**Grad 2020: Parent Information Meeting – January 14th 7:00 p.m.**

1. Grad Date: **Friday, June 26, 2020. 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. \*\*We will try to put an auto dialer message out for some information but not all.
3. Things that have happened so far:
	1. Student Grad Meeting – discussed when grad is and what some of the expectations are throughout the year
		1. 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 choose the Valedictorian once staff pick 5.
			3. Grads choose their own theme, music, decorations, and speakers (although some are standard).
			4. Rose Ceremony – this is special to WHS and a chance for them to present a rose to someone special to them.
			5. Things that have happened:

a. Grad Clothing orders done

b. Grad cap and gown pictures – proofs arrived before Christmas break. \*\*If your child did not have these pictures done, they will need to make an appointment at the Lifetouch Office in Saskatoon. These pictures will be added for our yearbook and wall composite that is hung in our school.

c. Grad committees – sign up sheets for the above-mentioned committees will be available after final exams in January in Ms. Hall’s room.

Things to do:

a. Pick valedictorian – happens end of May.

* 1. Banquet Tickets: We have around 150 – 160 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 1st**. You can stop in the front office or have your child drop off the form and money at the office. Also, on **April 2nd 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 $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 29TH WILL BE THE FINAL DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR CHANGE YOUR NUMBERS. AFTER THIS DATE, CHANGES WILL NOT BE MADE.**
	1. Schedule: We will post on the website soon. Ceremonies will start at 1:30 pm and the banquet will follow. The Firm schedule should be set by the end of March. Please watch the website.
	2. 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.
	3. Rose Ceremony: There is a Rose Ceremony at the Banquet where grads present a rose to a person(s) they want to recognize. Each grad will be given two (2) roses that are already paid in the fees and will present to family/friend member at the table. They will be introduced when they walk in.
	4. 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 28th** so this can be reviewed and approved.

1. Things to Note:
	1. 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.
	2. 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.**
	3. It is important that Grads show up at the times specified because there are many students to line up and organize for the main ceremony as well as the Rose Ceremony.
	4. Rehearsal is only for the grads – NO PARENTS**. \*\*This year it is on the 25th at 3:00 pm.** Please ensure that the grads are there and have them ask for the day off work now!
	5. In the fall of 2020, 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.

Questions asked about the below topics:

Cap & Gown – We no longer wear gowns at our graduation ceremony. We have both the ceremony and banquet on the same day so we took out he expensive gowns that covered our nice outfits. We do, however, still purchase the caps and have the cap throwing ceremony at the end of the program. Each Grad gets a cap in their fall package.

Seating – There are no reserved seating on the floor for family. Since the stage is now at one end of the arena, we have enough seating throughout so it will be rush seating throughout. The earliest the doors will open is 12:45 pm. That is the arrival time for Grads.

Ceremony length – Last year we had 163 grads and the ceremony was 2 hours long. Pretty good for all we do during the ceremony!

If you need to contact us, please email Jennifery Sadoway at Jennifer.sadoway@spiritsd.ca , or Courtney Hall at Courtney.hall@spiritsd.ca , Lara Morrow at lara.morrow@spiritsd.ca or Susan Bayne at susan.bayne@spiritsd.ca. You can also call the school at (306) 933-2377.

Thank you!