



# SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY MEMO TO THE CLASS OF 2018

Grads of 2018, congratulations on all your high school successes!! Please review the following information/procedures to make your ceremony a success.

## WHERE DO I GO?

- The School Leaving Ceremony is on **Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**. Grad arrival time at the Bill Copeland Arena (3676 Kensington Avenue) is **1:00 pm**. You will gather in the Burnaby Lake Arena. The ceremony begins at 2:00 pm sharp.
- Doors open at 1:00 pm so your parents can come at 1:00 pm with their tickets in hand and grab seats early.
- Once the processional (line-up and walk-in of grads) has begun, remember to remain quiet in the backstage and tunnel areas.
- Parking is limited, so please make arrangements accordingly.

## WHAT DO I WEAR?

- This is a **formal** ceremony. Keep in mind, gowns are warm and must be worn, so dress appropriately.
- Do not bring purses, cameras, a change of clothing, backpacks, etc. as there is no place to store these items. Leave them at home, in a secured car if not valuable, or with a family member/guardian.

## WHEN CAN I PICK UP MY TICKETS?

- Tickets will be given out at the Grade 12 Assembly Friday, April 20 (Period 2). You are entitled to 2 complimentary tickets for the School Leaving Ceremony. You may purchase extra tickets at the office for \$5.00 each starting on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## WHEN CAN I PICK UP MY GOWN?

- Gowns should arrive and be ready for distribution beginning Tuesday, May 22 - pick up will be during lunch as well as afterschool - you must pick up your cap/gown from the main office. It is your responsibility to ensure you have picked up your cap/gown. Last day to pick up gowns is **Friday, May 25**.
- You must wear the gown. You may want to put your name on the inside of the cap (grads typically throw up their caps at the end of the ceremony, and if you don't want to risk losing it, you may want to write your name on the inside.)
- Note: the tassels on the cap are positioned on the left side of the cap before crossing the stage and receiving your diploma, and on the right side after.
- French Immersion students will find a French Immersion Pin already placed on their grad gown. This pin is yours to keep and must be removed at the end of the ceremony before handing in the grad gown.

## WHERE and WHEN DO I RETURN MY GOWN?

- Immediately after the ceremony, you must return your gown, so please remember to take pictures with family/friends prior to this time. The cap and tassel are yours to keep. French Immersion Pins are also a keepsake for our French Immersion students.

## FYIs:

- On Friday, May 25, 2018, there is a **mandatory rehearsal** in the large gym for all grade 12s attending the ceremony during **Period 2**. **Do not wear your caps nor gowns to the rehearsal please.**

If you have any questions or special considerations, please see Ms. Da Silva (Room 303). Thanks and all the best!