

# SIMONDS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Graduating Class of 2021

*We hope that this information will be helpful to you and your family as you prepare for graduation activities. Please read the entire newsletter carefully and contact Mr. Dumas should you have any questions.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### October 6, 9 – Grade 12 Assembly

### October 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 – Graduation Photos

- Sign-up sheet will be in the **Main Office** on **Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>** until **Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>**.

### November 12, 13 – Grade 12 Group Photo

### January 29, 2021 – Final Date for Submissions for Grad Pictures for the Yearbook

### April 23, 2021 – LAST DAY to pay Graduation Fee (\$50)\* Student Fee (\$30)

- \*Covers the following: spaghetti dinner, grad prom, purchase of gown, cap and tassel.
- Payment is to be made through **School Cash ONLINE** or to student's Home Room Teacher (**Exact Cash Amount ONLY**).
- Invitations to the graduation ceremony will be issued to **only those students** who have paid their Student Fee \$30 and Grad Fee \$50.

### June 14, 2021 – Assessment Demonstration of Learning (previously exam week)

- We encourage you to prepare. Good Luck!

### June 21, 2021 – Graduation Dance at Simonds High School

- The Grand March begins at 7:00 p.m.
- The Graduation Dance begins at 7:30 p.m.
- We encourage your family to come and view the Grand March. There will be a parent-grad first dance at 7:30 p.m.

### June 23, 2021 – Graduation Rehearsal

- At 8:30 a.m. graduates return to homeroom to pick up their home reports.
- Graduates report to the Cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. for the Graduation Rehearsal. There, you will be given a place in the procession, which will move to the Gymnasium.
- All graduates must attend the rehearsal. Important information is given to graduates at that time.
- At the rehearsal, invitations to the graduation ceremony will be issued. **Each graduate (who has paid their student fee and grad fee) will receive four (4) invitations.** Because of the large demand for invitations, any graduate who has extra invitations is asked to return them to the office so that other graduates may use them.
- If any guests require special seating due to physical challenges, please inform one of our administrative assistants in the office no later than **June 18, 2021**.
- Grad gowns, caps and tassels will be available after the rehearsal.
- Graduation gowns may be picked up from the Music Room or Pool Room following the rehearsal. Each graduate is to keep his/her souvenir gown, cap and tassel.

## **June 24, 2021 – Graduation Ceremony (tentative)**

- If you leave the area for pictures, please return to the hallway by the cafeteria by 6:30 p.m. to line up in preparation for the procession to the gym.
- Doors open to the gymnasium at 6:45 p.m. Only those guests with invitations will be admitted to the ceremony.
- The graduation ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Everyone is invited to join us in the Cafeteria immediately following the ceremony for cake and punch.

## **Extra Graduation Invitations**

- Any extra invitations will be distributed based on availability and in the order that the requests were received.
- Requests for extra invitations cannot be accepted after **June 11, 2021**.

## **Conduct Guidelines**

***Our Graduation Ceremony is an opportunity for you to be honoured and recognized for your achievements. Please observe the following guidelines:***

- Be present for the rehearsal. This is the only opportunity for graduates to learn important details in preparation for the graduation ceremony.
- You may wear your grad cap and tassel during the ceremony. However, please do not wear baseball caps or other headgear.
- Leave cell phones, pagers, iPods or any other electronic devices at home or with your parents/guardians.
- Do not chew gum during the ceremony.
- Please do not talk during the ceremony.
- Wear your grad gown during the entire ceremony. It is advisable to wear lightweight clothing under your gown.
- Remain seated during the ceremony.
- Ask your guests not to approach you during the ceremony.

## **Guidance Note**

- All graduates must sign a sheet in the Guidance Center by **June 24<sup>th</sup>** indicating where you wish to have your final transcript forwarded. If you receive any bursaries or awards before graduation, inform your Guidance Counsellor. Graduates are reminded that any prizes, bursaries, or scholarships should be acknowledged with a letter of thanks. If you have any questions, please contact the Guidance Department.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY GRADUATION!!!**