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School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)

Hello Everyone!

My name is Sarah Wood, and I have the pleasure of being your Grad Coordinator this year. I'm excited to work alongside our grads to make this year fun, memorable, and successful!

Below you'll find important upcoming events for September, along with additional information to help keep you up to date throughout the year. You can expect emails from me periodically, outlining key events and deadlines.

Sept 11th @ 9:30 am - **Grade 12 Student Meeting in Theatre**.

Sept 11th @ lunch - **Grad Council & Grad President meeting** at (room 301).

Sept 15th @ 7:15pm - **Grade 12 Parent/Guardian Meeting in Theatre** (Grad Requirements, Grad Events, Post-Secondary Overview)

Sept 16th @ 7:00pm - **Mandatory Parent/Guardian Oyama Ziplines Safety** (this will be a brief online meeting for those who missed the Grade 12 Sept 15th meeting).

- Click here: Teams Meeting Link
- Meeting ID: 252 055 083 994 781 Passcode: jd7hc9Wc

Sept 25th @ 8:00 am - **Grad Breakfast** *(Grades, come and let the teachers treat YOU)*

Sept 26th 11 am - 3 pm - **Prom Fundraiser BBQ at Lake Country IGA** *(everyone support out grads)*

Oct 1, 2 & 5th - **Oyama Ziplines Grad Retreat**; SD23 Field Trip Form, Oyama Ziplines Liability Forms Due September 18th.

Oct 14th @ 1:00pm - **Grad President Speeches in Theatre** to all Grade 12's for voting

June 12, 2027 - **Prom @ Bear and Quail**

June 25, 2027 - **Convocation @ GESS**

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Frad Fee: $125 + $60 Grad Photo Sitting Fee

- Covers convocation (facilities, cap & gown) and associated grad events.
- Photo sitting fee is a refundable deposit or credit toward a photo purchase

**Other small fees may come up throughout the year. If financial assistance is needed, please contact Principal Mr. Aviani directly.*

Parent/Guardian Prom Committee

The Prom fee will be sent once we get closer to the event and see what fundraising efforts have helped to reduce the cost. The grad parent/ guardian volunteer committee exists for the purpose of planning and fundraising for the Grad Walk & Prom. Please contact gesspromparents2027@gmail.com for more information.

The Prom Fundraiser BBQ will be held at Lake Country IGA on September 26, 2027 from 10 am to 2 pm. Parent/guardian volunteers along with 2027 Grad students are needed to help. If Grads are interested in participating, they can sign up in the Google Classroom. Please contact the parent committee if you need more information: gesspromparents2027@gmail.com

There is a *Grad 2027* account set up at the local Bottle Depot in Lake Country. You don't need to sort your bottles! You can just drop them off and tell them it's for *Grad 2027*.

Remember to check the grad website (**gesgrad.weebly.com**) regularly for updates and info on events.

Any questions or concerns, please email me a sarah.wood@sd23.bc.ca.

Regards,

Sarah Wood
Grad Coordinator

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Dear Parents/Guardians of 2027 Grads,

Our first grad event of the year is at the Oyama Zipline Adventure Park! Due to capacity restrictions, a maximum of 70 students may attend each of the three retreat days: October 1, October 2 and October 5*. Each day, we will be joined by teacher chaperones and other staff from GESS. Please be reassured that the leaders at Oyama Zipline Adventure Park are trained and will be guiding students through the safety protocols before they are allowed to participate in any activities. Additionally, all students and parents/guardians will need to sign a waiver and confirm that they have heard the inherent safety risks for students to participate. As a reminder for students, all the requirements of the school Code of Conduct apply while students are on field trips. A huge thanks to PAC for their support and offsetting the cost for our Grads!

The itinerary is as follows:

9:15 am - Students gather in the foyer for attendance.
9:30 am - Attending grads load buses at GESS to travel to Oyama Zipline Adventure Park.
10:15 am - Arrival at Oyama Zipline Adventure Park. Orientation and activities.
12:00 pm - Picnic lunch provided – pizza, water, and apples.
12:30 pm - Continue team building activities.
1:45-2:00 pm - Load buses to return to GESS.
2:30 pm - Arrival at GESS.

**Please note that this day may be eliminated from those offered if fewer than 140 students have confirmed their intention to participate prior to the cut-off date of September 18.*

Students, please return the following to Mrs. Wood in the Career Centre by Sept 18th:

1. **SD23 Parent/Guardian Permission Form** Link: https://forms.sd23.bc.ca/Forms/Studies_Permission Code: **273009**

2. **Oyama Zipline Waiver** - attached here, print and return to the Career Centre. Or scanned and emailed to sarah.wood@sd23.bc.ca. Pick a waiver up in the Career Centre if you don't have a printer at home.

3. Please ensure that your grad has filled out the google form in CLP Grad 2027 to select their preference of days and who they wish to attend with.

Any questions or concerns, please email me a sarah.wood@sd23.bc.ca. Forms can be returned to the Career Centre.
Regards,

Sarah Wood
Grad Coordinator

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
(hereinafter the "Release Agreement")
BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS,
INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR TO CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Initial

TO: OYAMA ZIPLINE LTD. ("the Company") and its directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, independent contractors, subcontractors, sponsors, successors, assigns, representatives, shareholders, affiliates, and subsidiaries (collectively called "the Releasees").**I,** _____ hereby sign this agreement on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, heirs and assigns.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

1. I agree as a precondition to my participation in all events organized by "the Company" and/or "the Releasees" including, but not limited to: **GUIDED ZIPLINE TOUR, AERIAL CHALLENGE COURSE, QUICK JUMP FREE FALL, AND MONKEY PLAY PARK** (collectively referred to as "the Activities") and in further consideration of "the Company" allowing me to do so, that I will be strictly bound by the terms of this Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement ("the Agreement").
2. I acknowledge that "the Activities" involve **inherent risks and dangers that may cause serious injury and possible death to participants.**
3. I fully understand the risks and dangers associated with my participation in "the Activities" and **accept same entirely at my own risk.**

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
In consideration of the Releasees allowing me to participate in "the Activities" and the use of the safety equipment, ziplines, towers, bridges, structures, trails, and transportation vehicle (hereinafter the "facilities"), I hereby agree as follows:

1. **TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may in the future have against **THE RELEASEES, AND TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my use of or my presence on the facilities DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE ***OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT***, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 337, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE "ACTIVITY" REFERRED TO ABOVE.
2. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify "the Company" and "the Releasees" from any and all liability for any damage to property of or personal injury to any third party, resulting from my or any minor child/ward of mine's use of or presence on the "facility" or participating in "the Activities";
3 This Release Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;
4. This Release Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Release Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction; and any litigation involving the parties to this Release Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.

In entering into this Release Agreement I am not relying upon any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees other than what is set forth in this Release Agreement. I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

_____ _____
WITNESS SIGNATURE PARTICIPANT or PARENT / GUARDIAN

_____ _____
DATE PRINT NAME

_____
PRINT NAME OF CHILD / WARD