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June 15, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 12 Students:

We are happy to finally announce PCI's plans for the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021! We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we awaited further direction from Manitoba Education. The Province released an updated Grad Bulletin on June 14, 2021 (see attached).

Convocation & Awards Ceremony

In light of the modified graduation ceremony requirements, PCI will be following the in-school event model in which Grade 12 students will be permitted to attend with their fellow graduates. In April, graduates had the opportunity to indicate their peer group preferences and we have done our best to schedule students with as many friends as possible. There will be seven sessions to accommodate our large graduating class of 203 students. Graduation ceremony groupings have been scheduled for Monday, June 28th and Tuesday, June 29th (see attached). Each grouping will include approximately 30 graduates. Two metre distancing and masks will be required. The two dates are needed to ensure there is sufficient time for graduates to be recognized and celebrated, as well as for sanitization purposes in between groupings.

Unfortunately, guests (including parents, grandparents, family and community members) cannot be permitted to attend the in-school event on school property as outlined in the Provincial Grad Bulletin. PCI will be live-streaming each event on YouTube PCI Channel 1 and the links will be posted afterwards on the PCI website under the Grad 2021 tab.

We will be using a combination of an outdoor stage and tents on the PCI Plaza/Athletic Field to recognize our graduates and their achievements. Next week, we will be sending an update and map with more details for students. This will include where to

meet, what to wear, where to park, grad gown drop off, grad package pick up, and so on.

A photographer will be taking pictures of the graduates as they receive their diplomas on stage. Graduates can remove their masks when their photo is being taken. Once these photos have been edited, they will be shared on the PCI website under the Grad 2021 tab. There will also be photo booths set up for the graduate groupings. PCI staff will be available to take their pictures with student devices.

Grad Gowns

Grad gowns will be ready for pick up on Friday, June 18th from the Career Centre in the West Building. Please note that gowns must be returned on their convocation day. Students are permitted to keep their grad caps, tassels and honours cords.

Grad Gifts

Students can still pick up their personalized lawn sign and/or swag package from the West Office. If it is not picked up before Convocation, it will be added to their Grad Package.

We thank you for your patience as we navigate the challenges associated with the global pandemic. If restrictions change on or before June 28th, we will do our best to accommodate accordingly.

Sincerely,



Mr. Gregg Waldvogel
Principal



Mrs. Jody Budz
Vice Principal of Grade 12 & Mature Students



COMMUNICATION

ISSUE: Year-End Graduation Events

Schools wishing to host modified graduation ceremonies must adhere to the public health orders and guidelines in effect at the time the ceremonies take place.

As you plan for graduation, please be prepared to:

- follow applicable current public health orders and guidelines
- consider virtual ceremonies, “drive-up” vehicle ceremonies, or “drive-in” vehicle ceremonies
- use creative ways to honour graduating students such as lawn signs and video keepsakes
- minimize interactions between school staff and graduates and plan for a zero contact event by:
 - pre-recording messages—If staff or volunteers are required to have contact with any equipment (e.g., speaker), the equipment must be cleaned and disinfected after each use
 - placing diplomas on a table for the graduate to retrieve
 - involving the minimum number of school employees required to host the event
- ensure two metres of physical distancing at all times
- ensure photographers and videographers adhere to public health orders:
 - provide outdoor services to the individual person (graduate) and the person’s household members
 - ensure there is no mingling in groups or waiting in lines

Schools planning to distribute diplomas at in-school events will follow all current guidance and public health measures for schools. Schools in remote learning can follow the current guidance regarding small groups (no more than five or six students) attending the in-school event (during the school day) to receive their diploma. Schools not in remote learning can have their Grade 12 instructional classes attend (one class at a time) to receive their diploma. Schools must follow all current public health measures for schools, including the following:

- ensuring two metres of physical distancing at all times
- ensuring students wear a mask at all times, except for when posing for a photograph, if fully distanced from the photographer and others
- ensuring staff wear a mask, unless facilitating the event and fully distanced from others
- do not have more than one graduate at a time on the stage or at the staging area
- ensure only graduates and required staff attend

Additionally, no guests can be present at the in-school event. Where additional groups are required due to the number of graduates, plan adequate time between groups to allow for cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces and to avoid the crossing-over of groups.

Schools may consider postponing the graduation celebrations until the fall.

Additional Guidance on “Drive-In” and “Drive-Up” Vehicle Events

A “drive-up” vehicle event is characterized as having attendees drive to a designated area where the graduates receive their diplomas and then leave the designated area.

A “drive-in” vehicle event is characterized as having attendees drive to a designated location large enough to hold the required number of vehicles, which are spaced a minimum of two metres. While ensuring that all applicable public health orders are followed, attendees observe the ceremony, which may be projected onto a large screen, streamed to their electronic device, and so on.

For “drive-in” and “drive-up” vehicle events, the following guidelines apply:

- vehicles must be separated by a minimum of two metres
- windows and sunroofs may be open, but doors and trunks are to remain closed
- only participants from the same household may occupy the same vehicle
- participants may stay immediately outside their vehicles in a manner that ensures that they are able to maintain a separation of at least two metres from other persons attending the gathering or event who arrived in another vehicle
- graduates may leave their vehicles to collect their diplomas
- provide washroom access only if necessary and capacity should be limited, with frequent cleaning and disinfecting before, during, and after the service
- no serving of food is allowed and all other services must be suspended, including the use of picnic and play areas
- a list of attendees should be kept for 21 days for contact tracing purposes

Please forward questions and inquiries to educovid19@gov.mb.ca.

Additional information is available on the Manitoba Education COVID-19 website at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/latest.html.

