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Building on the Celebration of the RF class of 2020

Grad Portrait Information from Mrs. Scallion

Grad photoshoot times will be either during first block or afterschool. Student photographers will be handing out information packages with their pre-booked photo shoot time on Tuesday February 23rd or Wednesday February 24th. In the information package is a questionnaire to help your photographer personalize your photoshoot, please return this ASAP or text your photographer so we can plan accordingly for any pets, or large props (like dirt bikes or vehicles) that you would like to be photographed with. Due to COVID protocol, grads are only allowed to bring 2 friends from RF into their photoshoot, sorry no family members. While in the studio, friends must remain masked, the grad is allowed to be unmasked during formals and when taking individual photographs. Photos with friends can be unmasked outdoors while remaining 2 arms length apart.

Draft TO RF Convocation 2021 DRIVE BY CELEBRATION

Dear Class of 2021:

Please remember that there are two separate parts to your Graduation:

The formal academic ceremony of Convocation and the Celebration that the parent committee organizes.

We wanted to discuss a Framework of what a RF class of 2021 Convocation would look like using the drive by celebration from 2020 as a foundation to start with.

Know the why? At this time we have no way of knowing what the restrictions in terms of gatherings will be in June. What we would like to do is bring some certainty to students & staff about what the convocation program will look like. Last year's program was an amazing personal celebration and with a traditional program of digitary speeches that we have always had in the past. With your input we can make improvements if possible.

A quote from a parent of last year's grad group:

"As a parent of a grade 12 student, I was feeling sorry for my daughter that she wouldn't be able to have a graduation celebration like we all had and expected. I was pleasantly surprised! What an awesome celebration you organized amid the Pandemic's restrictions. She feels, as both her dad and I, that she did not miss out. What you and your staff pulled together was incredible and very special to say the least. From the lawn & electric sign photos, various dignitary speeches, skits, tributes, "red carpet" drive by convocation, to the staff cheering the grads on, you all surpassed our expectations! Thank you for making what could have been a very dismal day into one we all will all remember! We do NOT feel short changed!"

The Convocation program last year consisted of all the parts that our traditional program had its just that we were not able to all gather together at one time:

A: A formal program with speakers chosen by students that is prerecorded in the theatre. Please watch the video link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTOY0fA0zYI> (Recording of formal RF class of 2020 program)

B: A personal Drive in red carpet Celebration for each graduate. Each Graduate gets the red carpet treatment on stage at a celebration by the theatre doors as shown in the pictures below. Ms. Scallion took amazing pictures as you can see of each student as they walked the stage. Students and parents decorated vehicles for the occasion. The Student has the choice of walking with a cap and gown for the drive in if they would like to purchase one or they can walk the carpet in their formal or casual attire, it is their moment.

Please see the live feed of red carpet walk and pictures shared with you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLbrZOFhI0A&feature=youtu.be> Live Stream of Student Recognition

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17rfN6Vq4bcjHx0qWyDf6Ka_8hFxfUuSN?usp=sharing

C: A lawn sign with each graduate will be displayed along 104 st with each graduates Cap and Gown formal picture that was taken by Mrs. Scallions photography class. (You need to get a Picture taken with her class please.)

D: Banners of Grad on Video Sign

E: Banners of Grads in the News

Cost: Approx \$30 per graduate for personal lawn signs,momento, staging and decorations

or

\$60 per graduate for for personal lawn signs,momento gift, staging and decorations and keep sake cap and gown if you would like to purchase one.



R.F. Staples Class of 2021 Celebration:

June 25th Starting at ????????

- There will be an opportunity for a **Drive By** Staff / Student exchange in the North parking lot - students drive into the parking lot, only one Graduate allowed per vehicle (and siblings). Graduates may have family of the same household in the same vehicle but only one graduate(except siblings) is allowed. Students will drive west on 104st and enter the staff parking lot at the 101ave entrance(diagram included at the bottom). Students will drive clockwise around the staff parking and stop in by the entrance to the CATS Theatre. The Graduate (**only the graduate**) will exit the vehicle. The graduate will do a RED CARPET recognition walk and have a picture with School Principals taken by Ms. Scallion (we will share these pictures with graduates later). The car will move forward and pick the graduate up at the end of the red carpet walk. The graduate will re-enter the vehicle and exit the parking lot heading west on 104st. past the photos of all the CLASS OF 2021 signs. No guests are allowed to leave their vehicles and we are only permitting staff and dignitaries to gather on school grounds. Students may pick up their personal lawn sign at 2pm. If they are not

picked up, we will pick them up and store them for you. The 3 scheduled times for the drive by are as follows:

- Students' Drive by at
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It is imperative that all attendees follow the Provincial Covid 19 Guidelines for Drive by Convocation Ceremony. (not sure what they will be at that time)

- Program (Recorded bios and Speeches- link goes live on June 25th at ???pm)



- Video link will be sent to their PHRD email, privacy settings to any PHRD email with link can view

RF Staples' staff is extremely proud of the class of 2021 and we look forward to celebrating your accomplishments in the best way we can at this time. We look forward to seeing you on June 25th and sharing the celebration program with you to enjoy with your family.

Yours truly,

R.F. Staples

Wayne Rufiange, Proud Principal
Perry Kulmatyski, Associate Principal

