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Dear Graduates and Parents,

We are so close to the end of the second semester and grade 12 graduation is only a couple of weeks away. The grade 12s will be receiving a handout regarding the cap and gown as well as a copy of the parent letter that is also attached to this email.

As we have communicated, our graduation celebrations consist of two components. The first is the formal Cap and Gown Ceremony, which will be held **Thursday**, **June 29th beginning at 1:00pm at the Moose Jaw Events Centre (formally Mosaic Place)**. 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. There will be plenty of seating for everyone.

Students will wear graduation gowns and caps in traditional school colours featuring green and orange. Each graduate receives his/her graduation cap, tassel, and folder as a memento. The total of cost associated with the Cap and Gown ceremony is \$40, which covers the cost of the gown. The gowns will be keepsake items for the students to keep. Students are to pick up their cap & gown at Peacock Collegiate during the **lunch hour on Monday, June 19 or Tuesday, June 20.** We advise them to take it out of the package and release the wrinkles prior to graduation. These are the students' responsibility and they MUST bring them to the ceremony on June 29th.

The gowns are not floor length and do not include collars so it is important to consider what graduates wear to this formal occasion. In many cases, especially for young men, it is appropriate to wear similar clothing chosen for the evening celebrations. 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 sandals. In past years, students have been sent home to get long pants and appropriate footwear, as this is a formal event.

In order to ensure the ceremony begins on time, we require that all students be assembled at the Moose Jaw events Centre **no later than 12:30pm on Thursday, June 27**th to prepare for their entrance. They will meet at the 1st Avenue entrance and we will be lining up along the wall by the dressing rooms. We encourage parents to take photographs during and after the ceremony. However, given the large number of people in attendance it is often challenging to get a good photo of your child receiving their diploma. Therefore, McMaster Photography has been contracted to take pictures of each graduate receiving their diploma and will be available for purchase. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to this momentous occasion.

If you have any questions about the Cap and Gown ceremony, please contact Mrs. Arnott at the school. Questions regarding graduation eligibility should be directed to Mrs. Arnott, or Ms. Rigden.

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The second part of graduation will be on Friday, June 30. This includes a banquet and chem-free activities. 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. 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. Thank you to our Parent Committee for their hard work planning this event. Information regarding their event is the second letter attached to this email.

Important Dates & Times:

Monday, June 19 and Tuesday, June 20

12:00pm – 1:00pm - Cap & Gown Pickup from the Archive Room (across from the office)

Thursday, June 29

12:00pm 12:30pm – Graduates assemble at The Moose Jaw Events Centre 1:00pm – 2:30 pm – Cap & Gown Ceremony at The Moose Jaw Events Centre

Friday, June 30

4:00 pm - Graduating Class Photo (Peacock Collegiate front steps)

5:00 pm – Moose Jaw Event Centre Doors open

6:00 pm - Banquet

7:30 pm – Grand March and Program

9:00 pm - Grad and Guest Chem-Free Entertainment

11:30pm - End

