



# **FLEETWOOD PARK SECONDARY**

## **Graduation 2020- Parent and student update**

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians of the Graduating Class of 2020,



Congratulations on reaching the final stages of high school life! Grade 12 is a time of significant decision-making, rich learning, and celebration. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of our plans for the various events and celebrations recognizing this year's graduating class – the class of 2020. Please review the information in this newsletter carefully and do not hesitate to contact the school if you require further information.

Students, we look forward to your final year at Fleetwood Park Secondary and we know that it will be exciting and memorable. Like every graduation class, I challenge you to demonstrate leadership within the school. Your leadership and citizenship define the culture of our community.

We also continue to challenge all students to consistently strive to be your best. In order to participate in the graduation activities, FPSS grade 12 students must be in a position to pass their courses and meet the Ministry of Education Graduation requirements by the end of the school year. Students cannot be on Academic probation. Student attendance and behavior throughout the year is also taken into consideration. It is also our expectation that all student debts, including the \$50 Grad Fee (covering the cost of the venue rental, gowns and grad composite photos and other commencement costs) are paid. Students must demonstrate responsible citizenship and follow our school's code of conduct in order to be eligible to participate in our school's graduation activities.

The graduation events during the year are intended to build community among the members of the Class of 2020 and to contribute to the development of positive school culture and traditions. It is very important that we remind students and parents that all events organized and sponsored by the school must be alcohol and drug free. Everyone should understand this is for the safety of our students. All students participating in grad events should also be aware of the consequences if they are involved with drugs or alcohol. Students face suspension from school and put their participation in future grad events, including Dinner/Dance, in jeopardy. This has significant implications for students, families, and other members of the grad class. It is our hope that students, fully aware of our expectations and consequences, will make responsible choices.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the school's administration. Updates will be found on our website at [www.surreyschools.ca/schools/fltsec](http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/fltsec). You may also find information about grad on our App (FPSSDragons) and our Twitter feed @FPSSDragons. Parents/Guardians, we ask for your support in encouraging your son/daughter to get involved in helping to make the graduation activities successful and memorable.

Lastly, make sure your graduation plans include participation in our FPSS Dry Grad celebration. "Dry Grad" is a very positive, fun and safe celebration for our graduating students and takes place after the Dinner-Dance. It is highly supported by the school and a wonderful way for students to end their year.

Yours truly,

Ken Hignell  
Principal





## IMPORTANT DATES FOR GRADS

Wednesday, October 2	Grade 12 Parent Information Night (6:00 pm)
Thursday, October 24	UBC Presentation (11:15 - 11:55 am)
Tuesday, November 5	Post-Secondary Mini Fair (2:30 - 4:00 pm)
Tuesday, November 19	University of Alberta Presentation (11:15 - 11:55 am)
Tuesday, November 26	KPU Presentation (11:15 - 11:55 am)
November 4 - November 12	Literacy 10 & Numeracy 10 Provincial Assessments
January 20 - January 28	Grad Photos
January 20 - January 24	Literacy 10 & Numeracy 10 Provincial Assessments
Friday, January 31	Parent Yearbook Message due
February 3 - February 4	Grad Group Photos
Monday, February 10	Baby Photos Due (drop off Monday at lunch in A211)
February (TBD)	Capstone Project Assembly
Friday, February 28	Yearbook Grad Message due
Monday, March 30	Valedictorian Application available
Wednesday, April 1	Grad Guest Application available in the office
April 14 - April 17	Literacy 10 & Numeracy 10 Provincial Assessments
Friday, April 24	Academic Probation Review
Friday, April 24	Grad Dinner/Dance Guest Application due
Thursday, April 30	Valedictorian Application due
Thursday, May 7	Valedictorian Speeches /Voting
Thursday, May 7	Commencement Write-Up due
May 4 - May 8	Grad Dinner/Dance Ticket Sales
Monday, May 11	Capstone Project Celebrations
Thursday, May 21	Commencement Ticket Request due
Sunday, May 24	Grad Dinner Dance
Monday, June 1	Athletic Banquet
Tuesday, June 9	Commencement Rehearsal & Gown Distribution
Friday, June 12	Commencement Ceremony
Tuesday, June 16	Awards Ceremony
Friday, June 26	Report Cards available online





## **Graduation Requirements**

All Grade 12 students should now have received and reviewed your BC Diploma Verification Report. The reports will be distributed to parents and students on October 2. Please see your counsellor if you have not yet reviewed your report. This document reviews all of the courses taken during the graduation program (grades 10-12) and your child's graduation status. If you are concerned about whether or not your child will be graduating, please contact your child's counsellor. Students who are not in a position to graduate this year will not be able to participate in the graduation celebrations.

