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THOMAS HANEY GRAD NEWSLETTER

For Parents and Students
of the THSS 2020 Graduating Class

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GRAD EVENTS

Grad Breakfast/Rehearsal

Tues, June 9th, 2020

7:30 am

Thomas Haney Secondary School

- Grads on track may participate in the Grad Breakfast
- School Leaving Ceremony walk thru
- Grads will receive cap and gown during the rehearsal
- A group grad photo will take place after breakfast
- This is a mandatory rehearsal

Dinner

Fri, June 5th, 2020

Meadow Gardens Golf & Country Club

19675 Meadow Gardens Way, Pitt Meadows

\$70

5:30-11:00 pm

Grads pay by January 31, 2020

Guests are permitted at the dinner/dance

Submit guest request form & payment by April 30, 2020

School Leaving Ceremony

Wed, June 10th, 2020

The Orpheum Theatre

601 Smithe St, Vancouver

\$140

Ceremony begins at 7:00 pm

Lobby opens at 6:00 pm

Auditorium opens at 6:30 pm

Grad fees due by January 31, 2020

Dry Grad

Fri, June 5th to Sat, June 6th, 2020

Thomas Haney Secondary School

11:30 pm - 5:30 am

Doors close at midnight

Parent volunteers needed

Students and approved guests only

Submit a Dry Grad Guest request form

& payment to the principal by April 30, 2020

OVERVIEW TIMELINES

October

- Grad wear available.
See Ms. Coghill or Ms. Clayton

November

- Check for unofficial facebook group.
While these are not school sanctioned, often they support "dress selection."
- Book grad photo appointment at
www.mountainwest.ca.
See p. 3 for more details

December

- **Dec 2-5 Grad Photos:** Appointments should have been booked online in November

January

- Grad write-ups due (no cost)
- optional parent tributes due: \$30
(see page 66 in the planner for more details)
- Grad fees for ceremony, dinner & dance for grads due January 31.
- Late January early admission to many post secondary institutions closes

February

- Grads should start applying for scholarships
- Students begin completing online Post Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections
- Cap & gown sizing in office or room 1121

March

- **March 12:** tentative deadline for district scholarships. See Ms. Sekhon in the Career Centre for more information.
- Cap and gown sizing in office or in Mr. Clutchey's room (room 1121) by March 6th. Record your height (wearing shoes) and size. See page 2 for important information about gown sizes.

April

- Banquet and Dry Grad Guest Permission forms available in main office.
- **April 30:** Completed guest request forms and payment due.

May

- **May 8:** Dry Grad waiver forms and Safe Ride Home forms (for grads and their guests) due.
- **May 15:** Ceremony list of students eligible to participate finalized.
- **End of May or Early June:** Grads receive 8 guest tickets and 1 grad ticket in TA

June

June 5th

- Grad Dinner/Dance & Dry Grad

June 9th at 7:30 am

- Grad Breakfast/Rehearsal Day in the Rotunda (Mandatory)

June 10th

- School Leaving Ceremony

Career counselling and scholarship advising are available.

Go to the Career Centre for more information.

Gr 12 counselor for surnames A – L: Krysta McBride
Gr 12 counselor for surnames M – Z: Daniel Grill
Inderjit Sekhon (Career Prep Advisor)

GRAD FEES AND TICKET INFORMATION

SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY

Students on track for meeting graduation requirements will receive 8 tickets per family and one for the grad in late May or early June through their TA.

Please make sure your gown is ironed; Grads should arrive dressed and ready to go. They will receive their gown during the **grad rehearsal breakfast on Tues. June 9th.** The grad ceremony takes place at 7:00 pm. Students should arrive at the **Orpheum Theatre** by 5:30 pm.

GRADUATION FEES

Ceremony **\$140**

Dinner/Dance **\$70**

Dry Grad **\$30**

Parent Tribute & baby or toddler photo in yearbook (optional) **\$30**

DINNER/DANCE

Guests are permitted at the dinner/dance.

Parents will receive two tickets to attend for photos before the dinner/dance, from 5:30 pm to 6:20 pm at Meadow Gardens.

Parents are reminded:

- The lounge in the clubhouse is off limits to grads during the event.
- Please advise all limo drivers that they must drop off and pick up quickly to prevent backlog on Meadow Gardens' roadways.
- Grads must **STAY OFF THE FAIRWAYS** of the golf courses
- No confetti allowed
- No other guests allowed



DRY GRAD AND LEAVING CEREMONY

DRY GRAD

This event occurs immediately following the Dinner/Dance. There is a casino/carnival event from 11:30 pm - 3:00 am, then a hypnotist show.

Guests are permitted to attend Dry Grad, however grads are required to submit a Dry Grad Guest Request forms, with payment, no later than **April 30, 2020.** Once approved, dry grad guests will then need to complete and submit the necessary waivers and safe ride home form by **May 8, 2020** in order to participate in the Dry Grad activities. Guests must be in good standing with their current high school, and guests more than 19 years old are typically not approved.

Entrance to the Dry Grad events will include a bag and coat inspection. This is an alcohol-free event for all. Waivers may be obtained from the school in April and must be completed and returned by May 8th.

Parent volunteers are the key to a great Dry Grad.

Contact Jeff_Radom@sd42.ca to volunteer.

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

All secondary schools in School District #42 adhere to a practice of allowing students to participate in the School Leaving Ceremonies under the following conditions:

- 1) We believe in honouring students for their accomplishments and have endeavoured to host ceremonies that celebrate actual graduation achievement. The student must be eligible to graduate by meeting the Ministry criteria. Marks/completion rates should reflect the likelihood they will pass all courses. Administration will make this decision by **May 15th, 2020.** Students should be well above 50% in courses necessary for grad.
- 2) Students must be in good standing with the school. Students under suspension are not permitted to participate in the School Leaving Ceremony.
- 3) Students must not owe any outstanding fees to the school (includes books, grad fees, uniforms, etc.)
- 4) Parents of a student in danger of losing the privilege of a School Leaving Ceremony will be informed by the principal. Final decisions may not be made until June, and may be appealed to the Principal.



SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY ATTIRE

Graduates, you will be wearing a traditional cap and gown for the ceremony. You should not need to purchase a new or expensive outfit for the day, but please dress for the occasion.

Your shoes will be visible to the audience as you cross the stage, so black shoes are recommended.

Your gown will be black, and the "hood" around it will be white.

The gown, hood and cap are yours to keep.

Grads will be measured for their gowns in February. Grad gowns are designed to fit heights of:

4'8" – 5'4" (142 cm – 163 cm) up to 200 pounds (90 kg).

5'5" – 6'1" (165 cm -185 cm) up to 250 pounds (113 kg).

6'2 – 6'8" (187 cm – 203 cm) up to 300 pounds (136 kg).

If a student is heavier than these height guidelines, he or she should indicate XL along with their height.

Gentlemen: We suggest a dress shirt with a collar and tie, as the top of your shirt can be seen above the gown.

Suit jackets are unnecessary; it gets very warm under the stage lights.

Ladies: A nice top/dress (many female students tend to choose a neckline that is not visible above the gown, so the colour is not important), black/grey pants or a knee-length skirt/dress.

GRAD PHOTOGRAPHY

By Mountain West Studios

Thomas Haney Graduates

December 2-5, 2019

The sitting is 12 minutes. There will be several formal traditional cap and gown portraits as well as opportunity for casual photos. Students are welcome to bring a prop that represents the student's character, whether it be a basketball, hockey gear, or a musical instrument. Come in your favourite outfit.

The important thing to remember is to be early for the appointment and to be ready.

Boys should have a plain shirt and tie to wear under the gown (a shirt and tie is available if you do not have one), and for girls a bare neckline usually works very well.

There is a \$20.00 sitting fee payable to the photographer at the time of sitting.

A grad photo is required for the yearbook. If the student does not wish to receive any proofs and only wants a photo in the yearbook, the sitting fee is waived. A yearbook photo will consist of two shots only. There will not be a retake day for the yearbook photo.

Book your appointment online at www.mountainwest.ca on or after November 1, 2019. Just click on the BOOK APPOINTMENT button and follow the directions for Thomas Haney.

Formal package fees vary in price beginning at approximately \$100.

There will be a district retake day in early January. Details to be announced.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Kathy Fitzpatrick
Mountain West Studios
kathy@mountainwest.ca



GRAD WRITE-UPS AND PARENT TRIBUTES

YEARBOOK INFO FOR PARENTS OF GRADUATES

Remember that the deadline for you to compose your parent tribute and submit your favourite toddler photo of your son or daughter is **January 31st**. The parent tribute can be up to 300 characters (including spaces), and should be sent by email to thssyearbook@gmail.com. The photo must be scanned at highest resolution (300 dpi) and sent to the same email address. The cost for the parent tribute is \$30.00 and can be paid online (along with all other grad fees) via the parent portal website: <https://parents.sd42.ca>

This is an optional purchase.

GRADS

Please check page 66 in the planner. All information about grad portraits, baby photo and grad write-up requirements can be found there. Please pay particular attention to the length of the Grad write-ups (200 characters, including spaces). Grads need to be measured for their grad gowns by March 6th.

F.A.Q.

What is in the Fee Package?

Graduation fees include:

- 8 guest tickets per grad for school leaving ceremony
- Dry Grad games, food, entertainment and door prizes
- 1 dinner/dance ticket
- 1 formal grad folder
- 1 grad gown, hood and cap with tassel, which are kept by grads

What if my student only wants to attend one event?

Students who start the year with the expectation of attending only the School Leaving or Dinner/Dance often change their mind over the course of the school year. The draw of peers becomes strong as the year progresses. We need firm commitments in place by Spring Break, as this allows for the allocation of additional tickets for families that need them.

Students confirming attendance at only one event will pay a reduced fee.

We have siblings in the grad class. Is there a fee break?

There is no reduced fee for siblings. If your family does not require 8 tickets per graduate, we will redistribute them. We do not purchase tickets.

Can we trade School Leaving Ceremony tickets?

Each student is allocated 8 guest tickets. We will likely have extra tickets available. Contact Mr. Clutchey if you require additional tickets to the ceremony.

My student is at risk of not graduating. What happens in this process?

Over the course of the year, grad lists are posted. This list is a means to support and identify students at risk. A part of this process involves formal communication from the school. This is in the form of a letter from the principal.

Refunds are not issued after the final numbers are set, as we have committed costs for rental of gowns and the purchase of dry grad items. Early recognition of a non grad will support a refund.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Over the course of the school year, there are many scholarships that become available. Students can find scholarship information in Grad Transitions class, on the scholarship bulletin board and in the THSS Career Centre (<http://schools.sd42.ca/thsscareer/>)

Additional primary sources of information are:

<http://schools.sd42.ca/scholarships/>

Some websites to visit would be:

www.scholarshipscanada.com
www.studentawards.com

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Many post-secondary institutions offer financial awards towards tuition.

Not all scholarships are connected to academic achievement; sometimes community involvement and leadership are weighted more heavily, while some scholarships are won because a student took the time to fill out the forms when few others applied.

Transcripts:

Student Transcripts Service is an online application for students to view school marks, transcripts, scholarships, and send transcripts electronically to post-secondary institutions.

Go to www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca

SCHOOL WEBSITE:

<http://schools.sd42.ca/thss/>

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