Grad 2021 Ceremony Groups

Updated June 17, 2021

Group 1: (30 students)

DATE: Monday, June 28

TIME: 10:00 am

Adams, Grace
Adams, Hayley
Alinsod, Dimple
Appah, Tunika
Bakr, Hanaa
Belinski, Megan
Bowland, Lilliane
Brinton, Brady
Brown, Brandy
Cantalejo, Pamela
Collier, Lily
Doherty, Carley
Essery, Madelyn
Gladue, Kyla
Guinto, Hannah
Harris, Madison
Harrison, Emma
Hildebrand, Geniko
Houle, Jacinda
Jarvis-Lilley, Olivia
Jarvis-Lilley, Tavia
Juba, Julia-Ann
Kohut, Hanna
Kraeker, Kelsey
Lee, Andy
Lucko, Ryan
McCutcheon, Quinn
Moggey, Kate
Rosset, Natasha
Victor, Bea

Group 2: (29 students)

DATE: Monday, June 28

TIME: 1:00 pm

Allard, Cassandra
Bullock, Cassidy
Cleaver, Alyssa
Daniels, Akinley
Davis, Ashley
Davis, Trevor
Erlendson, Sierra
Fletcher, Emelia
Laurence, Tayce
Miedema, Joshua
Murray, ReAnna
Pachal, Lisa
Parsons, Jaela
Pashe, Mason
Peters, Emily
Peters, Schuyler
Poblano Meadows, Leo
Prince, Kennedy
Prince, McKenleigh
Romanow, Samuel
Roulette, Flora
Roulette, Madison
Schaan, Eric
Sinclair, Sierra
Skafffeld, Paige
Spence, Sydney
Thurston, Madison
West, Hailey
Wolfe, Emmalie

Group 3: (33 students)

DATE: Monday, June 28

TIME: 3:30 pm

Anderson, Kara
Assiniboine-Pashe, Connor
Borody, Riley
Botterill, Ryan
Bryson, Chloe
Cabak, Chanel
Cuddington, Sofia
Currie, Madelyn
Elash, Logan
Finney, Dale
Gerrard, Brody
Green, Shawn
Hodgson, Duncan
Hrechka, Brock
Lee, Dylan
Mattice, Hayden
Miller, Brock
Miller, Graham
Miller, Sydney
Mulvey, Zoe
Olson, Kiernan
Post, Joshua
Rossi, Jero
Routledge, Kaylee
Schepp, Carson
Stangl, Andrew
Thess, Charlotte
Turner, Loa
Vanstone, Reegan
Verhoeven, Jared
Wolfe, Nicola
Yacucha, Stephen
Young, Madison

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Group 4: (32 students)

DATE: Monday, June 28

TIME: 6:00 pm

Bazin-Acoby, Taylor
Bracken, Cassidy
Campbell, Kale
Carlson, Aaron
Carlson, Emily
Charles, Leif
Cook, Jodi
Davies, Serena
Ducharme, Reid
Emberly, Chase
Fisette, MacKenzie
Flett-Mousseau, Shyloh
Funk, Ty
Gerbrandt, Braden
Hayden, Dreson
Janeczko, Tori
Johnson, Sapphire
Klassen, Aaron
Lavallee, Kelsey
Lomonico, Aiden
Murrell, Colby
Peters, Declan
Pritchett, Eathen
Rice, Liam
Rose, Gracie
Scarrett, Jessalyn
Simon, Stephanie
Sutherland, Katelin
Tenkula, Hunter
Tessier, Kyle
Tompkins, Adam
Wiebe, Ethan

Group 5: (24 students)

DATE: Tuesday, June 29

TIME: 10:00 am

Arksey, Diana-May
Banfield, Kaiden
Banfield, Kyler
Beaulieu, Greg
Blowatt, Joel
Boyachek, Willow
Cardinal, Misty
Cole, Laura
Daniels, Cyle
Harder, Tatyana
Holm, Kylie
Kirton, Cienna
Lassell, Alex
Legault, Chandra
Lilley, Dominick
Lodwick, Kaeleb
Overton-McCutcheon, Danika
Poschenrieder, Lacey
Roberts, Samantha
Ross, Noah
Smith, Phoenix
Smith-Banfield, Carleigh
Steeden, Ryle
Wildfang, Damon

Group 6: (28 students)

DATE: Tuesday, June 29

TIME: 1:00 pm

Anderson, Nina
Anderson-Houle, Slade
Beaulieu-Roulette, Hayden
Desjarlais, Kelsey
Dudgeon, Adrien
Flamand, Ezra
Francouer, Wendel
Glover, Gabriel
Gregory, Isaac
Groom, Nick
Gurke, Joshua
Hogue, Ronald
Holmes, Blaze
Hutlet, Davis
Kennedy, Alexis
Lilley, Carson
McLaughlin, Darian
McLaughlin, Dominic
Meeches, Justin
P Ashe, Eric
Prince, Teo
Roy, Tanner
Souva, Connor
Thompson, Cheyenne
Thorsteinson, Sonya
Tottle, Ted
Utech, Aidan
Woods, Anthony

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Group 7: (24 students)

DATE: Tuesday, June 29

TIME: 3:30 pm

Bernard, Tyrese

Bryson, Calista

Dorion, Gary

Dorion, Jared

Haight, Carro

Haines, Kadence

Jackson, George

Johnston, Landon

Jonas, Logan

Lee, Bryce

Lee, Caden

McIvor, Kevin

Myron, Seth

Pashe, Grayson

Patel, Nishu

Payment, Benjamin

Perswain, Thor

Prince, Brendyn

Prince, Trey

Smith, Jessie

Spence, Jenna

St. Cyr, Priscilla

Walker, Carson

Whitford, Jay