

## CONVOCATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

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- Pick up your cap and gown on Wednesday, June 21, at 12:00 p.m. (noon). Please attach the tassel to the cap tightly so it won't come off when you throw it in the air at the end of the ceremony. Most tassels will be gold and burgundy but some of you who have been on the honour roll every term since Grade 7 will be given a gold tassel. The cap and tassel are yours to keep as a keepsake.
- Academic cords will be given to specific students: Music students wear a white cord, athletes chosen by the Phys. Ed department wear silver cords and Honour Roll for Sec 5 wear gold cords. These are also yours to keep.
- Gowns must be returned at the end of the ceremony. There will be a \$100 charge for a gown that is not returned.

**CONVOCATION DAY - THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017 - YOU WILL NEED TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AT 5:15 PM, NEATLY DRESSED AND WEARING YOUR CAP AND GOWN. Remember, the ceremony will be held outdoors - rain or shine. Please dress for the weather.**

You will all line up in the cafeteria alphabetically. The first person will stand on the line dividing the cafeteria from the rest of the first floor, by the Art room. The line will stretch all the way down the hall into the new gym. Teachers will be there to direct you.

The procession will be led by a piper, the Grand Marshall, Principal, Vice-Principal, teachers and invited guests. All you need to do is follow them out onto the field staying in alphabetical order. You must be wearing shoes at all times unless you are sitting - you can tuck them under your seat but you must wear them when you are not sitting. Again, think twice about footwear. You must not be carrying anything in your hands (no purses, etc.).

Two teachers will be there to tell you where to sit. They will count off the students and tell you when to begin a new row. If you are a Music student, please go to your seat and advise the grads on either side of you to save your seat. You can then go join Mr. Dubinsky and the other Music students to play O'Canada.

You will be called up one at a time alphabetically by the Vice-Principal and presented with your certificate by the Principal. You'll shake her hand and then return to your seat. If you are called up again for an award, exit whichever way is closest to the end of the aisle and return to your seat using the middle aisle.

Towards the end of the ceremony the Principal will tell you when to throw your caps in the air. Wait to be told and counted down (this is a great photo op). At this point the ceremony is still not over so you will need to sit back down.

Once the ceremony is over, you will follow the procession back into the school in the same way, with the piper leading. Again, you must respect the decorum. Once inside you will go the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classes and find the classroom with your name on the list - it will be alphabetical by last name. This is where you return your gown. Remember, the cap and cords are yours to keep but **the gown must be returned that evening**. You must return your own gown. Upon returning your gown, you will be given a copy of the graduating class mosaic as a keepsake as well as a copy of the program with all the names in it. The one given to your parents doesn't have the award winners names on it in order to keep it a surprise.

Once your gown has been returned and you have your copy of the mosaic and program, you can join your family and friends outside for a small reception.

### ***CONGRATULATIONS GRADS OF 2017!***

