



NORTH DELTA SECONDARY

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Dear Grade 12 Students & Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are well. I know that this continues to be a challenging time for you. I recognize that it is disappointing not to be able to celebrate the conclusion to your Grade 12 year with the traditional festivities that accompany graduation. While I understand that there is no replacement for the typical grad experience, we remain committed to honoring your milestone accomplishment and providing you the opportunity to celebrate with those closest to you.

The following information describes the process for resolving school fees, cleaning out lockers, and returning textbooks. It also provides information regarding upcoming opportunities and expectations of grads over the next three weeks.

School Fees

The school is accepting online payment of school fees. Each student's fee assessment can be viewed using Student/Parent Connect. To pay school fees online, parents should visit Parent Connect > Fees > Fees for Payment. Please check off the fees you wish to pay and click 'Ready to Pay'. It is important to know that all fees must be resolved before students are able to pick up their Grad Cap & Gown.

Locker Cleanout & Textbook Return

Locker clean-out will take place June 10 – 16. It is important that students who have textbooks or other school-issued materials in their lockers make it a priority to clean out their lockers by Fri, June 12. All other students should have their lockers cleaned out by the end of the day on June 16.

Students who have textbooks or other school-issued items at home should also schedule a time to return these items between Wed, June 10 and Fri, June 12.

Students should schedule appointments to clean out their lockers and return textbooks by accessing the following link: <https://bit.ly/3dGXCC5>

Cap & Gown Pick-Up

Caps & gowns are expected to arrive earlier than initially expected. Grade 12 students who ordered a Cap & Gown are expected to come to the 'drive-thru' pick-up on Wed, June 17 from 12:00 – 3:00pm or Thurs, June 18 from 1:00 – 2:30pm. No appointment is necessary. Drivers are asked to use the new 'drop-off lane' in the front parking lot. Students will be provided a package

including their cap & gown, grad folder and certificate. Students should steam or lightly iron their grad gown when they get home so that wrinkles are removed prior to their Cap & Gown Film Session. Students who purchased a grad hoodie should also be able to receive it. Please note that students/parents will only be permitted to pick up their own belongings and will not be able to pick up items for another student(s).

Cap & Gown Film Session

Each grad should book a time to be filmed in an individual 'action shot' wearing their cap & gown. Students are encouraged to bring one 'prop' with them. Filming will take place in the Library on Thurs, June 18 from 12:00 – 8:00pm and Fri, June 19 from 12:00 – 6:00pm. It is important that students participate in this filming so that they are recognized as part of the graduating class in the Valedictory Video. Students are asked to reserve their time by visiting <https://bit.ly/2YcjmWZ>

Prior to arriving, students should ensure that they have steamed or lightly ironed their grad gown in order to remove any wrinkles.

Students are asked to enter through the main door at the front of the school. While waiting to be filmed, staff will be present to ensure physical distancing. At the end of their scheduled time, students are asked to leave the school and school grounds in order to ensure everyone's safety.

It is important to know that this film session is for students only. There will be no opportunities for household members to take pictures during this event.

Valedictory Photos

On Sat June 27 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, grads are invited to have a professional photo taken on stage in the gymnasium. Grads will have the opportunity to 'cross the stage' and have their photograph taken by a photographer from Artona Studios. Grads are expected to wear their cap & gown to this event and it is highly recommended that grads bring their graduation folder with them.

Each grad is invited to bring up to two immediate household members with them to this event. There will be a short opportunity for each grad to take an informal photo with their immediate household members in front of a North Delta Secondary backdrop.

Online registration for this event will be made available on Fri, June 19, following the Cap & Gown Film Sessions.

I look forward to seeing you present at these events. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. A. Akune
Principal

