

September 17th, 2014

Dear Parents of ESSMY 2015 Graduands,

Welcome to the beginning of an exciting year for your child and for yourselves. They are almost done high school and will soon be transitioning to another important phase of their lives. Plans for the graduation are well underway and the students and staff are getting excited with the prospect of this wonderful milestone looming in the future. We want to take this opportunity to communicate with you some of the important information, dates and events coming in the next few months.

The following are projected key dates:

Thursday, October 9th and Friday, October 10th

- Grad Retreat – All graduands will be heading to Camp Nakamun for Grad Retreat for an overnight grad experience. Students will start planning Grad and will have the chance to bond and to get to know their peers in an even closer way.
- Permission forms have been sent home and must be returned in order for them to attend.

Friday, November 14th, 2014

- Grad Rings – Josten's will be at ESSMY through the lunch hour to take orders for Grad Rings. Prior to that date, students will be given a brochure and catalogue to help them choose the design, should they wish to place an order. This is an optional opportunity.
- A deposit is required on November 7th in order to place the order.

Friday, January 30th 2015

- Picture Day – Individual pictures will be taken at the school during the day. Each student will book a 30-minute slot. The sitting fee is covered in the grad fees that were collected. Students will receive further details closer to the date.

Thursday, May 7th 2015

- Rehearsal at St Albert Parish from 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Friday, May 8th, 2015

- Graduation Day!
- A group picture of the graduating class in their gowns and caps will be taken beside St Albert Parish promptly at 12:00pm.
- Mass will commence at 1:00pm at St Albert Parish.
- Graduation ceremonies will be in the church from approximately 2:00pm to 3:30pm.
- The banquet and dance will be held at the Italian Cultural Centre in Edmonton starting with refreshments at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:30pm. The dance will follow the banquet and speeches.

We are looking for a few parents who would like to be a part of a grad committee. The role of this group is to coordinate the gift from the parents. (This is not to organize an after-grad) We are also looking for parents interested in supervising the Retreat at Camp Nakamun. Please forward your name to be on the volunteer committee to Cindy Pereira, either by phone at 780-459-5702 or by email at cpereira@gsacrd.ab.ca by September 30th.

We will continue to inform you of any pertinent information as it arises. We hope that this will provide you with some preliminary information you need to do your planning for graduation. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cindy Pereira
Vice-principal