

May 21, 2020

Greetings Grads and families,

Graduation is at the forefront of everyone's mind right now. We wanted to share with you the current plans that are in place and to reassure you that we are actively working on ways to honour this important milestone, while following Covid social distancing safety measures. Here are some of the plans in place and know that as things change we will adapt:

- The formal graduation event is being postponed until the Fall in the hopes we can gather. Official date to be announced, but expect sometime around Thanksgiving in the hopes that the maximum number of students will be home for this event.
- Grads will receive several Graduation momentos that we will distribute following a social distancing schedule at the school, with a brief photo opportunity.
- We will be using the local papers and social media to celebrate and profile the Graduating Class of 2020.
- Many community members and businesses are stepping up with great ideas to support and honour the class of 2020, new ideas are evolving
- The Grad committee will be sending out another survey in the first week of June to gather information for the Grad program in order to profile grads.

On the "future planning" subject there is an interesting event next week that we just posted on the Grade 12 blog. It is a student panel from the not-for-profit organization *Student for Student*. This panel will feature student representatives from Queen's Commerce, Western Ivey, University of Toronto Engineering Science, UBC BCom, McMaster Health Science, and Waterloo Software Engineering. Speakers will either be current university students, or students who were admitted this year. This event will occur on Zoom, Wednesday May 27th at 7:30pm. Follow this link to the registration

form: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_rL49wSVGRem94FyAIJdT6w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rL49wSVGRem94FyAIJdT6w)

A former HHS student, Annie Dube, who is now studying medicine, is part of a unique opportunity called Rural Outreach & Mentorship Initiative (ROMI). The goal of ROMI is engaging youth from rural or remote areas in exploring careers in medicine and promoting education, health and wellness. This opportunity is also posted on the Grade 12 blog with an informational poster. If you are interested in a career in medicine and would like to be part of the mentorship program follow the Google form to sign up. <https://forms.gle/TVECr1j81ky6mY8E7>.

As always, check the Grade 12 Blog regularly for messages pertaining to grads. Two new scholarships were posted this week; Huntsville Festival of the Arts Scholarships and Huntsville Hospital Foundation Scholarship.

Know that your highschool closure experience is on our minds and we are planning for you,

Your Guidance Department & Grad Committee