



Grad 2019

L.A. Matheson Secondary School

Principal's Message

This is a very exciting and somewhat anxious time for our Grade 12 students. They are busy making decisions about post-secondary plans that include education, careers and vocations. In addition, they are concentrating on successfully completing grade 12, applying for scholarships and participating in graduation activities such as Commencement, the Grad Banquet and Dry Grad. This newsletter includes important information to help both parents and students plan these significant events. Please read this newsletter carefully so that you do not miss essential information.

****Grads must not have any outstanding debts (grad fee, courses, books, dry grad fundraisers, athletic fees, etc.), must have their Grad Transitions paperwork completed, and attended one of the Parent Grad information sessions in order to attend.**

Dates to purchase dry grad, dinner/dance and pick up for commencement will be announced.

Commencement Ceremony Monday June 24th at 7:00 pm
Bell Centre for Performing Arts

All guests must have a ticket to enter the ceremony. 2 Tickets per grad will be distributed May 21st – May 24th. Extra tickets will be available for \$10.00 per ticket.

Parent Tea Thursday June 27th from 3:30 - 4:30 pm
L.A. Matheson Court Yard
Enjoy the splendor and take pictures

Buses Reminder: All grads will be bussed to the Graduation Banquet after the Parent Tea, and will return in buses back to the school for the Dry Grad celebration! Students will be bussed based on their table selections for the Grad Banquet! Student are not permitted to drive themselves.



Graduation Banquet

Thursday June 27th from 5:30 pm – 12:00 am
Tsawwassen Springs Golf and Country Club

Tickets for Graduation Banquet will be on sale on May 21st – May 24th at lunch in C224.

Dry Grad celebration

Friday June 28th from 12:00 am to 5:30 am
L. A. Matheson Cafeteria

Starts right after the Graduation Banquet

Tickets on sale May 15th – May 17th. Early bird \$60.00 as well as June 12th – June 14th \$75.00.

I hope that all grade 12 students will be able to fully participate in these events as graduation from high school is a once in a lifetime experience. At the same time, I want our students not to lose sight of the real goal: successfully completing grade 12! In spite of upcoming celebrations, it is important to remain focused on schoolwork; there are still many assignments, tests and provincial exams in the immediate future! Like I told them in our last assembly: they are still grade 12 students; they are not yet Grads!

My wish for our grade 12 students is a successful year in partnership with safe, fun and memorable graduation events. I look forward to seeing all of you and your parents at these activities in June.

Sincerely,

Mr. Johnston
Principal



Commencement Ceremony

The Commencement Ceremony will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday June 24th, 2019 at the Bell Centre for the Performing Arts (6250 – 144th Street, Surrey, BC). Commencement Ceremonies begin **PROMPTLY AT 7:00 PM**. All guests, including children, **must have a ticket**. This ticket must be presented at the door for admission. Graduates do not require tickets as they are seated on the stage.

2 Tickets per grad will be distributed May 21st – May 24th.
Extra tickets will be available for \$10.00 per ticket.

*******ALL GRADS MUST BE AT THE THEATRE BY 5:45 PM*******

These ceremonies are an once-in-a-lifetime event. Appropriate dress and behavior are required. Parents, family and friends are asked to remain seated for the entire proceedings. This event may not be suitable for very young children who cannot sit quietly for long periods of time. Your cooperation in making this a memorable event is appreciated.

GRAD GOWNS.....

The grad gowns will be blue with wonderful white stoles to match our great L.A. Matheson colors. A cap and tassel are also included.

There is no additional charge for the grad gowns. The cost for the gowns is included in the \$50 grad fee.

Grad gowns will be given out at school at the Assembly on June 21st at 2:00pm in the Small Gym. This will give you an opportunity to take photos in your gown at home with your family and friends. Just a friendly reminder – dark pants or skirts and black shoes look the nicest under the gowns (dark socks also!).

*****You are keeping your gown, there is no need for collection at the end of the ceremony.**

******Keep in mind that there will be no place to store purses, coats, etc. during Commencement*****



Parent Tea

Prior to our Grad Banquet on Thursday, June 27th, parents will be invited to attend our annual Parent Tea! Again, this is simply an opportunity for parents and grads to celebrate together with friends in our courtyard! Our courtyard will be transformed that day to fit the occasion and light refreshments will be provided. Look for invitations to come out shortly!

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Grad Banquet

The 2019 Grad Banquet will be held on Thursday, June 27th from 5:30 PM to 12:00 AM at the Tsawwassen Springs Golf and Country Club.

Tickets for Graduation Banquet will be on sale on May 21st – May 24th at lunch in C224.

Dry Grad

The 2019 Dry Grad will be held immediately following the Grad Banquet on Friday, June 28th, 2019 from about 12:00 AM to 5:30 AM at LA Matheson!

Tickets on sale May 15th – May 17th. Early bird \$60.00 as well as June 12th – June 14th \$75.00.



IMPORTANT GRAD DATES

May 15th – May 17th

Dry Grad Tickets on sale. Early bird \$60.00 as well as June 12th – June 14th \$75.00.

May 21st – May 24th

Tickets for Graduation Banquet will be on sale on at lunch in café area.

June 14

Grad Breakfast in our cafeteria, starting at 8:30 AM

June 21

Grade 12 Assembly 2:00pm in the Small Gym

June 24

Commencement: Students should arrive at the Bell Centre at 5:45PM – ceremony begins at 7:00PM

June 26

Grads drop off their alternate clothes for Dry Grad at school between 3:00PM and 6:00PM; students will have these clothes to change into when they arrive from the Grad Banquet

June 27

Parent Tea starting at 3:30PM at LA Matheson in the courtyard

June 27

Dinner and Dance banquet at the Tsawwassen Springs Golf and Country Club 5:30 PM – 12:00 AM

June 27-28

Dry Grad at the school

NB: English 12 Provincial Exam is Monday, June 24, 8:15 – 11:30AM