



October 22th, 2008

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 2009 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, 20th
- Pot Luck (Harry Potter) - December 2nd
- Movie Night - February
- Roller-skating - TBA
- The Grad Fashion show - March 31
- Duke of Earl - May
- Plant Sale - May 9
- Grad Breakfast - TBA
- Grad Dinner and Dance - June 6
- Commencement - June 12

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.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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