

GRADUATION 2017 Important Information:

Dear Grads and Parents of Mount Douglas Graduates of 2017

Please read the following information regarding the Grad 2017 Recognition Ceremony and the 2017 Graduation Dinner/Dance.

Grad Recognition Ceremony at UVIC Auditorium on Thurs, May 25th:

Ticket Purchase: All families that have not yet contacted UVIC to purchase Grad Ceremony Tickets must do so immediately to arrange for tickets. The online ticket purchase will close on April 27th and extra tickets will be made available to other families starting on May 2nd. If you have not arranged for your tickets you must do so immediately. Online, or phone the UVIC box office at phone 250-721-8480, or go to UVIC box office in person to arrange.

EXTRA Ceremony Tickets: Extra Ceremony Tickets will go on sale by phone at **9:00 am sharp on Tuesday, May 2nd over the phone 250-721-8480. At 9:30 am, the UVIC box opens for direct sales.** If there are any tickets still available by 9:30 then you will be able to purchase in person at UVIC. **I strongly suggest booking by phone as soon as the lines open.** There will be a limited number of additional tickets allowed per student/family. The number of additional tickets will be dependent on how many seats remain after the first round of ticket purchase is complete. I anticipate there will be a limit of two extra tickets/ student. Tickets remain \$5.00 each.

IN SHORT:

Additional Grad Ceremony tickets will be available May 2nd, 2017

Over the phone only: 9:00 – 9:30am 250-721-8480

In person or over the phone: 9:30am onwards during regular business hours
250-721-8480

Hours: 9:30am – 4pm, Monday to Friday

Ticket limit is yet to be determined/ most likely two tickets extra.

CEREMONY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, May 25th, 2017

- All Students attend first class.
- At morning break, grade 12 students are invited to the foyer for a light snack and drink before they ALL walk over to UVIC Centre for the Ceremony Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m.
- Students will be at UVIC until approximately noon. It is imperative that all students participating in the ceremony attend the rehearsal.
- Students are to attend their afternoon classes. They will probably be late for the first class after lunch.

RECOGNITION CEREMONY EVENING SCHEDULE – Thursday, May 25th, 2017

GRAD CEREMONY ARRIVAL AND PHOTO INFO:

- **All Grads must arrive in grad gown and cap no later than 5:00pm.** If grads are being dropped off and you are running late, please have your driver drop your graduate and then go park. We need grads on time. Upon arrival, take pictures with family and friends, use the washrooms if needed and prepare to set up at 5:20 for a class grad photo. The grad photos will begin at 5:25pm. Immediately following, parents will

take their seats in the auditorium while students line up in their alphabetical homeroom numbers and prepare to parade into the auditorium promptly at 6:00 pm. (All family/friend photos should be taken prior to the group photo. It is recommended that students leave any valuables with parents/guardians until after the ceremony) **The ceremony is from 6pm-8:30 pm with a brief reception to follow at the UVIC Commons.** Everyone is invited!

Mountain West Photography will also be taking pictures during the grad Ceremony at UVIC on May 25th as the students walk across the stage and shake hands with Mr. Boulding. Approximately one week after the ceremony, the photos will be available for purchase from this website:

<http://www.mountainwest.ca> and click on View & Order button. **Password will be: MDSSWALK17**

Timeline for the Evening:

- 5:00 p.m. Students arrive at UVIC Centre
- 5:00 – 5:15 Family/Friend photos and final primping and prepping for the photo and ceremony (if you need more time for family/friend photos then arrive earlier)
- 5:25 Group photo taken promptly at 5:25 p.m. You must be in place at 5:20 pm. Immediately following the photo, you will line up for the ceremony. **No family pics after the group photo.**
- 5:35-5:55 Guests seated for Ceremony (no late seating please.)
- 6:00 Ceremony begins promptly at 6:00 p.m.
- 8:15 Anticipated end of ceremony
- 8:30 p.m. Reception with light refreshments at The Cadboro Commons Building, just across from the Auditorium

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION:

- Caps and gowns will be picked-up at Mount Douglas the week of May 15-19. (Specific date to follow) Caps and gowns are prepackaged and may be full of creases. In order to look our very best for this most prestigious Ceremony, we respectfully request that gowns are ironed (cool iron) or steamed prior to being worn. Grads will be keeping their caps and gowns so that you will have many photo opportunities both before and after the Ceremony.

GRAD DINNER/DANCE: Sunday, May 28th at The Inn at Laurel Point.

GROUP PHOTO & GRADUATION DINNER/DANCE– Sunday, May 28th, 2016

- Grads are to be in place on the front steps of the Legislature Building for our group photo at 5:15 p.m. sharp.
- **It is imperative that Grads arrive no later than 5:00 pm, as the photo will be snapped at precisely 5:15 pm**
- **Grads that arrive even five minutes late will miss the photo.**
- Parents are invited to join us for this photo opportunity on the steps and lawn of the Legislature.
- At approximately 5:30 pm, we will ask students to start making their way to The Inn at Laurel Point located at 680 Montreal St. for the door opening at 6:00 p.m. Students should arrange transportation to the Laurel Point from the Legislature as the walk is much farther than you might think.

Our Graduation Dinner/Dance will take place on Sunday, May 28th, at The Inn at Laurel Point.

- The door open at 6:00 p.m. (after the picture at the legislature)
- The evening will be from 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. and will include dinner and dancing.
- **There are NO Mount Douglas Secondary School sanctioned after-grad activities beyond the 10:30 ending of the grad dinner/dance.**
- Grad Dinner/Dance tickets will be on sale May 8-12 at lunch in the foyer. Tickets will be \$65.00 for grads. We need to be informed of all food allergies when tickets are purchased.
- Guests are welcome to the dance portion of the evening from 8:15 – 10:30 at a cost of \$25.00. Guest forms **MUST** be submitted to the office no later than noon on Friday, May 5th for grads to be eligible to purchase a grad guest ticket.

MAGIC WAND: FREE GRAD GOWNS AND TUXEDOS FOR GRAD BANQUET (Banquet scheduled for May 28th at The Inn at Laurel Point). Save Money on GRAD! The Magic Wand is a not-for-profit organization that lends beautiful graduation gowns and tuxedos in return for the cost of dry-cleaning. They have many styles, sizes and colours from which to choose. It is definitely worth taking a look.

Give Elizabeth a call at 250-658-0246. <http://www.themagicwandproject.ca>

For all graduation update information please go to www.mountdouglas.ca and look for the Grad 2017 information tab.

Also, if your son/daughter has a Facebook account, please ask them to join the Mount Doug Grad 2017 Facebook page for updates.

Sincerely

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