Dear member of the Class of 2021

On behalf of the staff at Guildford Park, we look forward to honoring the Class of 2021 at this year's Commencement Ceremony.

Guildford Park Secondary School
10707 - 146th Street, Surrey, B.C.
5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22nd and Wednesday, June 23, 2021
Students with Surnames beginning with:
A-K ••• June 22nd
L-Z ••• June 23rd
More specific times will be announced closer to June 22nd.
Students and their immediate/household family members attending should **arrive at the School at the time they are given, between 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m**. Please allow for traffic delays as rush hour traffic is in effect.

Admission will be limited – Due to physical distancing guidelines, only immediate household family members will be invited and encouraged to attend. Families will be given a time to arrive at the school and the movement of people will be swift, so please arrive on time. **In order to make this a special and unique event, we are asking families to present their graduating student with their Commencement Folder and take a moment to congratulate their student on stage.**

Dogwood Diploma
If you have completed your graduation requirements by June 30, 2021, your BC Dogwood Graduation Diploma will be available for pick up at Guildford Park between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. from **August 30th to September 2nd** – please check the school's website for confirmed schedule.

Online Mandatory Gown Sizing and Commencement Write-up
All students intending to participate in the Commencement Ceremony are expected to fill out their information for gown sizing and write-ups on the Gaspard online site at: **www.buildagrad.ca/gps** starting on Tuesday, April 6th. The online order site closes **May 6th at 11:59 p.m.**

Grad Fee
There will be a $25.00 graduation ceremony fee that is for the purchase of the commencement grad gown, souvenir cap, tassel, charm and vee stole that you will receive before the ceremony. Please make this payment through the school cash online payment system at https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/

Gown Distribution
The **commencement gown distribution** will take place on **June 14th (A-M) and 15th (M-Z)** in coordination with year end procedures. More information to come. Students are responsible for bringing/wearing their regalia to the Virtual Commencement ceremony at Guildford Park on June 22–23, 2021.

Congratulations! We wish you all the best with your future plans.

Ms. J. Johnson and Mr. K. Strain, Vice Principals

Guildford Park Secondary School

Commencement Ceremony Procedures 2021

ON ARRIVAL AT GUILDFORD PARK, REPORT TO STAFF AT THE FRONT DOOR.

1. **<u>Please note the following</u>**:

   1) PLEASE BE ON TIME.
   2) **Do not bring purses or jackets as there is no place to put them.**
   3) Guildford Park Secondary and the grounds is a non-smoking area.
   4) Dress is semi-formal.
   5) **Gowns and caps, with Souvenir Tassels and Vee Stoles are yours to keep.**

2. **<u>Order of Entry</u>**:

   - You will be placed in alphabetical order by a staff member.
   - You will then be given instructions for the processional to the stage.
   - Once on the stage, **your family will have a moment to congratulate you.**

3. **<u>Stage Deportment</u>**:

   - Students should not chew gum and maintain formal decorum.
   - Your photograph will be taken by Artona while you and your family are on the stage. Each student will be provided with a complimentary picture – these can be picked up at the main office in August at the same time as graduation diplomas if you have graduated by June 30th.

4. **<u>Acknowledging members of the Class of 2021</u>**:

   - As students cross the stage, we will be providing a statement about each student's accomplishments.

5. **<u>Exit at the end of the Ceremony</u>**:

   - You will exit the school from the plaza.
   - Once outside, please do not idle. We will need to keep the flow of people exiting the school consistent so that we can maintain physical distancing and not create an impromptu gathering.

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