



## Graduation is set for **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

### Grad Events:

There will be various grad events throughout the school year, there are a few major events including the Grad all-nighter at the Greenwood Base in late April or early May. The Prom & Procession is set for **Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Immediately following prom, grads will begin the "Safe Grad Party".

The first parent meeting to discuss and help organize these events and various fundraisers will be in March. Any questions regarding grad events please email **Ms. Hubley** ([HUBLEYBL2@gnspe.ca](mailto:HUBLEYBL2@gnspe.ca)) or **Ms. Greenlaw** ([greenles@gnspe.ca](mailto:greenles@gnspe.ca))

### Grad Fees:

Grad fees of **\$50** are due to Ms. Greenlaw. These fees help with the costs of grad all-nighter, prom, and safe grad activities. Prom tickets are included for the grad and their date in this cost.

### Grad Sweaters:

Grad sweaters will be on sale during the month of October. The cost is **\$45.00** and it includes "MRHS Grad" on the front, the "18" signatures on the back and one word on one sleeve. The last date to order a grad sweater is **Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

### Grad Dress Up Day:

On Halloween it is customary for the graduates to dress up and parade through MRHS classes in their costumes. Please be aware that costumes should be culture friendly and still meet the school dress code.

### Photo Day:

School photos will be on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Grads will have their photos taken on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Each grad is to wear a grad gown to have their photo taken. It is very important that grads be present for photo day. If a grad has a free period on this day, they are asked to be at the school during their free time to make certain they are not missed.

Each student will have their photo taken even if they do not plan to order a package as it is used for the grad wall composite, student ID card and yearbook. **Please note** that only Lifetouch photos will be used for the grad wall composite.

If a student is ordering a package, they have the option to select the background colour. If it all possible, we would ask those grads who are ordering packages to select a blue background in order to have uniformity. The grad composite looks much better when all backgrounds are the same colour.

### Grad Gowns:

Some grads may want to have their photo taken by a photographer other than LifeTouch for their own personal use. Grads may borrow a grad gown and cap to do so. The gowns/caps can be borrowed from the office at no cost during the school year (until the end of May). **Please note** that there will be a charge of \$25 at the end of the year for the cap/gown for the graduation ceremony.

### Prom Dresses:

Tatum's Fashions & Bridal have some discontinued dresses that they have stored at MRHS with Ms. Blue for grads to purchase. These dresses cost \$100 each and \$20 of that goes to our grad class fund. There are various sizes, colours and lengths to choose from. If you are interested in viewing or trying on one of these dresses please see Ms. Blue or listen to announcements for possible lunch time viewing. You may want to see these before you go out to buy a dress!

### Early Graduates:

Any graduate who finishes their courses at the end of January should please find a second semester grad to pass on information to you, as well provide Ms. Greenlaw with your **email/contact information** so she, Ms. Hubley, and the office can keep you up-to-date with graduation information. It is the student's responsibility to stay up-to-date with graduation information.

### Remind:

Ms. Greenlaw is now sending out text reminders via a program called Remind. To receive text messages via Remind, send **@mrhsgrad** to **(902) 708-0297**. This program is a one-way messaging system and phone numbers are not seen by the teacher. Parents are more than welcome to join and receive the information and reminders sent out.



### Transcripts:

Many grade 12 students require transcripts to apply to post-secondary education institutions. Mrs. Beckner prints these in the office; however it is not just a quick print, so please make sure you ask for printed transcripts in advance. The turnaround time for transcripts can be quick, but it depends on the day, so please give her enough notice.

### Counselling Office:

There are some important timelines students and parents/guardians should be aware of:

- **Applications for NSCC and other colleges** should be completed as soon as possible. Colleges accept students on a first come, first served basis. Students can apply as early as the fall of their grade 11 year.
- **Applications for universities** are usually completed once students have received their first semester marks in early February. Students may apply for early acceptance as early as September based on grade 11 marks and current enrollments, but acceptances are conditional on grade 12 marks. Students can apply up to August, but only applications received before March will be considered for scholarships, as a general rule.
- **Scholarships and Bursaries.** Information is available in Student Services. In addition, information and application forms are usually available on line. Please note that it is still early for institutions and organizations to have updated their online forms for this school year. Keep checking for current forms.
- **University and College scholarships.** There are two types. **Entrance scholarships** are awarded by universities based on marks and most universities automatically offer an entrance scholarship depending on your marks. **Other scholarships and bursaries** generally require a separate application and usually need to be received by the college or university by the beginning to middle of March. These deadlines are very important and are on the university and college websites.

#### **What the School Counsellor needs from you:**

- The Department of Education tracks what all graduates do after high school. Therefore, Mrs. Arthur needs to know if grads are going to work, doing an apprenticeship, or have been accepted to college or university. Mrs. Arthur meets with each potential grad individually before the end of first semester to confirm plans or assist any other related questions.
- Grads need to let Mrs. Arthur know if they receive any bursaries or scholarships. This information is used for statistical purposes, but is also included in the graduation ceremony.

#### **What the School Counsellor can do for you:**

- It is not unusual for grade 12 students to be uncertain about their post-grad plans. Some find this a source of anxiety. Mrs. Arthur is happy to meet with students around these issues and concerns to help with career planning and to discuss options.
- Also, please keep in mind that Mrs. Arthur is a Counselling Therapist and regularly speaks with students about emotional or social concerns. These sessions are confidential.
- Mrs. Arthur can be contacted by email at [arthura@nspes.ca](mailto:arthura@nspes.ca), by phone at [\(902\) 825-5357](tel:(902)825-5357) or by dropping into Student Services.