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Dear Parents and/or Guardians of Graduates,

Over the course of this school year, I have been clear in distinguishing between the graduation events which are school-sponsored and the graduation events which are not. As we are embarking on the final weeks of your child's formal education, I wish to re-iterate this important distinction.

During the next few weeks, we will be hosting a "Grad Breakfast" at EMS (date and time to be determined). The Grad Breakfast *is* a school-sponsored event. The Graduation Dinner and Dance at the Hyatt Regency *is* a school-sponsored event and, obviously, the Commencement Ceremony at the Chandos Pattison Pavillion *is* a school-sponsored event.

If students arrive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs at any of these school-sponsored events, they will be suspended and may be charged by the R.C.M.P.. The suspended student will not be accorded the further privilege of participating in the remaining year-end, school-sponsored events.

To clarify, these events include: the Graduation Dinner and Dance, the Commencement Ceremony and the writing of final examinations, including provincial examinations at the Earl Marriott Secondary site. Please note that in the latter instance, an alternate location and time will be arranged.

It should also be noted that the R.C.M.P. has informed schools that they have a heightened level of security at all of our school-sponsored events to ensure the safety of all participants. Additionally, the R.C.M.P. has advised us that charges *will* be issued to any youth under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs at a school-sponsored event.

Please note that I, personally, have been very clear in numerous assemblies and class visits to grade 12 students, as to the expectations during these last few weeks of school. Should you or your child have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at the school.

All the best,

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