## **Career Life Connections 11/12**

Career Life Connections 11/12 is a required course for graduation. The purpose of the course is to encourage students to reflect on their interests and the skills and knowledge they have acquired during their high school experience as they relate to growth in the core competencies. At Fleetwood Park students will complete their Capstone project as part of CLC 11/12. The Capstone project will be the culminating project in the Career Life Connections course.

## **Post-Secondary Information and Application**

Fleetwood Park Secondary hosts several Post Secondary Institutes throughout the school year. Entrance requirements, application processes and general information about each school is reviewed. Please see "2019-2020 Calendar of Important Dates for Grade 12" timeline for details.

Students planning to attend a college or university will need to provide their transcript information to those institutions. The Ministry of Education has just launched the ***Student Transcripts Service (STS)***, a new online application for students to view their marks, scholarships and transcripts, and send transcripts to post-secondary institutions and third parties.

To access the service, visit the Ministry of Education's *Order Transcripts and Certificates* website at [www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca](http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca) and follow the instructions found there.

## **Post Secondary Institution Choices Form (PSI)**

Students planning to attend a college or university will need to provide their transcript information to those institutions. You are able to provide that information electronically to a number of post-secondary institutions by completing an electronic Post Secondary Institutions Selections form online. This is available from January to June of each school year via the Student Secure Page on the Ministry web site at:

[PSI Link:](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/)

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/)

## **Scholarships**

Graduating students are encouraged to apply for scholarships. Complete and detailed scholarship information can be found at: <http://fpscholarships.wordpress.com> and [@fpscholarships](http://twitter.com/fpscholarships).

Organize and submit your documents well in advance. For letters of reference or recommendation, choose people who know you well and can describe your achievements. Contact them well in advance, and please note deadlines carefully. Please contact Mr. Johnson at [johnson\\_derron@surreyschools.ca](mailto:johnson_derron@surreyschools.ca) if you have any questions and let him know if you win a scholarship so you can be recognized at the Commencement Ceremony.





## **Dry Grad Information**

Dry Grad is a social event for the graduating students that is held directly after the grad dinner and dance, which will be held **on Sunday, May 24th, 2020**. This year, the Dry Grad event will be held at the **Cloverdale Rec Centre from 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 24th to 4:30 a.m. on Monday, May 25th**. Plans have not yet been finalized, but activities at Dry Grad will likely include a hypnotist show, a casino, a magician, and interactive units such as obstacle courses, gladiator joust, and bungee runs. Food and prizes are also included. The idea is to provide a safe, alcohol free, celebration for the graduates after their hard earned twelve-year journey.

Dry Grad is organized by the Dry Grad Committee, traditionally consisting of parents of the graduating class. Over the course of the year, the committee arranges fundraising events to pay for the Dry Grad event. Dry Grad, a continuation of the celebration that begins at the Grad Dinner Dance, is an event organized by parents to ensure that our grads can continue to celebrate their achievements well into the wee hours of the morning in a safe, drug and alcohol free environment!

This year **ALL** grads with a ticket to the Dry Grad Party must board a bus from Cascades Casino and be taken directly to the **Cloverdale Recreation Centre**. The busses are organized by the Dry Grad Committee. Private transportation may not be used to get to this event. At Cloverdale Rec Centre, our grads will embark on an evening of fun and games, music, dancing, and entertainment, with great food, and great door prizes.

**Note: students must attend the Dinner/Dance and then take the bus provided to Dry Grad and will need to arrange a ride home at the end of the Dry Grad at approximately 4:30 am.**

In a true Dragon style, parents have been hard at work to raise the funds needed for this once in a lifetime

### **How can I help with Dry Grad?**

**Glad you asked!**

- **Stay in touch.**  
For more information about donations or volunteering to help out, please contact the FPSS Dry Grad Parent Chairpersons:  
Connie Goeres and Keri Gill at  
DryGradFleetwoodpark@gmail.com
- **Attend the meetings.**  
Attend the Dry Grad Meetings.  
Check for dates and information on our school website under: Parents / Graduation Information.
- Next meeting: October 9 @ 7:00 pm

Fleetwood Park Dry Grad Committee works because of you! Your time will be our most valuable asset. Check your schedule, check ours, and plan to help out!

