



August 27, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian of the Graduates of 2022:

We are looking forward to seeing all of our Grade 12 students on September 7th to start the most exciting and probably the most challenging year of high school. Grade 12 is certainly a special year and we will do everything we can to make it memorable despite the current global circumstances. We look forward to helping you to prepare your student for whatever path they choose when they leave the doors of our District's schools.

We know that the graduating class of 2022 has the potential to be outstanding in terms of positive leadership and there will be high expectations placed on them. Although we realize that there is a lot of excitement surrounding the graduating year, we ask that students consider how the choices they make will impact their year and that of others.

Of particular concern are those events which are not school sponsored. These have included car rallies, trips, grad pranks and the grad sleepover. The grad sleepover is a "tradition" occurring the night before school starts. Although these activities take place outside of school hours, they have an effect on the school. We are very concerned for the safety of our young people when they participate in unsupervised activities that may involve the use of drugs and alcohol. Damage to property and forested areas reflects badly on the school and hinders our relationships with those whose responsibility it is to manage parks, trails and other public and private spaces. We are asking the support of all parents in ensuring that these activities are discussed regarding their potential consequences.

If your child expresses interest in participating in any of these events, please work with them to find an alternate celebration. We, like you, want your children to be as safe as possible in all situations, to get off to the best start, and to have a successful and rewarding year in every respect.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to phone us at the numbers below. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

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