Hello potential graduates,

With spring just around the corner it is time to talk about graduation!

Outdoor Graduation Celebration

We will be having a graduation celebration with an opportunity for you to put on your grad gown and come to the school with your family & friends (the exact number of celebrants will be determined as per Niagara Public Health rules) to receive your grad portfolio (which includes your diploma, composite photo, and any additional certifications and awards) from our administrators. You will have the opportunity to pose for a photo taken by a studio photographer with your loved ones (number to be determined). Everything will take place outdoors - we are ready for any weather. Once we confirm the date(s) we will send out a pre-registration form where you can sign up. Appointment times will run in 15 minute intervals. All planning around the graduation celebration is tentative and subject to change (however we are so excited to begin the planning process!).

DSBN / Governor Simcoe Graduation Video

This year every DSBN school will celebrate its graduating class with the release of a graduation video. More information will come to you shortly!

Grad Gowns

The plan is to distribute Grad Gowns (gown, cap, sash that are yours to keep) prior to the grad celebration. Please wear your gown to the Outdoor Graduation Celebration.

Grad Photos - BOOK NOW!

You are NOW able to book your formal graduation photo sitting with dates ranging from April 15th - 30th. This picture will be in the year book and the graduation video. As per the direction from Niagara Public Health, Lasting Images Photography will be taking your photo in their Studio in St. Catharines at 36 Wright St. Unit #19. You may book your sitting at https://lastingimages.ca/clients/booking-calendar/. Plans are subject to change as per any new directives from Public Health.

What must I do right now????

You, as a Governor Simcoe grad, **MUST** complete the following *Application to Graduate* & *Student Profile* <u>no later than May 10th</u> in order to participate in the June celebration. Part of this form asks about your extra-curricular involvement and in-school and out of school involvement. If you have nothing to add in a section please continue to move forward. **Everyone** must complete this form. Click here to access the form -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdg5FN-OWSIcFGUHa15KMdI7ZhTEXy8fvxUYT1F Ar9K0oLAXw/viewform

Here are some key dates:

- 1. April 1st Those of you who have applied to the Brock Niagara Principal's Scholarship Award or the Branscombe Family Foundation Scholarship are asked to have your *Application to Graduate & Student Profile* completed by this date.
- 2. May 10th All other potential grads are asked to have the *Application to Graduate & Student Profile* completed by this date.
- 3. May 15th 20 Community Hours must be submitted through Hour Republic to the Guidance Office by this date in order to participate in a June graduation ceremony.

We will continue to keep you informed as we receive more information!