



# DELVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Delview Graduates and Families,

The Grad Production Event is quickly approaching and is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> when our grade 12 students will be experiencing several aspects of the traditional graduation events. The footage from this event will be used to create a Graduation Video for our community to view and celebrate the Grad Class of 2021. The Premiere of the Graduation Video will take place on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Please look out for the video link for the Grad 2021 Premiere – the link will be sent to you a week prior to the video release.

We are happy that new guidelines will allow for a **maximum of 2** family members to take part in the Grad production event. We hope that families will take the opportunity to make the 2021 Grad Premiere on June 25<sup>th</sup> a memorable event for all family members unable to attend the production event on June 5<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to hold a viewing party, get dressed up and celebrate your child's education career... all the while respecting the provincial physical distancing and maximum gathering requirements currently in place. We encourage our school community to post comments, photos, etc. to the hashtag #DelviewGrad2021 to add to the release of the Graduation Video.

## **Date and Location:**

The filming of Delview Secondary's virtual Graduation Event will take place at North Delta Secondary School on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> between 2:30pm and 7:40pm.

Students are organized alphabetically in groups of 10 every 20 minutes. Today's email to families contained the arrival time for each graduate. It is important that students arrive at their assigned times as we will not be able to accommodate late students in other groups due to timing and the health and safety protocols that are in place.

## **Day of Production:**

On Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Delview Grads and a max. of 2 family members will arrive at North Delta Secondary 10 minutes prior to their scheduled start time and park in the front parking lot. Graduates and up to a maximum of two family members will proceed into North Delta and be provided a number that will assist with social distancing measures. Once inside of the school, the entire experience will be approximately 20 minutes.

Students are asked to have their gown on a hanger or have a family member carry it into the event. Students may wear their Cap and Gown throughout the production event, if they so choose.

## **Formal Photo**

Students will experience a Red Carpet photo shoot as their first experience in the building. Students can wear formal, semi-formal or their cap and gown for this photo opportunity. The next experience will be getting prepared to cross the stage.

### **Crossing the Stage**

After the Grad formal photo, Grads and family members will line up outside of the theatre on the assigned number on the floor. Family members should help Grads arrange themselves. Grads and family members will enter the theatre together. Before each Grad enters the theatre, they will be given a Grad folder that will contain their diploma, scholarship/award information (if applicable), and a grad composite. Grads and family members will enter the theatre and split up with Grads on one side of the theatre and family members on the other. Grads will have their name called, then they will walk across the stage while their Grad comment is read by a staff member. Grads will stop midway across and have a photo taken and the entire sequence will be videotaped by Grads BC. We ask that all family members and Grads remain silent while the filming is going on in the theatre. Clapping for a Grad is appropriate and will be allowed.

### **Hat Toss**

After crossing the stage, students and family members will move to the Grad Cap Toss experience outside of the theatre, where photographers and videographers will capture each student's celebratory cap toss. Graduates and family members will then exit the school into the courtyard at the back of the school.

### **Family Photo**

Once outside, Artona Studios will be setup for a family photo. These photos will be a quick opportunity for those in attendance to capture the moment with their child. We ask that everyone wait until the group in front are finished with their photo opportunity and to physically distance from others. Once the photo is complete, families will proceed back inside North Delta and hand in their gowns and v-stoles before returning to their vehicles and exiting the North Delta parking lot. The congregating of groups will be strictly monitored. Information on ordering photos will be shared at a later date.

As this is a school sanctioned event, all school rules apply for everyone's safety.

### **Grad Cap and Gown Pick-Up**

Grade 12 students will have an opportunity to pick up their Cap and Gown on Thursday, May 27th from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Information on gown pick-up will be posted on the TV's within the school and emailed directly to grads. If parents need to come to the school to pick-up gowns, we ask that you contact the office to schedule your pick-up after May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Outstanding School Balances**

As we approach the production event, we ask students and families to clear any outstanding balances prior to June 5<sup>th</sup>. Balances owing can be paid through Parent Connect using credit. Balances can also be cleared by visiting the Main Office to pay by debit or cheques which can be made payable to Delview Secondary.

### **Scholarships**

The recognition of a student's achievement and success in all areas of the school is an important part of the Graduation event. The announcement of the recipients of each scholarship will be announced during the production event as the students cross the stage. Recognition of the award will be acknowledged in the personal folders each student will be given prior to crossing the stage. Delview scholarships can be claimed at the Main Office. Students will need to contact Mrs. Goltz, Delview's Admin Assistant, at the end of August and have a "Thank You" card ready to submit prior to the release of the scholarship cheque. The "Thank You" card needs to be addressed to the particular donor or staff member as indicated in the Graduation Program.

**Safety Measures:**

We will be taking many precautions when inviting students and up to 2 family members into this event. All individuals entering North Delta are required to wear masks throughout the activity (Students will be permitted to remove masks for photos and when crossing the stage). Physical distancing markers will be in place throughout the event as reminders for students and parents to keep 2m distance from all others. All individuals will be required to wash their hands with hand sanitizer prior to the start of the experience. We expect all students to comply with the safety measures in place.

**North Delta Reporter Honouring Delview Graduates**

The North Delta Reporter will be honouring Delview Grads in the June 17 issue. Please look out for the two-page tribute.

We are excited about having our grade 12 students experience the production event. We are even more excited about the release of the Grad 2021 Premiere video. I look forward to seeing all of our graduates crossing the stage at our production event!

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 604-594-5491

Sincerely,

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