ÉCOLE GEORGE ELLIOT SECONDARY SCHOOL

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School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)

Dear Parents/Guardians of 2027 Grads,

We have had a busy and successful start to the year! The Grad Breakfast was a hit with the GESS staff preparing and serving breakfast to our Grads - thank you, staff! As well, the Grads had a wonderful time connecting with friends and fellow grads at the Oyama Ziplines Grad Retreat. We have a few key updates that we would like to share.

Congratulations to DJ Aulakh & Leia Morasain on being voted Co-Grad Presidents by the Class of 2027! Your 2027 Grad Council also includes the following students:

Committee Chairs:

Cents: Bee Sand, Ava Solosth & Capri Birchwater
Connections: Lowen Gardiner & Kloe Ziegeman
Fun: Abby Jackson & Ava Solosth
Heart: Tait Cattton
Spirit: Anika Park & Raphaelle Roy-Bois
Swag: DJ Aulakh & Leia Morasain

Grad Council:

Ahmad-Mustafa, Hameed
Besse, Brooke
Crawford, Lexi
Gabriz, Boris
Godin, Brynn
Jackson, Abigail
Kitayama, Karen
Landon, Olivia
Levesque, London
Matthee, Jayden
Monk, Oliver
Pellett, Avery
Peters, Georgia
Shinkewski, Hannah
Trzcinski, Anastasia
Wilkie, Lili
Wu, Han
Young, Olivia
Ziegeman, Kloe

Grad Fees - $125 is due Oct 23rd. Payable to SchoolCash Online. Please contact Mr. Aviani with any questions or concerns.

Grad Gowns - each Grad needs to indicate their height to order a gown that they will get to keep (CLP Grad 2027 - rwfzni6).

Caravan Farm Theatre - Our next grad event of the year, Caravan Farm Theatre, will take place on ***Thursday, December 3rd***. Students will be transported to and from the event in Vernon via SD23 buses, and will be accompanied by teacher chaperones as well as other staff from GESS. Students will choose a sleigh, and each one will have at least one teacher chaperone. $35/grad. We have asked the Grad's to let us know in the Google Classroom by Oct 18th if they are interested.

SchoolCashOnline: $35 (for those participating) https://www.schoolcashonline.com/
Parent/Guardian Permission Form: https://forms.sd23.bc.ca/Forms/Studies_Permission (code 297308)

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As this event takes place in the evening and entirely outdoors, students are encouraged to dress warmly. Additionally, since we will be briefly stopping over in Vernon on the way back, students are encouraged to bring money for dinner.As a reminder, all requirements of the school Code of Conduct apply while students are on field trips.

Students may only attend if they have returned a permission form signed by a parent or a guardian, and have confirmed their payment of $35 by no later than ***Tuesday, Nov 3rd.***

The itinerary is as follows on ***December 3rd, 2026:***

3:15-3:30 pm - Students gather at Aspen to take attendance and board the buses.
3:30-4:30pm - Travel via bus to Caravan Farm Theatre in Armstrong.
5:00-6:00 pm - Performance begins in the outdoor theatre, then continues on a number of outdoor stages. Attendees travel between each by horse-drawn sleigh. Following the performance, students board SD23 buses to return. Buses will stop briefly in Vernon (at the Vernon shopping mall food court) so students can purchase something for dinner.
8:00 pm - Estimated arrival back at GESS.

Are you getting the Grad Emails? All emails are sent from the GESS office (myed). This is the same way that the weekly GESS Coyote Connections newsletters, report cards, etc. are sent home. If you are not getting those weekly newsletters or these grad emails, we would recommend the following:
- check your junk folder
- add ges@sd23.bc.ca to your address book
- ask your child to bring home a new blue form from the office to update your email with the school.

The Grad Coordinator does not maintain an email list and is unable to edit the official myed list. All emails will be posted on the Grad Website: gesgrad.weebly.com.

Thank you,
Sarah Wood

Grad Coordinator
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