

GFSS Grad Parent Meeting

June 10, 2020

7:00 PM Via Zoom

- **Grad photos**
 - Lifetouch came in and the process went really well. About 50 grads showed up and they all looked wonderful. Goal was to email pics individually but photos are very large. Pictures will be put onto flash drive which each grad will be receiving on June 20th.
 - **Banner**
 - Has been put up across highway by Pharmasave and it looks awesome!! Thank you to Sonia McKinlay for getting it organized.
 - **Virtual presentation**
 - Erin Madsen: Needing only 2 more grad bios at this point. Grad speakers have done their speech and the Superintendent has also done his. Just waiting for parent and teacher speakers. Collage is taking a bit longer than expected.
 - **Prom funds :**
 - Money already accounted for
 - \$1200.00 on individual signs
 - \$250 on flash drives
 - \$1500 on Legacy (potentially)
 - \$700-\$800.00 for Lifetouch portfolios
 - **Ideas**
 - May long weekend 2021 celebration (put \$3000 away – if this does not happen it may become a Grad 2020 bursary, criteria to be determined)
 - Boundary bucks/grad (\$6000.00 - \$100/grad). Idea is to keep the money in the community and not gift cards because of personal tastes.
 - Memorial scholarship fund? Vote will be put up on the Grad Google Classroom.
 - Legacy – grads gave input when they come in for photos (not able to do the printer idea)
 - **Parade/procession**
 - Nicole Reid:
 - Les Johnson will live stream the grad procession.
 - Parade Information (has been emailed prior):
- 1) Be at Selkirk at 2 pm for set up please. We need to start promptly at 3:00 as businesses were told that their streets would only be closed for a short time period. ONLY GRADS & PARENTS THAT ARE DRIVING are to be at Selkirk. We cannot have any other vehicles there or people watching otherwise they could pull our permit. Please pass this along to all your friends and family members. This is noted on the map that is circulated and will be in the Gazette, but the more people we tell, the better off our odds will be that people respect that.

- 2) The above, also applies to the end of the parade portion at 77th Ave & 16th St and on Boundary Dr towards GFSS. We are ending the parade on 77th Ave & 16th St and we will start getting into our procession line up for the front of the school. We will already be over the limit of vehicles allowed and we cannot have any other family members there parked or watching. It would be extremely sad if we've gone through all this work to pull this parade off and we get shut down. There will be flaggers there so traffic, other than the parents and parade vehicles, will be routed elsewhere.

- 3) Please plan ahead and bring coolers of water etc. as it'll be about 3 hrs till completion. Please also know that we will ask to make sure the washrooms are open at City Park so that they can be used before we start the parade.

- 4) If it's hot or raining, there was a suggestion to bring umbrellas. Or you may have some other idea of creating some shade on your float. PLEASE also have a SAFE way for the Grads to get on and off your trailer. A suggestion of having some sort of step for them was advisable.

- 5) We will have a half-sized poster board with each Grad's name on it so spectators know who they are looking at. Please think of where you will attach it to your vehicle or float and plan to bring tape or string or whatever you need for this. We will hand out the posters at Selkirk at 2 pm.

- 6) Juice FM will be playing your grad songs etc during our parade. If you have something that can be on your float tuned into the radio station, please bring that. Grads travelling in their family vehicle or their own vehicle, please be tuned into Juice FM.

- 7) Les Johnson, from What's up in Grand Forks, will be live streaming the beginning of the parade and he will catch both sides so don't worry what side of the float you are on, you will be captured. He will then go down to GFSS to be ready to livestream the Grad Procession. Les will be providing the information of how to access the livestream soon and we will get that posted to all Facebook groups and emailed out to you so you can get it to your family and friends.

- 8) After you have received your diploma and Peter has taken your photo, please get back into your family vehicle and exit the front of the school. Please do not stay around in the parking lot area, as we have to keep the flow going and vehicles to a minimum. Those who were

driving their own vehicle will have to go and get them and then proceed out of GFSS.
(sounds mean to be pushing you away from the school, but we really need to be mindful and respectful and not have a lot of vehicles around)

- 9) Parents, please watch the parade somewhere in the first half of the route so you have time to get back down to GFSS to form the procession line up. Again, ONLY PARENTS/SIBLINGS that are going through the diploma procession are to come back to GFSS. Aunts/Uncles/Grandparents/Friends can only watch the parade and need to respect that we cannot have them at the school. There will be 5-6 people there letting you know where to line up. Please be kind and patient as everyone is a volunteer, and this is a whole new procedure that no one has done before. We are making it as streamlined as possible and require your full co-operation at GFSS. Once the Grads arrive at GFSS, those on floats will get off and find their family vehicle to get into. Those that drove their own vehicles will park them and get into their family vehicles, those that are already in their family vehicle will join in the procession line up. Please note that the truck and trailers will also be forming in the line up so please do not leave too much space between your vehicles so we have lots of room for everyone.

THIS IS A SUPER IMPORTANT DAY AND WE WANT YOU ALL TO HAVE FUN. PLEASE RESPECT THE SOCIAL DISTANCING RULE ON YOUR FLOATS AS WELL AS AT GFSS WHEN YOU ARE GETTING OFF THE FLOATS AND INTO YOUR FAMILY VEHICLES. WISHING YOU ALL A FABULOUS DAY!! ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ME (NICOLE @ 250-442-9517) ASAP SO WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE. THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

- **Grad parade list has been emailed to families.**
- **Photos at procession/red carpet will be done by Peter Kalaz**
- **Live stream through GFSS Facebook page; GFSS Website; youtube**

- **See everyone on June 20th!!**