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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Firstly, congratulations! We couldn't be prouder of our 2027 graduating class and the impact they've had on our learning community. As we start to prepare for grad season we want to highlight a few important matters.

We encourage you and your student to take some time to review the **scholarship information** in the Grad 2027 Google Classroom as well as follow updates for reminders and information pertaining to scholarships. Google Classroom Code: tb3kvhqx. Being aware of upcoming deadlines for scholarship applications can significantly benefit their future academic pursuits.

Additionally, we want to remind you of the importance of staying informed about upcoming events and deadlines. More information can be found on the Grad Google Classroom and school website. Please make note of the deadlines for forms and payments related to the Graduation Ceremony and Prom.

Grad Wear: If your student is interested in purchasing Grad Wear (or you would like to purchase it for a gift) the Grade Wear Store is open until Nov 8, 2026. Ordered items will be available for pick up from the office, early December. Click HERE to access the store.

Purdys Fundraiser: To raise funds to reduce the cost of prom tickets, students can sell Purdys Chocolates. Share information about this via your email, text or social media. Orders close November 20. Orders will be available for pick up, from the EMCS office, the first week of December. Click HERE for more information.

Grad Photos: January 13-16, 2027 in the Artona mobile studio in the EMCS parking lot. Book your appointment HERE.

Grad Fashion Show, EMCS Theatre: April 30, 2027. **This is a parent lead event. If you are interested in helping with this event, please reach out to** Emily Drown ecdrown@yahoo.ca We will schedule a planning meeting in January to connect all parent volunteers to make this event a success for our grads.

Graduation Ceremony at Farquhar Auditorium, UVic: June 5, 2027 1 pm; students must arrive at 12 pm.
Step 1: Graduation Ceremony Participation Form
Cost: $55 Forms & Payment Due: March 8, 2027
Payment can be made on cash online now.

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Step 2: Graduation Ceremony Guest Tickets, purchased directly from UVic, more information to come.
Cost: $7.50 per ticket. **Your student will receive an email from UVic** with the link and information about how to purchase tickets.

Prom at The Empress, Crystal Ball Room: June 27, 2027 (doors open at 6:30 pm)
Group photo at Parliament Buildings at 6:15 pm
Cost: $150 Forms & Payment Due: May 8, 2027
Tickets go on sale: April 17, 2026 – price dependant upon fundraising by each student.

Instead of buying a Tux or Prom Dress, consider making an appointment at The Magic Wand Project. Click HERE to learn more. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that every student can attend their graduation ceremony in style, regardless of their financial situation.

Additional dates:

- Grad Submissions for Yearbook: Baby photo with a quote and grad advice. Form will be posted in the Grad Google Classroom. Stay tuned.
- Stage Comments: due **May 3, 2027** https://forms.gle/cGNFMPad7GWbSJYv9
- Grad Ceremony Rehearsal: **June 4, 2027 -** Buses will take grad class to UVic for the mandatory ceremony rehearsal.
- Grad Walk: **June 17, 2027** – first 50 students to sign up get to participate, during block C, to visit all the elementary and middle schools in Milnes Landing. Sign up date will be announced at the Spring Grad Assembly.

All forms are under the **Classwork** tab in the Google Classroom.

Grad season can be a financial strain. If your family requires support with the cost of purchasing tickets to attend these events, please contact your child's counsellor or vice principal. Please note that through the Purdy's Chocolate Campaign and the Grad Fashion Show, students have an opportunity to raise money to reduce the cost of their Prom ticket.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our students' education. Together, we can make this graduation season memorable and successful for all involved.

Respectfully,

Tanya Phillips