey, please do that before June 4th as well.
- **Before June 4th** - Make sure we have your **current email & mailing addresses** on file. Students will have a professional grad photo taken at the grad ceremony and these will be emailed out along with the digital yearbook. Our plan is to email them to everyone by the first week of July.
- **Before June 7th** - If you have not paid your **grad fees**, or have any other outstanding fees, please contact the school office as soon as possible to arrange payment.

Please watch your emails for updated information in the coming weeks. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all at the grad ceremony on June 17th.

Sincerely,

Vim Valera
Principal