



GEORGE ELLIOT SECONDARY SCHOOL

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School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)

September 7, 2021

Welcome Grade 12 students! Please read and share this with your parents/guardians.

This letter is the first important bulletin for Grads... but there will be more information to come! First, I would like to introduce myself, Mrs. McWhirter, as your Grad Coordinator for this year! Together with the Grad Council, we will try our very best to bring our Grad Class together in innovative ways. It is especially crucial that all grads sign into our GESS Grad 2022 Google Classroom to stay informed on everything grad this year.

Login instructions: If you are new to George Elliot, please be sure that your school student "learn" accounts are activated as I will be using Google classroom for all grad communications. I would like you to sign into classroom.google.com and join using the code:

4iiciwm Instructions if you are having troubles:

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6072460?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>. Please let me know ASAP if you are having troubles joining;
jenn.mcwhirter@sd23.bc.ca.

FIRST GRAD EVENT

Our first grad event is scheduled for September 16 OR 17th at Oyama Zipline Adventure Park. Permission and liability forms will be handed out on Thursday, September 9th at our Grade 12 meeting. To come with us on the 16 or 17th, your parent/guardian **MUST** attend a **MANDATORY** Zoom meeting on September 9th at 7pm. Grad 2022 Zipline Information Sep 9, 2021 07:00 PM <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/4481924597>

GRAD COUNCIL

This is a 2-credit course that will run live starting second quarter (late November to year end), with meeting times being TUESDAY MORNINGS at 7:30 AM. Meetings will be held in Room 129. If you are interested in becoming an active member of this year's Grad Council, please see your counsellor to register or simply show up! If you want to drop by for the first meeting, just to get an idea of how Grad Council works, please join us. More information will follow on our Google classroom and the communicator at school.

GRAD PRESIDENT(S)

Every year we elect a Grad President(s), who really becomes the key communicator/go to person(s) for the Grad Class. If you are interested in taking on this highly respected and visible role, please consider running for this position. We will have a meeting at lunch on September 10th in room 129 to discuss the process and responsibilities. We will have time for campaigning, Sept. 13-15th, culminating with a short campaign speech on September 16th, followed by a VOTE. The Grad President(s) will be revealed on



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Friday September 17th after our Grad breakfast and before our 2nd day of our grad retreat.

GRAD FEES

We have set Grad Fees at \$100. This fee includes the Grad Retreat at Oyama Ziplines on September 16 OR 17th and all fees for Grad Caps, Gowns, Certificates and Ceremonies.

Extra Fees:

Grad Photo Sitting for picture orders -Fee \$60.00 (payable to photographer at time of picture – cash, debit or cheque). This fee is a REFUNDABLE deposit and/or can be used as a credit towards the purchase of photos. Photos will be scheduled from January 6-10th. There will be a LINK on the *GESS Grad 2022 Google Classroom* stream and the Grad 2022 weebly on the school website to sign up for a time. Please check the website and/or our classroom to sign up. The link will be posted closer to the photo dates.

Other fees may arise throughout the year.

GRAD PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS

I will be reaching out to parent volunteers to help with school grad events and organize Dry Grad. If any parents/guardians are interested in being involved, please email me at jenn.mcwhirter@sd23.bc.ca.

COMMUNICATION

Grads may get updates on all activities/reminders by:

1. joining GESS Grad 2022 Google classroom (code: **4iiciwm**)
2. Checking-in regularly to the Grad Website (link on the main GESS website)
3. Periodic emails from myself

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Thank you! I look forward to a great year with all of you.

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