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Graduation 2020 - Update for Grade 12 Students and Parents/Guardians

Eastglen High School's Latin motto is: *Velle est Posse* which it translates to *Where there is a will, there is a way*. When we look back to the start of semester two, no one would have believed it if we said that we would be dramatically impacted worldwide by a pandemic. Further, we would not believe that we would be in this current situation.

Given the new normal we are experiencing, one of our greatest and most desired accomplishments, graduation from high school, is being impacted. To mark this important milestone for our students, our school will be holding an online Graduation Celebration. In addition to this online celebration, all high schools are planning to host an in-person Homecoming Event acknowledging our 2020 graduates in the fall, once health guidelines allow. Our school is so proud of our graduates and we are excited to celebrate their accomplishments.

Because our Graduation Celebration may not look the same as in previous years we want to ensure that all parents and guardians are aware of with whom this information is being shared. While our graduation is a virtual one it is still considered to be a public event (just as in the traditional ceremonies that are usually attended by families and friends).

Despite the challenges we are facing we want this graduation to be very special for our Class of 2020. To that end, we have a series of events planned to celebrate our students. These include:

Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29

- All graduating students will be invited to come to Eastglen School to walk the stage in the Majestic Theatre wearing their cap and gown. **NOTE:** All social distancing measures must be adhered to – a formal schedule has been set up to allow the students into the school in a staggered capacity alphabetically, to ensure these guidelines are met.

Weekly Throughout June

- Graduation celebration activities will be taking place each week in May until the end of June. Contests and activities will be posted on #EastglenConnects, SchoolZone and on the Grad Google Classroom.

Monday, June 22 to Thursday, June 25

- Grad Week activities will be taking place each day. Contests and activities will be posted on #EastglenConnects, SchoolZone and the Grad Google Classroom.

Wednesday, June 24 and Thursday, June 25

- Grade 12 students will be invited to come to Eastglen to return textbooks, any other school items, clean out their lockers and pick up their Graduation Box on their way out. All social distancing measures must be adhered to – a formal schedule has been set up to allow the students into the school in a staggered capacity alphabetically, to ensure these guidelines are met.



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Friday, June 26 at 1:30 pm

- As part of our virtual Graduation Celebration, students and their families will have access to digital memories via:
 - a link to the pre-recorded Commencement celebration video (professional video produced by Kiwi Productions)

These digital links will be posted to Eastglen's SchoolZone site on June 25, 2020. The Kiwi Production video will also be shared on the external Eastglen website. These links will be removed on August 1, 2020.

Parents/guardians who do not want their child to be in any of the video need to advise (in writing) to Principal Darren Fox at darren.fox@epsb.ca by Friday, May 29, 2020. The video and presentations should not be recorded nor shared on social media to protect the privacy of all students.

Graduation is a special moment to honour our students and their education journey. We are very proud of the resilience our students and families have shown in this uncertain time, and we are so excited to celebrate our Grade 12 students before they take their next steps into the future.

We can't wait to see you again in person, once it is safe to do so; more details about the in-person Homecoming Event will be shared once they are available.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either Mr. Wong (Gregory.wong@epsb.ca) or myself.

Yours in partnership,

Mr. Darren Fox

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Principal