

## GRADUATION 2018 Important Information:

Dear Grads and Parents of Mount Douglas Graduates of 2018

Please read the following information regarding upcoming Grad Activities:

- Grad Ceremony Ticketing info
- Grad Ceremony rehearsal schedule
- Grad Ceremony arrival time and photo info
- Grad Cap and Gown distribution info
- Grad 2018 Mount Doug Wear sales dates and info
- Grad Dinner Dance and photo info
- Magic Wand (Free grad clothing)

### Grad Recognition Ceremony at UVIC Auditorium on Thurs, May 24<sup>th</sup>:

**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 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. If you have not arranged for your tickets you must do so immediately. Order online, or phone the UVIC box office at phone 250-721-8480, or go to UVIC box office in person to arrange prior to April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**EXTRA Ceremony Tickets:** Extra Ceremony Tickets will go on sale by phone at **9:00 am sharp on Thursday, May 3rd 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 are approximately 100 additional tickets still available for purchase. There will be a limit of two extra tickets/ student. Tickets remain \$5.00 each. **To be considerate to our grad class community, PLEASE only purchase an extra ticket if you really need it. If you find you have an extra ticket, please ask your child to find a fellow grad that needs it so no seats remain empty at the ceremony.**

#### IN SHORT:

Additional Grad Ceremony tickets will be available Thursday, May 3rd, 2018

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

In person or over the phone: 9:30am onwards during regular business hours providing there are still tickets.  
250-721-8480

Hours: 9:30am – 4pm, Monday to Friday

Ticket limit: Maximum 2

### CEREMONY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## 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 sharp.** 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 24<sup>th</sup> as the students walk across the stage and shake hands with Mr. Boulding. **On approximately June 1<sup>st</sup>, the the photos will be available for purchase from this website:** <http://www.mountainwest.ca> and click on View & Order button. **Password will be: MDSSWALK18**

### 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

## GRAD CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION:

Caps and gowns will be picked-up at Mount Douglas the week of May 14-17. (Specific date to follow) Caps and gowns are prepackaged and may be creased. 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.

**MOUNT DOUG GRAD WEAR 2018:** 2018 Grad Wear is on sale until Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. We have Hoodies, Crew Necks, Varsity Letter ½ Zips, T-Shirts, 2018 Grad Pants.

[www.mountdougwear.com](http://www.mountdougwear.com) You can make a confidential GRAD WEAR order at [dparkinson@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:dparkinson@sd61.bc.ca)

## **GRAD DINNER/DANCE:** Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at The Inn at Laurel Point.

### **GROUP PHOTO & GRADUATION DINNER/DANCE– Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

- Grads are to be in place on the front steps of the Legislature Building for our group photo at 4:45 p.m. sharp.
- **It is imperative that Grads arrive no later than 4:30 pm, as the photo will be snapped at precisely 4:45 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 5:00 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 5:15 p.m. Students should arrange transportation to the Laurel Point from the Legislature as the walk is much farther than you might think.
- The evening will be from 5:15 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. and will include professional photos from 5:30 – 6:15 and dinner (6:15pm), photo booth 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 14-17 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 8:00 – 10:30 at a cost of \$20.00. **Guest forms MUST be submitted to the office no later than noon on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mountdouglas.ca) and look for the Grad 2018 information tab.**

**Also, if your son/daughter has a Facebook account, please ask them to join the Mount Doug Grad 2018 Facebook page for updates.**

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