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Dear Graduates and Parents,

Graduation 2020 is now just a few months away! In this letter you will find information outlining the activities for the graduation ceremony and after-grad banquet and celebration.

Our graduation celebrations consist of two components. The first is the formal Cap and Gown Ceremony, which will be held Friday, June 26th beginning at 9:30 am at the Hildebrand Chapel in Caronport (Briercrest College). This event is planned and organized by Peacock Collegiate staff. Students who meet graduation requirements as outlined by the Ministry of Education are eligible to participate. Please invite your family members to join us for this special occasion and please note tickets are not required for this portion of the graduation activities. This venue was specifically chosen to ensure adequate seating and comfort for everyone in attendance.

Students will wear graduation gowns and caps in traditional school colours featuring green and orange. The total of cost associated with the Cap and Gown ceremony is \$35. This cost includes a graduation folder, graduation cap, and a professional picture of your child receiving their diploma. In addition, the school will provide each graduate with a complimentary composite photograph of all graduates.

The gowns are not floor length and do not include collars, so it is important to consider what graduates wear to this formal occasion. Dress pants, shirt and tie with dress shoes are suitable for males; a skirt or dress pants with dress shoes, for females. Please, no shorts or flip-flops as this is a formal event.

In order to ensure a smoothly run event we require that all students are assembled in the foyer of the Hildebrand Chapel no later than 8:45 am on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> to prepare for their entrance. We encourage parents to take photographs during and after the ceremony. However, we have also contracted a local photographer to take pictures of each graduate receiving their diploma that is included in the cap and gown fees. Following the ceremony, the gowns must be returned before leaving the church, as they need to be returned to the rental company. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to this momentous occasion.

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If you have any questions about the Cap and Gown ceremony, please contact Mr. Swanson at the school. Questions regarding graduation eligibility should be directed to our guidance counsellor Mrs. Lewis.

The second part of graduation begins later in the day on Friday, June 26th. This includes a school photo on the front school steps, Grand March, banquet and chem-free social activities (hosted at the Exhibition Grounds). Typically, these activities begin by 3:30pm and extend until the early hours of Saturday, June 27. This part of the graduation is planned and supervised by a dedicated group of parents and students who have been meeting regularly since the general meeting held in October. Students who have completed four years of high school are eligible to attend these activities with their classmates even if they are a credit or two short of graduation requirements. For more information about the banquet and after-grad please refer frequently to the Grad 2020 section of our web site or contact the after-grad co-chairpersons Penny Maelde and Carolyn Barrett (contact information on the web site under *Parents → Grad 2020*).

Also, Lifetouch Canada coordinates formal graduation photos. This year's dates are March 30 to April 2 at Peacock. All students have a graduation photo taken for the yearbook and school composite photo. However, many students choose to purchase additional graduation packages through this service. Information about grad photos will be available in the office in February. You can book your times online, so be sure to watch for more information.

Attached to this letter is a complete list of all possible graduation 2020 fees and a fee form which we ask to be completed and returned to the school with payment at your earliest convenience. There are many options for payment, so contact the school if you have any questions. Please note that in order to register for the after-graduation that yearly student fees and textbook invoices must be paid.

Banquet tickets sales will take place in April. Please check the web site to stay up to date.



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