



# Grad PMSS 2017



## IMPORTANT STUDENT/PARENT UPDATE

Issue #2 March 2017

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of the plans for the celebrations recognizing this year's graduating class – The Pitt Meadows Secondary Class of 2017!

This newsletter contains very important information regarding upcoming dates and activities. Please share the information in this newsletter with your son or daughter.

The next few months are extremely busy and very important to our grads. We ask for your support and encourage you and your son or daughter to get involved in helping make the graduation activities for this year successful and memorable for our graduates.

Updates available on the school website under the [Grad](#) tab.

## Important Grad Dates

March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Guest forms available in the office
March 6 – 29	Neufeld Meats Fundraiser
April 1	Bottle Drive at PMSS
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lasagna Dinner & Silent Auction
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Completed <b>Guest forms</b> due back
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Valedictorian Speeches &amp; BBQ</b> – Grade 12s in MPR
May 26 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm–10 pm	<b>Prom Dinner/Dance</b> – Meadow Gardens Golf Club followed by <b>Dry Grad</b> at PMSS Gym
May 26 <sup>th</sup> 11 pm–6 am	<b>Dry Grad</b> following Prom Dinner/Dance - PMSS Gym. Doors open at 10:30pm.
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1:00 pm	<b>Grad Rehearsal</b> here at school
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> –27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Provincial Exams</b>
June 26 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm	<b>Commencement Ceremony</b> at Hard Rock Theatre in Coquitlam

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## Upcoming Events & Fundraising

<b>March 6 – 29</b>	Dry Grad Fundraiser with Neufeld Meats	All orders need to be placed by March 29 delivery is April 6 at 5pm at PMSS. Order forms are available on Facebook and will be emailed out.
<b>March/April</b>	<b>Prom &amp; Dry Grad Ticket Sales</b> In the PMSS foyer for all students.	Dates for tickets sales in March and April TBA.
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Bottle Drive</b>	Will be held at PMSS from 9:30am – 2pm
<b>Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Lasagna Dinner &amp; Silent Auction Fundraiser</b> All Grade 12 Parents, grads, family members, staff and guests welcome.	Help support dry grad with this longstanding annual fundraiser. Enjoy a great lasagna dinner and do a little shopping at the silent auction. Always a fun event!
<b>DRAW DATE:</b> <b>Thursday, April 27</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>PMSS Dry Grad Raffle Draw</b> <b>Grand Prize \$2000 Cruise/Travel Voucher</b> In the PMSS Multi-Purpose Room	All raffle tickets, sold and unsold must be returned to the school in the Grad box by April 13.
<b>Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup></b> 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm	<b>Prom Dinner &amp; Dance</b>	Fabulous Formal for the class of 2017! At Meadow Gardens Golf Club
<b>Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	<b>GYM SET UP for Dry Grad</b>	<b>Volunteers needed to help with gym set up.</b>
<b>Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup></b> 11:00 pm – 6:00 am	<b>2017PMSS Dry Grad</b> After the formal, more fun, games & prizes! The biggest PMSS event of the year! Doors open 10:30 pm.	To help out, contact: Jodi – <a href="mailto:pmssgrad2017@gmail.com">pmssgrad2017@gmail.com</a>
<b>Monday, June 26</b> 5:00 pm	<b>Commencement Ceremonies</b>	Caps & Gowns & Diplomas! Hard Rock Theatre – 3:00 pm arrive, 5:00 start



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## Commencement Ceremony



**June 26, 2017**

**Time: 5:00 pm**

**Hard Rock Theatre**

2080 United Blvd, Coquitlam  
(604) 523-6888



### Ceremony

The Commencement Ceremony will be held on **June 26, 2017** at 5:00 pm at the **Hard Rock Theatre**, in Coquitlam.

### Student Arrival

Students arrive at **3:00 pm** to prepare for the processional and ceremony. Theatre doors open at **4:30 pm** for families to select their seats. Tickets must be presented at the door.

