



May 4, 2021

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians;

As we communicated in [February](#), the current PHO order on gatherings and events has suspended all events. With the rise in cases in the province, and on the island, the current order will remain in effect until at least May 25th.

At this point, based on the PHO orders, we are going to continue with the planning of our Plan A (as seen in the table below). As such, we are unable to allow guests into the school to be a part of any Commencement activities.

<i>Graduation Activity</i>	<i>Cancellation Date</i>
Commencement – Plan C: larger venue, students and a set number of guests	March 1, 2021
Dinner/Dance (Prom)	March 1, 2021
Commencement - Plan B: School theatre, smaller groups of students and a set number of guests, with the event live streamed - Cancelled	May 1, 2021
Commencement - Plan A: School theatre, smaller groups of students only with the event live streamed (same as last year provided the PHO allows)	As per PHO guidelines

With everything going on, we fully acknowledge that there is no perfect scenario, or no situation that checks all of the boxes. We can, however, work diligently within the PHO framework that we are given and what the Vancouver Island Health Authority will approve.



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Current Commencement plans include:

-Early June: cap, gown, and lawn sign distribution, more details to come. We are so happy to announce that the City of Langford has made a very generous contribution to our Grads and has purchased lawn signs that will be distributed with the cap and gowns.

-Commencement ceremony, Belmont Theatre, June 12/13. We are planning for small ceremonies of 25-30 students, more details and specific schedules to come. Students will arrive at Belmont with caps and gowns on. Students will be lined up outside and then will proceed to the Theatre through D-Wing entrance. The ceremony will be livestreamed and available for viewing live, and a recorded version will also be available. A professional photographer (Lifetouch) will take a cap-and-gown photograph of each grad on stage.

-A professional (Roll Focus) video prepared for the Grads and their families, containing: O Canada, 2021 Grad song, and Pomp and Circumstance performances, speeches from Superintendent, Principal, Valedictorian, and others; Grad photo slideshow with Commencement comments; and Student photo slideshow. The video will be available through an electronic link. The estimated release date is the end of June. Here is a link to the Grad video from last year: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNLSKakfdXQ>

As we start to look at bringing this school year to an end, we want to thank all of our Grads and their families for all of the patience and understanding around what we can do to celebrate this important milestone for our grads.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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