



MRSS GRAD 2012 NEWSLETTER

January 2012

Graduation 2012 is just a few months away with lots of planning still to be done! The time will fly by very quickly and students need to make sure they are on top of all of the dates and deadlines. Please make sure that you are constantly checking with Mr. Beale, Mr. Watt, Mr. Page, Mr. Kowal and Mrs. Huber about any questions or concerns.

GRADUATION 2012

- January 30: Caps & gowns will be measured for students with last names starting with A-M. Please remember that the \$50.00 non-refundable fee is also due on this date. There will be no exceptions as all money must be turned in immediately by Mr. Beale.
- January 31: Caps & gowns will be measured for students with last names starting with N-Z. Please remember that the \$50.00 non-refundable fee is also due on this date. There will be no exceptions as all money must be turned in immediately by Mr. Beale.
- April 10-13: Banquet and dance tickets go on sale with a limit of 3 per grad. Seating requests will be taken at this time.
- April 16-20: Banquet and dance tickets sales continue.

DRY GRAD 2012

Mr. Watt is excited about the Classic Car Show that is going to be the main fundraiser for Dry Grad 2012. Mrs. White, with help from other energetic parents, will be heading up the organizing committee for this very popular event. Discussion around the event will take place at the first Dry Grad meeting of the New Year on Monday, January 23 at 7 pm in Room 1110. Come on out and share all of your great ideas. Mrs. Huber will try to make this meeting as well as she will be looking for parents to assist with decorations for the Ceremonies at Planet Ice in June.



COUNSELLING UPDATES

- Mr. Page will be holding a meeting on Thursday, January 26th, 2012 at lunchtime in the Career Centre for all students who may wish to sign up for the Dogwood scholarships or want more information.
- Dogwood District/Authority Award Scholarship (\$1,000)
To win a scholarship, a student must apply and meet the basic eligibility requirements, meet the criteria determined by the local District Scholarship Committee, which requires a student to demonstrate superior achievement in any of the following areas:
 - 1) Fine Arts (Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)
 - 2) Applied Skills (Business Ed, Technology Ed, Home Economics)
 - 3) Physical Activity (not limited to Physical Education)
 - 4) Second Languages (including Aboriginal Languages)
- Request for Transcripts: early in the New Year, many universities will be requesting students to self-report their Grade 12 marks online. If you are in need of those marks, please see Mr. Page for the form that is needed to collect these marks from your classroom teachers. The University of Victoria will be requesting all students to self-report Grade 12 marks between February 1 and March 31 and students with a GPA of 85% or higher will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.
- The Cinderella Project is available for all students who will find it financially difficult to purchase those items for a memorable graduation. If you know a student who is in this predicament, please speak with Mr. Page in confidence. There are funds available to assist with purchasing dresses, tuxedos, shoes, hair and make-up costs, etc.

GRAD PARENT MEETING

The second grad parent night of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7 pm. Staff will be reviewing all information pertinent to the first round of GTP presentations in February, the requirements for District Scholarships and Bursaries that are due March 2, self-reporting of Grade 12 marks (when and how) and course registrations for September 2012. If you have any questions regarding Graduation 2012, please present them on this evening.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Numerous scholarships and bursaries are available to students to wish to take the time to research and prepare for them, with over 50% of the available scholarships not being applied for. Students are encouraged to visit the following websites for scholarship opportunities:

- www.studentawards.com
- www.scholarshipscanada.ca
- www.studentscholarships.org
- www.canlearn.ca
- www.sd42.ca- SD42 District Scholarships & Bursaries

The new and improved District Scholarship Booklet 2012 should be available December 16th, 2011 for students to browse over the Christmas break. Mrs. Huber is holding "how-to" information sessions on Wednesday, January 4th during blocks B & A and on Thursday, January 5th during blocks H & G. Please see Mrs. Huber to sign up for one of these sessions.

Upcoming scholarships are listed below.

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| • BK Scholars Program | Due: January 10, 2012 |
| • Top20Under20 National Youth Awards | Due: January 23, 2012 |
| • University of Guelph National Scholarship Program | Due: January 25, 2012 |
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| • McGill University Entrance Scholarships | Due: February 7, 2012 |
| • University of Alberta Scholastic Distinction Scholarship | Due: February 15, 2012 |
| • University of Alberta Entrance Leadership Scholarship | Due: February 15, 2012 |
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| • Queen's University Bursaries & Awards | Due: February 15, 2012 |
| • SFU Entrance Scholarships | Due: February 28, 2012 |
| • SFU Surrey Entrance Award | Due: February 28, 2012 |
| • 2012 BCGEU Student Scholarship | Due: February 29, 2012 |
| • Capilano Excellence Scholarships | Due: March 16, 2012 |
| • Dalhousie University Scholarships | Due: March 15, 2012 |
| • Ryerson President's National Entrance Scholarship | Due: April 1, 2012 |
| • Capilano University Entrance Award | Due: April 27, 2012 |
| • Fairfax Financial Entrance Award (Cap. U.) | Due: April 27, 2012 |
| • Universal Music Canada/Verve Scholarships (Cap. U.) | No application required |
| • West Vancouver Community Arts Jazz Scholarship (Cap. U.) | No application required |