### Cap and Gowns

Graduates will receive their caps and gowns immediately after rehearsal on Friday, June 23 in the MPR. These caps and gowns are yours to keep.

Grads who receive a gold scarf to wear to indicate they are an Honours student must return this scarf after the ceremony.

### Tickets

All family and guests must have tickets. Grad ceremony tickets are \$10 each with a maximum of 6 per grad during the first allocation. Grads do not need a ticket. Ticket sales begin mid-February through GT Class.

### Audience notes

As this is a formal ceremony that can last up to three (3) hours it is not suitable for small children.

### Accessible Seating

The Hard Rock is a beautiful and large theatre and there are plenty of seats for everyone. If anyone in your party has mobility issues, and requires special seating reserved, please email Administrative Coordinator Jacquie Montgomery at [jmontgomery@sd42.ca](mailto:jmontgomery@sd42.ca) to make these arrangements.



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## Prom Dinner & Dance

**Friday, May 26, 2017**  
**4 pm to 10 pm**  
**Meadow Gardens Golf Club**  
19675 Meadow Gardens Way, Pitt Meadows  
(604) 465-5474



- Who May attend** PMSS Grade 12 Students and one guest. More details on guests under “Other Information” on Page 9.
- Tickets** \$80 each for an evening of Dinner and Dance. Financial assistance available to ensure ALL can participate. See your counsellor for information.
- Payment Methods** Tickets for Prom can be paid through the Parent Portal or by cash or cheque (made payable to PMSS). Please note on the cheque memo line for Prom and include your student’s name. Fees can be placed in the Dry Grad box in the office. **NOTE:** Tickets for guests cannot be purchased online. Any guest invited to the Prom and/or Dry Grad celebrations must receive official written approval from PMSS Administration. A ticket can then be purchased through the Parent Grad Committee.
- Parents** Parents are welcome to between 4:00pm – 6:00pm at Meadows Gardens. This is a great opportunity to participate in photos, the parent/grad dance and listen to a few speeches. Parents depart at 6:00pm.
- Transportation** Students are responsible for transportation to and from Prom Dinner Dance and then to Dry Grad at PMSS. Now is a good time to organize your friends to pitch in for a limousine - shared between friends it can be affordable!
- Event Timeline:**
  - 4:00pm Arrival of students/parents
  - 4:00-6:00pm Pictures, parent/grad dance and speeches - Grads may take individual and group photos around the grounds of the golf course (*please stay off the greens*). Parents are welcome to participate. Parents may enter the banquet room for a limited time to participate in a dance with their graduate and to hear a few speeches. There is no seating for parents at this time.
  - 6:00pm Parents depart
  - 6:30pm Banquet beings for Grads only
  - 8:00-10:00pm Dance
  - 10:00pm Event finishes
- Next Meeting** April 4 - Parent Prom Committee meeting 7pm @ PMSS Room 2222



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## Dry Grad Fundraisers!

# BLACK & LEE

TUXEDO & SUIT RENTALS/SALES

Black & Lee Tuxedo Rentals and Suit Sales would like to contribute to the success of our fundraising efforts. They will donate \$10.00 towards Dry Grad for each student who rents a tuxedo or buys a suit!

Additionally, each student that rents a tuxedo or suit will automatically receive \$10.00 OFF the rental price. Check out their website [www.blackandlee.com](http://www.blackandlee.com) for the newest styles and colours.

All fittings must be completed by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. When you visit one of their locations mention you are from PMSS and are a part of the Contribution Program.

### Bottle Drive

Remember to save the date Saturday, April 1 for our 4<sup>th</sup> BOTTLE DRIVE to support Dry Grad. The bottle drive is set to begin at 9:30am until 2:00pm. Bottle drives are a big fundraiser for Dry Grad and they involve all grads and their parents. Online sign up TBA.



