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Good Evening, Grade 12 Students and Families,

Graduating high school is a significant milestone, not only for our students, but for their family and supporters as well. It is important to acknowledge this accomplishment in a meaningful way. Our Grade 12 students have persevered through a very different experience than the classes before them, making the most of their experience. They deserve to be recognized, not only for the work they have done during the virtual learning period, but for their years of study that have led them through to high school graduation.

Although we are unable to celebrate our graduates together in groups or have the usual parades through communities this year, we will be celebrating differently, in ways that are safe.

I wanted you all to know that we have been busy working on what we can offer for our graduating students this year. As you know, we have to take into account the protocols that are in place through our department of Public Health. We will finalize our plans and get them out to you as soon as we can. In the interim, I wanted you to know a few details:

- ✓ Our event(s) celebrating our grade 12 students will take place over the week of June 22 – June 26, celebrating our graduates individually, adhering to public health guidelines
- ✓ Students will have individual appointments to come to the school, receive their graduation package (diploma, report cards, awards, scholarships, etc), and have the opportunity for a photo accompanied by a maximum of two people
- ✓ To accompany our in person event(s) we are also working on a short video which includes some of those graduation ceremony traditions we don't want our grads missing out on (valedictorian, salutatorian, principals message, etc)

Things are in a rapid state of change these days and we will do our best to keep everyone up to date with the latest information as it becomes available.

Take care and stay safe.

With thanks,

Gregory MacKinnon