




MIDDLETON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
MARCH GRAD NEWSLETTER



Graduation is set for **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

- Grads Give Back:** This year the grads chose to do a fundraiser with their holiday spirit. Grads brought in free will donations and made a donation to the food bank for the holiday season.
- Remind:** Ms. Greenlaw is now sending out text/email information and reminders via a program called Remind. To receive text messages via Remind, send **@mrhsgrad** to **(902) 708-0297**. This program is a one-way messaging system and all phone numbers are never seen by the teacher. Parents are more than welcome to join and receive the information and reminders sent out. 
- First Parent Meeting:** The first Parent Meeting will take place on **Thursday, March 23rd, 2017 at 7:00p.m.** in the school library. Please come out and help with all the planning! If you are unable to come, but would like to help, please email **Ms. Hubley (HUBLEYBL2@gnsps.ca)** or **Ms. Greenlaw (greenles@gnsps.ca)**
- Grad All-Nighter:** The tentative date we are trying to pursue is **Friday May 5th, 2017**. Grads usually meet at **10:00 p.m.** on the Greenwood Base at the Bowling Alley. We will visit the Bowling Alley, Zedex, Roos, the Recreation Centre and have some breakfast at McDonald's before going home. Grad fees must be paid to in order to participate. More specific details to follow. Expect a permission form in April.
- Fundraising:** We have no large fundraisers currently booked. In the past we have done bottle drives as well as a pancake breakfast. Any suggestions are welcome. We will discuss and plan this further at the first parent meeting. We try to do one large fundraiser to help with costs for safe grad.
- Grad Fees:** A reminder that grad fees of **\$50.00** are due to Ms. Greenlaw as soon as possible. These fees help with the costs of grad all-nighter, prom, and safe grad activities. Prom tickets are included for the grad and their date in this cost.
- Grad Sweaters:** Grad sweaters orders are being submitted as they are received. The cost is **\$45.00** and it includes "MRHS Grad" on the front, the "17" signatures on the back and one word on one sleeve. Please contact Ms. Greenlaw or Megan Crowe (Grad Committee chair) if you are interested.
- Prom & Procession:** The theme for this year's prom is **"Enchanted Forest"** as voted on by the grads. Kate Wentzell (Prom Chair) and the prom committee are meeting every other **Tuesday** at lunch in Ms. Hubley's room. Listen to school announcements for meeting dates and times, grads are encouraged to come and help with the planning to ensure their voice is heard.
- The Prom & Procession is set for **Monday, June 26th, 2017**. Grads must be in the band room by **6:30 p.m.** so they can be lined up in alphabetical order for the Procession. Grads will go out through the main office entrance and into the "U" parking lot. The Procession will begin at **7:00 p.m.** The Prom will begin immediately following the walk-out with the first Special Dance belonging to Grads and a family member.
- Safe Grad:** Once the prom dance has ended, grads will change and meet in the cafeteria to begin "Safe Grad" (more details to follow).
- Grad Church Service:** Location and date to be announced if grads are interested. We will discuss at the grad parent meeting.
- Grad March Practice:** The Grad March Practice will be held on **Wednesday, June 28th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** ***We must have all grads there for this practice or the actual closing will not run as smoothly as it should. Grads receive their two reserved tickets at this practice.***
- Graduation:** **Wednesday, June 28th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** Grads are to wear grad gowns, caps and tassels.
- Grad Gown Rental:** Grads rent out gowns from the office. A \$25.00 deposit (a separate fee from the \$50 Grad fee) is required which covers the cost of a keepsake cap and tassel, as well as the cleaning of the gown - \$5.00 will be returned to the grads when the gown is returned. The gown **MUST BE TURNED IN ON THE NIGHT OF GRADUATION.**
- The office will be renting out grad gowns beginning **MONDAY, JUNE 5th through to and including FRIDAY, JUNE 9th, 2017.**

Grad Composite Photos:

Each year we create a composite of graduate photographs to hang on the walls of MRHS. We will be using the photos that the school photographer took on School Photo Day for the grad composite.

Yearbook:

Students will have another opportunity to reserve a copy of the 2017 yearbook. The books will be sold in March in the main lobby during lunch hour or a book can be purchased online on the school website. It is **highly recommended** that grads pre-order their book to ensure that they reserve a copy for themselves. Books can be purchased for \$37.00 or \$40.00 for a personalized copy. Stay tuned to the announcements for the dates yearbooks can be purchased.

The yearbook committee is also accepting art submissions to feature in the yearbook. Anyone who has an art piece they would like to feature please pass it into the green bin in the office by Friday, March 24th.

Counselling Office:

There are some important timelines students and parents/guardians should be aware of:

- **Student Assistance Presentation – Wednesday, March 29th** beginning at 6:30 in the school library. Find about applying for Canada and Nova Scotia Student Loans.
- **Applications for colleges** should be completed as soon as possible. Colleges accept students on a first come, first served basis. Students can apply as early as the fall of their grade 11 year.
- **Applications for universities** are usually completed once students have received their first semester marks in early February. Students may apply for early acceptance as early as October based on grade 11 marks and current enrollments, but most acceptances are conditional on grade 12 first semester marks. Students can apply up to August, but only applications received before March will be considered for scholarships.
- **Scholarships and Bursaries.** Information is available in Student Services. In addition, information and application forms are usually available on line. Please note that it is still early for institutions and organizations to have updated their online forms for this school year. Keep checking for current forms.
- **University and College scholarships.** There are two types. **Entrance scholarships** are awarded by universities based on marks and most universities automatically offer an entrance scholarship depending on your marks. **Other scholarships and bursaries** usually require a separate application and usually need to be received by the college or university by the beginning to middle of March. These deadlines are very important and are on the university and college websites.

What the School Counsellor needs from you:

- The Department of Education tracks what all graduates do after high school. Therefore, Mrs. Arthur needs to know if grads are going to work, doing an apprenticeship, or have been accepted to college or university. Mrs. Arthur meets with each potential grad individually to confirm plans, help with applications, assist with finding information, or answer any other related questions
- Grads need to let Mrs. Arthur know if they receive any bursaries or scholarships. This information is used for statistical purposes, but is also included in the graduation ceremony.

What the School Counsellor can do for you:

- It is normal for grade 12 students to be uncertain about their post-grad plans. Some find this a source of anxiety. Mrs. Arthur is happy to meet with students around these issues and concerns to help with career planning and to discuss options.
- Also, please keep in mind that Mrs. Arthur is a Counselling Therapist and regularly speaks with students about emotional or social concerns. These sessions are confidential.
- Mrs. Arthur can be contacted by email at arthura@gnspe.ca, by phone at [\(902\) 825-5357](tel:902-825-5357) or by dropping into Student Services.