



# École Secondaire Robert A. McMath Secondary School

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Dear Grade 12 Students and Families,

As you know, we have been unable to hold some of our traditional activities for Grads so far this year as we adhere to the Provincial Health Orders and focus on safety for our students.

We understand how challenging this school year has been for our students and families and we are especially aware of the limitations the ongoing pandemic has imposed on our graduating students. The school has booked dates and venues for our traditional graduation celebrations and we are hoping for better public health news so that we are able to celebrate the grads of 2021 together, with family and friends. At the same time, we will be required to follow the expectations of the Provincial Ministry of Health and Vancouver Coastal Health, so we are making contingency plans for our 2021 graduation ceremony.

We will celebrate each member of our graduating class at a formal valedictory ceremony. At this time, we are requesting that each grade 12 student pay a \$50 grad fee so that the school can engage in all of the planning that needs to take place. This fee will offset the costs of booking the Chan Centre at UBC or be used to pay for alternative plans, including a professional videographer. Please note, in either scenario, all students will receive a fitted gown, stole, cap, grad 2021 tassel, a custom folder with a personalized graduation certificate and a copy of the grad class composite photograph.

Our school is genuinely hoping to host a graduation ceremony and celebrations in beautiful venues with friends and family. Demonstrating resilience and thriving in the midst of a global pandemic makes the graduates of 2021 an extraordinary class in the proud history of our school. Please be assured that we will do our very best to recognize each graduate in a thoughtful way. We will also continue to communicate with you in the weeks and months ahead.

If possible, please pay the \$50 fee via cheque made out to McMath Secondary or via School Cash by February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please note, all members of our graduating class of 2021 will be included in the valedictory ceremony. If this fee represents a challenge for your family, please let me know. All students will be able to attend. Grads, please complete the survey so we can order gowns for you.

<https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=86KK9n81&Preview=true#>

Thanks for your continued patience and support!

Sincerely,

Jane McFadyen  
Principal

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