

## **Grad 2019: Parent Information Meeting – January 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**

- 1) Grad Date: **Wednesday, June 26, 2019. Both the ceremonies and banquet will be held at the Legends Centre. Ceremonies will be in the rink, and the banquet in the green soccer centre.**
- 2) Website: Please check the website for Grad updates and information. Lara Morrow & Susan Bayne try to update the site as new information surfaces. Google Warman High School or go to <http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/warmanhigh/> and click on the grad webpage to get the information. **THIS IS THE MAIN FORM OF COMMUNICATION.** If you have a child who does not listen to or read the announcements each morning or look at the TV screens in hallways, then this is the only way you will get the information you need.  
\*\*Lara will try to put an auto dialer message out for some information but not all.
- 3) Things that have happened so far:
  - a. Student Grad Meeting – discussed when grad is and what some of the expectations are throughout the year
    - i. Things Grads get at WHS that does not happen in many other schools:
      1. When presented diplomas, a personal talk about each one is done.
      2. Grads have a say for what choices of food for the banquet.
      3. Grads choose the Valedictorian once staff pick 5.
      4. Grads choose their own theme, music, decorations, and speakers (although some are standard).
      5. Rose Ceremony – this is special to WHS and provides an opportunity to acknowledge special people in your lives.
      6. Things that have happened:
        - a. Grad Clothing orders done
        - b. Grad cap and gown pictures – proofs arrived before x-mas break.
        - c. Grad committees – sign up is open now for the committees mentioned earlier.

Things to do:

- b. \*\*Grads need to provide a baby/toddler and a middle year picture for the slide show. Please email these to Jackie Haroldson (email address is on website). **The deadline for accepting pictures will be on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. No pictures will be accepted after that and only the cap and gown picture will be shown.**
- c. Pick valedictorian – happens end of May.

- d. Banquet Tickets: We have around 145 grads this year. We are still trying to figure out how many guests each of you will be allowed. We are hoping that each grad will get one table of eight (8) which includes your grad, so that would mean 7 guests. Also, you are not obligated to purchase all seats at your table. If your table is not full, another grad may want to purchase your extra tickets. We will not be arranging extra tickets. It will be your responsibility to seek out extra tickets on your own.
- **Banquet ticket sales** will begin on **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. You can stop in the front office or have your child drop off the form and money at the office. Also, on **April 10<sup>th</sup> during parent teacher interviews**, the office will be open and can purchase banquet tickets that evening. Forms will be posted on the website closer to the date. Cost will be around \$30 each per adult and \$15 for children ages 2-11 years old. The Grad's ticket is paid in the grad fee, so only put the guest number and payment on the form. This cost may vary. **\*\*Please note that banquet tickets can only be purchased if grad and school fees have been paid. School fees include any sports fees, library book costs, etc.**
  - **PLEASE NOTE THAT MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE THE FINAL DEADLINE TO PURCHASE EXTRA TICKETS OR CHANGE YOUR NUMBERS. AFTER THIS DATE, CHANGES WILL NOT BE MADE.**
- e. Schedule: We will post on the website soon. Ceremonies will be early afternoon (around 1:30 p.m.) and the banquet will follow. The firm schedule should be set by the end of March. Please watch the website.
- f. After the ceremony, the grads will meet in a specific area (on the stairs in Middle School) to have a group photo done by Lifetouch. Next is the Rose Ceremony and Banquet.
- g. Rose Ceremony: There is a Rose Ceremony at the Banquet where grads present a rose a person(s) they want to recognize. The idea is to recognize their moms or caregivers, but often they will buy a rose for the dads or grandparents or someone special who is attending the banquet. Each grad will already have 1 rose to present (part of fee) but they are able to purchase extra roses at \$1.00 each. This has to be ordered and paid for when you purchase grad tickets.
- h. Grad (CHEM FREE) Activity – run by parents. The school will support a CHEM FREE activity and will have some money to put towards that. In order to cover all the cost, you may have to charge each student as well depending on activity. Activities such as a dance (restrictions), hypnotist, etc. In the past, there has

been a small “family” dance held right after the banquet that was supervised by parents upstairs in at the Legends.

**\*\*Please submit a proposal for ALL CHEM FREE ACTIVITIES to Lara or Susan with the activity and budget by February 28<sup>th</sup> so this can be reviewed and approved.**

**4) Things to Note:**

- a. Awards: The businesses of Warman donate a large amount of money for scholarships for our students. In the past, we have been able to present a minimum of \$500 per student who applies for these scholarships. Many received more. This all depends on the number of applicants and the amount we receive each year. The application forms and due date will be posted on the grad page closer to that day, which is usually middle of May. In the past, all students who apply have received money if they are attending a post-secondary facility **the next school year**. Because our local businesses donate a large amount of money for scholarships, we will continue presenting them at the grad ceremonies. We understand it makes the ceremonies a little longer, but the generosity has to be recognized.
- b. Grads will **NOT** be allowed to have their cell phones on them during the ceremony. Also, if they bring flasks, booze, etc. IT WILL BE TAKEN AWAY. Only cell phones will be returned. Please encourage your child to engage in appropriate activity prior to the ceremonies. **Please remember that this is a school event and drugs/alcohol is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.**
- c. It is important that Grads show up at the times specified because there are a lot of students to line up and get organized for the main ceremony as well as the Rose Ceremony.
- d. Rehearsal is only for the grads – NO PARENTS. **\*\*This year it is on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.** Please ensure that the grads are there.
- e. There will be limited seating available for the grad’s family on the floor area in front of the stage. The family will check in at the table and then it will be rush seating once in. The remaining family members will sit in the general sitting area. The number of seats will be decided and posted on website at a later date. On Grad day, you check in prior to sitting in those designated seats.
- f. In the fall of 2019, the grad package will be ready. This includes the diploma, grad composite picture, class picture, yearbook (if purchased) and letters from MLA’s, school board, etc. It is a fairly large bundle. We will contact students/families when it is ready to pick up so please ensure that at the end of the year, your contact information is up-to-date. There will also be a mail out

option that can be paid when banquet tickets are purchased. The cost will be \$20.00.

Thank you for attending the meeting. Please feel free to ask any questions, there are no dumb questions and often may be things that we have overlooked in our planning.

If you need to contact us, please email Lara Morrow at [lara.morrow@spiritsd.ca](mailto:lara.morrow@spiritsd.ca) or Susan Bayne at [susan.bayne@spiritsd.ca](mailto:susan.bayne@spiritsd.ca). You can also call the school at (306) 933-2377.

Thank you!