### Support Dry Grad 2017!!

#### Maple Ridge Bottle Depot

Unit #15, 20475 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge. The bottle depot is located behind Save-On-Foods just off 203rd Street in Maple Ridge. They will accumulate the receipts for anybody who indicates their refundables are for PMSS Dry Grad 2017. The person donating their refundables should get a duplicate receipt. In order to keep track of donations, please write your graduates name on it and place it in the grad box in the office.

#### Pitt Meadows Bottle and Return-It Depot

19090 Lougheed Hwy, Pitt Meadows. The bottle depot is located behind Save-On-Foods in the Meadowvale Shopping Centre. Mention it is for account #83, don't forget to collect a receipt, put your grad's name on it and place it in the grad box in the office.



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## **Cruise/Travel Raffle**

This will be our **BIGGEST** fundraiser this year with the potential to raise \$10,000. The grand prize is \$2000 worth of Travel Vouchers redeemable on any travel arrangements made at Pitt Meadows Travel. Second prize is a return Helijet trip for two to Victoria or Nanaimo and 3rd prize is a \$200 visa gift card.

Parents, as a special incentive, for every 20 tickets sold, your grad's name will go into a raffle and the winning name drawn will have the choice of a \$100 visa card or their Dry Grad ticket "FREE".

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased in singles or as books of 10. Tickets are available for purchase by cash or cheque, payable to PMSS Dry Grad. We ask that every family try to sell at least one book of tickets. Email [pmssgrad2017@gmail.com](mailto:pmssgrad2017@gmail.com) to arrange for pick up. You do not have to pre-pay to pick up tickets. Money/cheques can be handed in after the tickets have been sold. All raffle tickets, sold and unsold, must be returned to the school in the grad box no later than April 13th.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Lasagna Dinner April 27, 2017 at 7pm.

## **Lasagna Dinner & Silent Auction**

Each year, grade 12 parent and student volunteers host the PMSS Lasagna Dinner & Silent Auction event. Parent volunteers organize a lasagna dinner to be enjoyed by all of our guests while we auction off items through our silent auction. All auction items (products, services and gift certificates) are donated by local businesses and community partners. All funds raised go towards Prom and Dry Grad. **Ticket sales TBA.**



Time/Date and Location: April 27, 2017 at Pitt Meadows Secondary School. Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner served at 6:00pm. **Tickets are \$20, seniors and children 12 and under are \$15.**



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## The Dry Grad Celebration

### What is Dry Grad?

Dry Grad is THE BIG EVENT for students & their guests to attend after the formal dinner and dance. **Entertainment, games, prizes and food!**

The PMSS Gym will be open for the students to continue their big night! All PMSS Grade 12 students and pre-approved guests welcome!

### Tickets

Tickets are \$120 for an entire night of prizes, food, music, games and a GREAT time. Guest tickets are \$100. More details on guests under "Other Information" on Page 9. Financial assistance available to ensure ALL can participate. See your counsellor for information.

### Payment Methods

Tickets for Dry Grad can now be paid through the Parent Portal or by cash or cheque (made payable to PMSS). Please note on the cheque memo line for Dry Grad and include your student's name. Fees can be placed in the Dry Grad box in the office. NOTE: Tickets for guests cannot be purchased online. Any guest invited to the Prom and/or Dry Grad celebrations must receive official written approval from PMSS Administration. A ticket can then be purchased through the Parent Grad Committee.

### Dry Grad Waiver Required

The Dry Grad event has a waiver form that must be completed by all who would like to participate in activities such as the Bull Riding Station. The waiver must be signed by parent and student and **MUST** be handed into the office at PMSS.

**This is a DRY GRAD event!**

### Prizes Galore!

**Grads enter draws for prizes of their choice!** Every Grad attending is automatically given FREE TICKETS to enter in draws of their choice for great prizes - electronics, CASH, and much more!

(Grads must be present)

### Fun & Games!

Great games to play in a carnival atmosphere keep the fun going –casino, games, artists, tarot card reader and much more!

### Great Food!

Of course! It's a PARTY! Lots of great food to munch on!