**It's for our kids!**

### **Graduation Celebration**

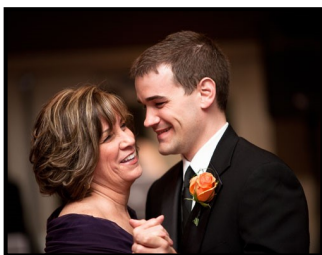
#### **Summary of Optional Costs**

Dry Grad Boat Cruise:	\$80.00
Graduation Fee (venue rental, Grad gowns, Composite Grad photo)	\$50.00
Graduation Dinner/Dance Banquet	\$80.00 (approx.)
Dry Grad Celebration	\$ 50.00 (approx.)
Yearbook	\$ 60.00



## **Dinner / Dance & Dry Grad** **Sunday, May 24, 2020**

- 5:00 pm Students & Parents arrive at the  
Cascades Casino Resort in Langley
- 5:00—6:00 Parent Dessert
- 5:30 Grad Group Photo
- 6:15 Speeches / Toasts
- 6:45 Parent / Grad Dance
- 7:00 Parents Depart
- 7:15 Dinner
- 8:00 Dancing
- 11:00 - 11:45 Begin boarding busses for trip to  
Cloverdale Rec Centre for Dry Grad.  
All Dry grad attendees must take the  
bus and have attended Dinner/Dance.



### **Guest Passes**

Students who would like to bring a guest who is not a grade 12 FPSS student to the Dinner / Dance, must have completed a Guest Pass Application. Applications will be available from the office during second semester. The administration must approve all guests before tickets can be purchased. At the time tickets are purchased, the approved and signed Guest Pass is required. Guest pass applications can be obtained from the office and are due back by **April 24, 2020.**

## **Grad Dinner and Dance**

The 2019 Dinner/Dance will be held on **Sunday, May 24, 2020** at **Cascades Casino Resort** in Langley. Students will select a table for the banquet when they purchase tickets. Ticket sales will take place from **Monday, May 4 to Friday, May 8.**

The cost of the Dinner/Dance will be approximately \$80.00 per ticket. Due to limited seating grads will only be able to purchase a ticket for themselves and one student guest.

Students must clear all outstanding debts and not be on academic probation (must be in good standing in all classes) in order to purchase tickets. Students must also have completed their Capstone Project Plan prior to ticket purchase.

Students are asked to arrive by 5:00 pm for the group photo at 5:30. Parents are welcome to attend the dessert reception from 5:00 - 7:00. Parents may purchase tickets for \$15 which will allow entry to the event, dessert, coffee, tea, and an opportunity to hear the grad toasts. Tickets should be purchased when students purchase their Dinner/Dance tickets. All attendees must have a ticket. Parent reception ends at 7:00 pm.

Transportation to Cascades Casino Resort is not provided by the school. Students usually arrange limousines, buses or drive with parents. Transportation will, however, be provided from Cascades to the Dry Grad Celebration at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre.

**Students and guests going to Dry Grad are required to ride these busses, and must have attended Dinner/Dance.**

### **Grad Expectations**

We want everyone to have a great time at the Dinner/Dance so here are a few reminders:

1. School rules are in effect.
2. No re-admittance for parents, students, or guests. Once you have left the banquet area, you will not be permitted to re-enter.
3. No smoking, alcohol, drugs, or inappropriate behaviour. Security will not admit anyone suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Anyone suspected, once inside, will be removed by security staff. Suspension from school may result.
4. Full security measures will be in place as part of the venue and school security.
5. Students assume full responsibility for THEIR GUESTS.
6. No refunds will be given if you are denied entrance or are asked to leave.

**\*\*This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and students are reminded that the dinner/dance is a school sponsored event. All school rules apply - use of alcohol or drugs before or during these events will result in removal from the dance and disciplinary action.\*\***





## Commencement

A **mandatory rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:45 - 4:15 pm in the plaza.** All grads must attend this practice where they will receive important information about procedures for the Commencement Ceremony and **pick up their cap, gowns and tickets.**

The Commencement Ceremony will be held on **Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Bell Centre for Performing Arts, located at 6250 - 144 Street, Surrey, BC.** Students should arrive at 6:00 pm to prepare for the processional and ceremony.

The Commencement Ceremony for families and friends of grade 12 students will start at 7:00 pm with doors opening at 6:15 pm. Tickets must be presented at the door. Grads do not need tickets, but all family/guests must have tickets. Please note that the ceremony will be 2 ½ - 3 hours long with no intermission. Guests are requested to stay seated for the entire ceremony. This is a formal ceremony and may not be suitable for small children who have difficulties sitting quietly.

At this time, we anticipate that each grad will receive three (3) Commencement tickets. These tickets will be **distributed on June 9<sup>th</sup>** with the gowns. Only students who have paid the grade 12 graduation fee, cleared outstanding debts and are not on academic probation will be issued tickets.

