

FLEETWOOD PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

# GRAD NEWSLETTER

2010 - 2011

April 2011 – Your Grad Events Update



## COMMENCEMENT

*Friday, June 24, 2011*

**Chandos Pattison Auditorium**  
10238 168<sup>th</sup> Street, Surrey

**7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:15)**

*Please note that the Chandos Auditorium can often be very warm with over 1400 people in attendance and the ceremony will be approximately 2 ½ - 3 hours long.*

Guests are requested to stay seated for the entire ceremony.

There is no intermission.

## TICKET INFO

We are very fortunate as a school to have such an active parent community. Unfortunately, that means that there is often a real challenge in allotting tickets for events like Commencement where seating is limited. To solve this dilemma, students have been allotted **3 tickets each**.

**Grads requiring more tickets will be able to purchase extra tickets at \$5.00 each once allotted tickets have been distributed.**

We are doing our best to ensure a fair process for everyone. In this age of blended families, we are very aware of the special circumstances each family has and ask for your patience and understanding as we try to meet the needs of 275 grads and their families.

**Please see the “Important Dates” for the ticket purchase and pick up dates.**



## *Expectations for Commencement for Audience and Grads*

We want everyone to have a great time at this milestone event so here are a few expectations and reminders to make the day special for everyone.

- School rules are in effect.
- Guests are asked to please remain in their seats for the duration of the event; it is disruptive for other guests if people get up in the middle of the event.
- Please **turn off** electronic devices such as cell phones, Ipods, Mp3s, hand-held DVD players, etc. They are not appropriate for the venue.
- All guests must have tickets as they will be checked at the door.
- The event is a long one; small children may have difficulty sitting through the whole evening.
- No food or beverages allowed in the auditorium.

*Grads should be at the auditorium no later than 6:15.  
Families are encouraged to carpool as parking is limited.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is nowhere for graduates to leave personal belongings like coats and purses while on stage. Please leave them with your families. The school and the Chandos Pattison Auditorium are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

## **PARKING AND DIRECTIONS to Chandos Pattison Auditorium at Pacific Academy**

Parking is very limited and **parking attendants will be directing traffic and parking allocations.** Please make arrangements for family and extended family to arrive in as few vehicles as possible. We would appreciate your understanding and cooperation with the parking attendants at the venue. **Please drive safely and slowly, following the directions of the attendants.**

Chandos Pattison Auditorium is on the north side of Highway #1. Please ensure that you leave early enough to be on time and take bridge traffic into consideration when planning your route to the venue. There are three routes across the highway; 156<sup>th</sup>, 160<sup>th</sup> and 176<sup>th</sup>. (beginning at Fleetwood Park School). We are recommending 176<sup>th</sup> or 156<sup>th</sup> as traffic patterns are more conducive.

### **Directions from 156<sup>th</sup>**

1. Head **north** on **156 ST**
2. Turn **right** on **108<sup>th</sup> AVE**
3. Turn **right** on **168<sup>th</sup> ST**

### **Directions via 160<sup>th</sup> Street**

1. Head **north** on **156 ST** toward **80 Ave**
2. Turn **right** at **80 AVE**
3. Turn **left** at **160<sup>th</sup> ST**
4. Turn **right** at **104<sup>th</sup> AVE**
5. Turn **right** at **168<sup>th</sup> ST**

#### **NOTE:**

**The only entrance is off of 168<sup>th</sup>**

### **Directions via 176<sup>th</sup> Street**

1. Head **north** on **156 ST** toward **80 Ave**
2. Turn **right** at **80 AVE**
3. Turn **left** at **160<sup>th</sup> ST**
4. Turn **right** at **88<sup>th</sup> AVE**
5. Turn **left** at **176<sup>th</sup> AVE**
6. Turn **left** at **104<sup>th</sup> AVE**
7. Turn **left** at **168<sup>th</sup> ST**



## GRADUATION DINNER & DANCE

Parents are more than welcome to attend the dinner and dance being held at the Fairmont Waterfront this year. Dinner is \$140 but there is a less expensive option, which is to purchase an appetizer ticket for only \$25. This gains you entry to the evening before the dinner and you can enjoy some

lovely appies, see your grad, hear the toasts and take some photos. It has been the most popular option in the past for parents. Tickets should be purchased when your grad purchases their dinner/dance tickets. See "Important Dates" for guest passes and ticket sale dates.

Students are asked to be at the Fairmont Waterfront **no later than 5:30** for the group photo.

This year's Grad Dinner Dance will be held on **Saturday, June 25, 2011**  
at the **Fairmont Waterfront Hotel**  
900 Canada Place Way, Vancouver

Appetizers begin at 6:00 pm.  
**All attendees must have a ticket.**

### *Expectations*

We want everyone to have a great time at the Fairmont Waterfront so here are a few reminders:

- School rules are in effect.
- No re-admittance for parents, students, or guests. Once you have left the banquet area, you will not be permitted to re-enter.
- No alcohol, drugs, or inappropriate behaviour. Security will not admit anyone suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Anyone suspected, once inside, will be removed by security staff. As well, suspension from school may result.
- Full security measures will be in place as part of the hotel and school security.
- Students assume full responsibility for THEIR GUESTS.
- No refunds will be given if you are denied entrance or are asked to leave.

### **Grad Costs in a Challenging Economy**

We are very fortunate at Fleetwood Park that our school population is socio-economically diverse; it adds to our culture. However, this means that some students may not have all the financial resources of their peers. No one should miss out on any of the celebrations due to financial concerns. If you are in such a situation, or know of such a grad, please contact the Administration. The school can help and if you are in a position to help a worthy and needy student, please contact the school – there are many less fortunate students who need a little assistance.



## IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

- Fri, April 29** Valedictorian Nominations due
- Thur, May 12** Assembly for Valedictorian and song vote.
- Thur, May 16** Guest Passes for Dinner / Dance / Dry Grad available in the office. Taken in order of returning. Only 50 guest passes will be approved.
- Tue, May 31<sup>st</sup> to Fri, June 10** Dinner Dance tickets are on sale at lunch and after school in A214  
*\* Appetizer tickets for parents are also on sale at this time*
- Tues, June 7** Grad '10 – Amazing Race – 3 pm on Shields Field
- Thur, June 16** Mandatory Grad Assembly in Period 1 (first block of the day).  
Gowns to be distributed.  
**\*\* Bring your \$75.00 cheque.**  
Ticket Distribution  
*\* Both dinner/Dance and Commencement Tickets will be distributed.*
- Fri, June 17** Any unclaimed Commencement Tickets will be available for purchase on a first come-first served basis in the library **AT LUNCH ONLY.**  
**(\$5 each; bring cash only)**
- Fri, June 24** Grad 2011 Commencement Ceremonies at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium  
*\* Grads should arrive no later than 6:15; guests at 6:15 – 6:30 pm  
car-pooling recommended*
- Sat, June 25** Grad 2011 Dinner / Dance at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel.  
*\* Grads should be there no later than 5:30 for the group photo and  
Appetizer guests should arrive by 6:00 p.m  
\* Parking downtown can be limited and costly. We recommend carpooling  
or Skytrain (Waterfront Station)*

*We want the grad class of 2011 to have an enjoyable, memorable and incident-free celebration. These events promise to be memory-filled and a wonderful end to your graduate's high school experience. Thank you for all your cooperation and we hope you have an enjoyable experience as well!*

### **QUESTIONS?**

*Please contact this year's grad co-ordinators, Ms. Britney or Mr. Stickley at the school.*