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February 28, 2021



Dear Grads of 2021 and Families:

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform students and parents of some important things coming up.

Please read this letter carefully and contact Mr Van if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT EVENTS & DEADLINES HAPPENING & COMING UP:

March 4	ICBC Road Safety Teams Meeting with Kevin (3% to CLC mark!)
March 6	Deadline for filling out Grad Gown Sizing Form online
March 11	Deadline for returning Valedictorian form to Mr Van or Ms Bighorn
March 11	Quarter 3 Interim Report Cards available at 3 PM.
March 12	Last day to let Mr Van know about preferred name for Graduation ceremony
April 5-9	Valedictory speeches and voting by grad class (digitally)
May	Grad Ceremony Messages due (exact date to come)
June*	Grad Ceremony

* We will have information from the public health authorities and the school district in April and May about what we are allowed to do for grad. Rest assured, we are committed to doing what we can to celebrate the amazing journey of these incredible students and are currently considering a few options and dates based on what will be allowed.

FULL DETAILS ON THE UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES/ITEMS:

Digital ICBC Road Safety Teams Meeting with Kevin (March 4th)

Each year we invite a powerful guest speaker to talk to the grads about road safety. This year we need to do this virtually. We are STRONGLY suggesting all students participate.

- First, consider watching Mr Van's preview and background [HERE](#).
- **Then watch Kevin's one hour main event video [HERE](#). (Password is "ICBCRoadSafety")**
 - We would suggest watching with your family.
- Then join on the Teams call with Mr Van, Kelly, Kevin, and other students [HERE](#) on Thursday, March 4th from 11:30-12:30 for the Question and Answer Teams meeting with Kevin.
 - Teachers will be informed that students may be late to PM Flex classes as a result.
- Then fill out the reflection form [HERE](#). This is how you get the 3% bonus to your CLC mark.

Grad Gown Sizing Form (March 6th)

We need to take measurements, so every student's grad gown fits properly. Here is how to do it!

1. Watch Grad Committee Tutorial Video [HERE](#).
2. Consider watching the funny extra Grad Committee video [HERE](#).
3. Go check the sizing chart online [Here](#) or visit the physical one in the hallway.
4. Complete the sizing Form [Here](#) by March 6th!

Please note that students must pay their \$85 grad fee before receiving a gown or attending the ceremony.

Valedictorian Form – For anyone interested in being Valedictorian (March 11th)

The Valedictorian for the Vancouver Technical Class of 2021 should be the student who best represents the graduating class. The Valedictorian writes and gives a speech at the end of the grad ceremony that captures the spirit of the class, acknowledges the achievements and contributions of the students, staff and parents in the journey, and looks ahead to life beyond high school. The speech should be serious, inspirational and, hopefully, entertaining.

If you are interested in running for this position, download, print, and complete the application by March 11th. To be returned to Mr Van or Ms Bighorn.

Application form is available [HERE](#).



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Choosing your Preferred Name for ‘Crossing the Stage’ (March 12th)

By default, the name read out when you cross the stage and written on your ceremony certificate is your LEGAL FIRST NAME followed by your LEGAL LAST NAME. If you would like to have this read differently, please email Mr Van (nvaniersel@vsb.bc.ca). Mr Van is also reaching out to many students about this already.

GRADUATION CEREMONY MESSAGE (DUE IN MAY, BUT FEEL FREE TO START NOW)

Each grad is responsible for drafting a SHORT message that will be read as they cross the stage. Some examples of what you may want to include are:

- What you will fondly remember
- Your future plans
- Regards to people (generally) you may wish to thank
- A reflective statement of some kind

Remember that this will be read by a teacher or administrator so **IT MUST BE WRITTEN IN THE THIRD PERSON**

(e.g., Emily is excited to be going to be going to _____ next year. She wants to thank her friends for a great five years and her family and teachers for always believing in her.)

Your message must be appropriate for a formal occasion, and it must be 30-50 words long maximum and be submitted electronically. Please use the following link [HERE](#). **We have not yet set a cut off date for this yet, but it will be in early May.**

This grad class is known for its maturity and kindness, so we anticipate seeing that reflected in your grad messages. Remember, your parents and extended family will view this. In future, you and/or your children will view your virtual grad, so use this opportunity to portray your best self. And as one of our final acts of care as the adults stewarding you toward adulthood, we will safeguard you by reserving the right to edit or even delete messages deemed inappropriate.

THINKING AHEAD TO OUR GRADUATION & LEAVING CEREMONY:

Eligibility to Attend Graduation Ceremony

- Students must have either:
 - Be on track to complete graduation requirements by the end of June 2021.
 - Be on track to complete their Individual Education Plan goals by June 2021.
 - Spoken to Mr Moro (principal) and Mr Van (school counsellor) and obtained special permission.
- Be a student in good standing with no outstanding behaviour concerns.

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Thanks as always,

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