



May 4, 2021

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians;

As we communicated in March, the current PHO order on gatherings and events has suspended all events. With the rise in cases in the province, and on the island, the current order will remain in effect until at least May 25th.

At this point, based on PHO orders, we are going to continue with the planning of our Plan A (as seen in the table below).

<i>Graduation Activity</i>	<i>Cancellation Date</i>
Commencement - Plan C: larger venue, students and a set number of guests	March 1, 2021
Dinner/Dance (Prom)	March 1, 2021
Commencement - Plan B: School theatre, smaller groups of students and a set number of guests, with the event live streamed	May 1, 2021
Commencement - Plan A: School theatre, smaller groups of students only with the event live streamed (same as last year provided the PHO allows)	As per PHO guidelines

With everything going on, we fully acknowledge that there is no perfect scenario, no situation that checks all of the boxes. We can, however, work diligently within the PHO framework that we are given and what the Vancouver Island Health Authority will approve.



Current Commencement plans include:

- Early June; cap, gown, and lawn sign distribution, more details to come.
- Commencement Ceremony, Royal Bay Teechmittsa Theatre on June 23, 24, and 25.

We are planning for small ceremonies of 25-30 students, more details and specific schedules to come. Students will arrive at Royal Bay with caps and gowns on. Students will be lined up in our small gym and then will proceed to the Theatre. The ceremony will be livestreamed and available for viewing live, a recorded version will also be available.

A photographer will take a cap-and-gown photograph of each grad on the stage.

A professional (Roll Focus) video prepared for the Grads and their families, containing: O' Canada, Grad song, Pomp and Circumstance, speeches from Associate Superintendent, Principal, Valedictorian, and others. A Grad photo slideshow with commencement comments and student photos will be available through an electronic link. The estimated release date is the end of June.

As we start to look at bringing this school year to an end, we want to thank all of our Grads and their families for all of their patience and understanding around what we can do to celebrate this important milestone for our grads.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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