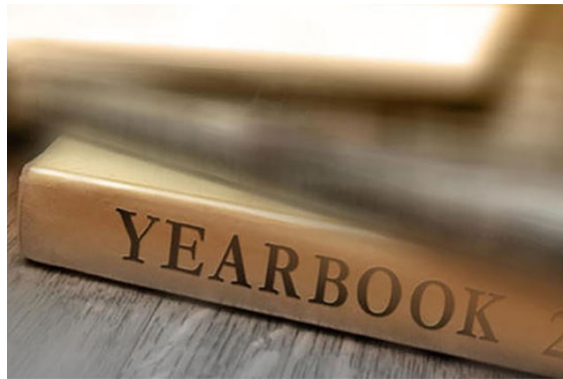
Request for extra tickets (\$5 each) will take place in the weeks leading up to the commencement rehearsal. More details will be available in the Spring.

## Expectations for Commencement for Audience and Grads

We want everyone to have a great time at this milestone event so here are a few expectations and reminders to make the day special for everyone.

1. School rules are in effect.
2. Guests are asked to please remain in their seats for the duration of the event; it is disruptive for other guests if people get up in the middle of the event.
3. Please turn off electronic devices, as they are not appropriate for the venue.
4. All guests must have tickets at the door.
5. The event is a long one; small children may have difficulty sitting through the entire evening.
6. No food or beverages are allowed in the auditorium.
7. Grads should be at the Bell Centre no later than 6 pm. Families are encouraged to carpool as parking is limited.
8. There is nowhere for grads to leave their personal belongings like coats and purses while on stage. Please leave items with your families. The school and the Bell Centre of Performing Arts are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.





## **YEARBOOKS!**

School photos, clubs, sports, teachers, embarrassing moments, student life and more!  
All of these memories are available at the early bird price of \$55 until December 31, 2020

Purchase your yearbook online at: <https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/>

On January 1, 2020, the price goes up to \$60.

## **GRAD WRITE UPS!**

Please get your Grad Yearbook write-ups submitted to Mr. Shantz by February 28, 2020.  
Grad write ups should be no longer than 100 characters.  
Send them to: [fpvrbk@gmail.com](mailto:fpvrbk@gmail.com)  
Remember to keep your write-up appropriate for a school audience.  
All write-ups will be edited by the Yearbook Staff and Administration prior to publishing.



### **Parent to Grad Messages**

Parents, would you like to write a message to your graduating child for the yearbook?

Send your message to: [fpvrbk@gmail.com](mailto:fpvrbk@gmail.com)

Submission deadline is **January 31, 2020.**





## BE A PART OF YOUR SCHOOL'S HISTORY

Join the Graduating Class of 2020 by booking your Artona Grad Portrait Session to be on the Graduation Wall Composite and School Yearbook.

FIND YOUR SESSION DATES AND BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

WWW.ARTONA.COM



## FORMAL GRAD PHOTOGRAPHS

Artona will be at FPSS to take formal graduation photos from January 20th to the 28th.

While purchasing grad photos is not mandatory, we ask that all graduates have their photo taken by Artona, wearing their gown so that this image is included in both the yearbook and on the grad composite photograph that each grad receives at the Commencement Ceremony.

For more information on how to book your appointment, see [www.artonagroup.com](http://www.artonagroup.com) under Fleetwood Park Secondary.

### Group Photos:

Grads who also want group photos can book them now. Photos happen February 3 & February 4.

Groups can be 4 - 16 people.

## FOUR COMPLETELY DIFFERENT STYLES AND SIXTEEN DIFFERENT POSES

### MODERN LOOK

This is where it all begins.  
A unique, fashionable, studio set.  
We recommend a coordinated full length outfit. You can use any of our props or bring any from home.



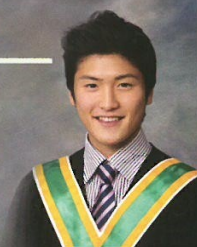
### CLASSIC LOOK

Get inspired with bold style and creative flare in our classic Black and White set. A variety of close-ups come to life in your second photographic experience.



### TRADITIONAL COMPOSITE

Celebrating graduation means connecting with your family, friends, and classmates. It also means connecting your Artona portrait with the school yearbook and graduation composite.



### GRAND LIBRARY

Formal cap and gown presentation in our elegant library setting. **Gentlemen** are required to wear a white or light coloured dress shirt and tie. **Ladies**, we suggest a plain white blouse with a simple neckline or wear a top that fits under the gown neckline.



*Artona*

