



October 12th, 2007

Dear Grade 12 students and parents:

Congratulations on reaching the final stages of high school life! Grade 12 is a time of significant decision-making, considerable learning, and celebration.

Grad council is working diligently to organize many special events that will make this Grad year memorable. The events are intended to build community among the members of the Class of 2008 and to contribute to the development of positive school culture and traditions. It is very important that we remind parents and Grads that all events organized and sponsored by the school must be alcohol and drug free. Everyone should understand that this is for the safety of students. Students need to be able to behave appropriately and act with good judgement at all times. It is also important that students and parents realize the importance of this policy for the staff sponsors who support and supervise events and who must respond to very uncomfortable, and sometimes emergency, situations. As volunteer sponsors give up their own time to supervise events, we must be respectful of the enormous responsibility they undertake.

All students participating in Grad events should be aware of the consequences if they are involved with drugs or alcohol. They face suspension from school and put their participation in future Grad events, including the Dinner/Dance, in jeopardy. It is a huge risk, then, with implications for students, families, and other members of the Grad class. It is our hope that students, fully aware of the consequences and the reasons behind school policy, will make good choices.

Upcoming Grad events planned by the school include:

- Baseball Game - September
- Pasta Dinner - November
- Winter Dance - December
- Movie Night - February
- Roller-skating - March
- The Grad Fashion show - April
- Duke of Earl - May
- Grad Dinner and Dance - June
- Commencement - June

In the past, members of Earl Marriott Grad classes have planned their own "Grad Activities". These activities have been unsafe and have directly interfered with learning because of missed class time. The school does not sanction these activities in any way. Activities have included:

- Grad Class Ski/Snowboarding trips to any mountain
- Grad Class camping in late May
- Grad Class "Kidnap Day"

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the school.

For continued participation in Grad activities, students must return the attached form to the school. These forms will be kept on file for all future school-sponsored Grad events. Your support is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Peter Johnston
Principal

Ed Chow
Vice Principal

Jeannie Lynch
Vice Principal

Kathryn Pipke
Vice Principal

Grad Activities Participation Form

It is our hope that parents and students understand our expectations regarding conduct at school sponsored Grad functions, the reasons behind these expectations, and possible consequences.

Name of Student (please print) _____ Student # _____

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Name of Parent (please print) _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

Thank you for your cooperation. The staff of Earl Marriott Secondary wishes your Grade 12 school year and Grad activities to be wonderful, safe and memorable. Best wishes to the Grads.