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Hello everyone

Following up with you on this year's Grad/School Leaving activities for our 2023 Graduates.

We had a great turnout at last week's parent/guardian meeting, and we were really pleased with the feedback we received that night and in the following days.

More to come of course as we work to firm up the details, running order and set times for the June 20 date. Provided below is a high level view of what was shared and discussed:

School Leaving Ceremony

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Time: Doors open at 3:30

Location: Waterford Valley High

Cost: Cost of tickets will be confirmed at a later date but will be in the \$50-\$60 range

of guests: Graduate plus 2. Our space requirements and equity of access mean we have to limit the number of guests. NOTE: extra tickets may become available as we get closer to June 20 and we have a good read on the #s. There will be a Google Form in the Grade 12 Google Classroom that will need to be completed requesting more and availability will depend on numbers and capacity.

There was a lot of interest from parents and guardians to volunteer to help out, donate food, drink, lights etc. **Any parent willing to volunteer** in some capacity please contact Mr. Smith at robertsmith@nlesd.ca and if you have any questions, please send along so we can keep a record and get back to you. Mr. Smith will keep track... 😊

Activities to be included:

All times and details are approximate/tentative. Details and times will firm up as we get closer.

3:30 Social time, pictures, lobby, cafeteria and other areas decorated and available for pictures.

4:30 Grad Line-up for Grand March in the 1st floor hallway

5:00 Cap and Gown

- Guests seated by 5 pm in the gym (Grad + 2 guests).
- Grads march into the gym (Grand March) in alphabetical order at 5:00 pm. NOTE that Grads will wear the dresses, suits, fancy attire etc.
- Dignitary remarks, speeches, etc.
- Grads move backstage through the Café to get gowns and caps prepare for diploma ceremony
- Grads walk across the stage in alphabetically order; school certificates given to each grad at center stage. This is the time for parents to take pictures, grads will pause for a second or two before proceeding off stage and returning to their seat.
- Actual diplomas will be ready for the Fall of 2023 with the Yearbook (if you ordered one).
- Academic and other achievement Awards/Scholarships
- Valedictorian Speech
- Closing remarks (Grads throw hats and event will continue in the Cafeteria)
- NOTE: Gowns are passed back into the LRC. Grads keep their hats

6:30ish Meet and Greet for friends, families and Grads.

- Refreshments and water in cafe with more photo opportunities
- Student Slideshow (Bob Smith will need a kindergarten age picture and a current picture). People need to send pictures to robertsmith@nlesd.ca.
- Most Likely to Awards (A Google Form will be placed in the Grade 12 Google Classroom).
- Logistics for this piece are still being considered and worked on.

7:30ish Graduate Dance. Dates who did not/could not attend earlier can come to this part of the evening as it is in the gym. Lots of space in there.

10:00 That's a wrap. Graduates and families move to their own personal activities as planned.

Note again that this is a notional 'high level' plan where details and times may be adjusted. We are meeting with graduate reps regularly to hammer out some details.

Questions/concerns noted at the meeting and past meetings:

- That the Cap and Gown part of the evening be respected. That scholarships and awards remain a part of the event
- Students identified that a dance is important to them
- School being decorated is important
- Cost of \$50-\$60 was acceptable/reasonable. Excellent to ensure social inclusion.
- Principles of inclusion and honouring Academic Achievement are important.
- What about guests? And if more than guest + 2 was wanted (capacity limits remain a variable).

Details to be confirmed in the coming weeks/months..

Grad PICTURES reminder **Very Important**

- **The week of January 30 to February 3** are the dates for Grad Pictures.
 - **NOTE** that this is the only opportunity to have grad photos taken (the Lifetouch studio will not be running any more this year).
- These pictures are important for the school wall composite and yearbook. Any student who does not have a photo taken by Lifetouch will not appear on the school wall composite or in the yearbook.
- The Grad picture appointment times have been posted on the window of the main office. Any questions please see Bob Smith. Bob's email is robertsmith@nlesd.ca,
 - **NOTE** that there is a \$25 sitting fee that has to be paid to the photographer at your appointed time. This payment can be cash, cheque, debit or credit. It is up to the student to know their appointed time and to show up on time.

YearBook

That time of year again; preparations for the yearbook are ongoing. To purchase a yearbook you **MUST** preorder by going to the website and placing your order. Order by March 13 and you get the preferred price of \$40. After March 13 the price goes up slightly.

Website: ybpay.lifetouch.ca

Yearbook School Code: 14944323

Thanks so much. Any questions please email any time.

M. Jones, Principal

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