### Who May Attend

PMSS Grade 12 students and their pre-approved guests. Guests do not qualify for prizes.

### When & Where

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017** – Doors open at 10:30pm. The event starts at **11:00pm** and goes until the Grand Prize Draws at **5:00 am** (School remains open until 6:00 am).

### Who Organizes this?

The parents of Grade 12 students who want to give their kids a fantastic and memorable night! We're working hard to make it a blast!



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## Make Dry Grad a Success

**Parents Welcome** ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME to contribute and volunteer! There are lots of fun things to do! **Get involved! Participate!** Come to the monthly planning meetings to help with donations, fundraising and planning of this special event.

**Next Meeting** TBA – Dry Grad Committee Meeting 7pm at PMSS Room 2222

## Parents! You can help!

**Buy a Ticket** Support the Grad and buy tickets for fundraising events!

**Volunteer** Come and help at the event and join the FUN! You don't need to stay all night. Shifts will be available. First choice goes to those who volunteer throughout the year. Many hands make light WORK! Balloons, tables for food, games, etc., need to be set up. Come and get the gym ready for your son or daughter's big night! Sign up will take place soon.

**Donate** No time to participate? Make a Donation! **Prizes, Food, Beverages** (or even cash) are gratefully accepted and will make the evening a success!

## Donations Needed

**Prizes** We need great prizes to make the evening a success. If you would like to donate, know of any business that can help or would like to request a donation letter, please email [pmssgrad2017@gmail.com](mailto:pmssgrad2017@gmail.com). Electronics, games, gift cards, cash, etc. are all welcome!

**Cash donations** ... are very welcome as 100% goes directly to the Dry Grad. Monetary donations valued at \$25 or more are eligible for a tax receipt provided the donor completes a "YES Foundation" form. Tax Donation forms are available in the school office. An official tax receipt will be issued by the school district.

**Food & Drinks:** Appetizers, desserts, easy to serve munchies, beverages – all will be prepared and served at Dry Grad. If you can help or donate to this event contact [pmssgrad2017@gmail.com](mailto:pmssgrad2017@gmail.com).





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## Other Information

### 2017 Class Valedictorian

Applications for students wishing to put their name forward and prepare a mini-version of their speech will be available in early April.

All Graduating students have an opportunity to vote for their choice of Class Valedictorian from a list of graduates that have been selected by the Staff Grad Committee.

Mini-speeches will be presenting during the Grad Assembly followed by a barbeque lunch.

### Guest Passes

Any guest invited to the Prom and/or Dry Grad festivities must receive official written approval from PMSS Administration. Students who would like to bring a guest can pick up a Guest Request/ Application Form from the office, available on **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please fill out the application and return it to the office by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Mr. Keenan must approve all guests before tickets can be purchased. Guest ticket prices are \$80 for Prom and \$100 for Dry Grad. The approved Guest application is required at the time tickets are purchased from the Parent Grad Committee. Make the cheque payable to PMSS with a note on the cheque memo line for Prom and/or Dry Grad and include the grad's name.

Both students and guests should note that all school rules apply at both events. Students and guests are advised that use of alcohol or drugs before or during these events will result in removal from the festivities and ticket costs will NOT be refunded.

## Putting on the Glitz

Grad can be expensive. If you are a student in need of "formal attire" for the Prom please contact Trisha Umlah or Steve Kater, in the counselling department, and they can refer you to "Putting on the Glitz", a program that offers free of charge Prom attire.



## Contact Us

Grad Co-Chairs	Laurie Rochon & Janice Hudon
Dry Grad	Jodi Evers
Fundraising	Teresa Shergill & Tanya Wynn
Prom	Shannon Chutskoff
Treasurer	Colleen Hourigan
Lasagna Dinner	Denise DiLella

[pmssgrad2017@gmail.com](mailto:pmssgrad2017@gmail.com)

## Stay Informed!

- Visit the PMSS website at [www.pmss.sd42.ca](http://www.pmss.sd42.ca) , click "[Grad](#)" button