**HARRISON TRIMBLE HIGH SCHOOL**

### Parents/Guardians/Graduates September 16, 2015

Graduation Day, **June 22, 2016** is at the **Moncton Wesleyan Celebration** **Centre** on St. George Blvd. I know it seems incredible that so many years of school are about to come to an end. Graduation marks the successful completion of a major segment of your life. It represents a big step towards responsibility and freedom. The expenses of graduation can be significant. Although we do everything we can to keep these costs as low as possible, there are some expenses that cannot be eliminated.

To cover these expenses each graduate is asked to pay a **$150.00** fee. This is a break-even process. Some grads have already started paying this fee and it is hoped that all will turn in their grad fee ASAP. Receipts will be issued and payment plans can be arranged. Please contact Ellen or Carol in our main office and they can help you. (Please make cheques payable to Harrison Trimble High School.) **Deadline for payment is May 19, 2016.**

The following is a breakdown of the costs which are incurred for the graduation ceremony and prom. Please note that the fee for Safe Grad is not included. There is a $10.00 fee for those wishing to attend this event. Registration for Safe Grad will begin in May.

* **Rental of a Graduation gown.**
* **Purchase of a memento cap and tassel - which they keep.**
* **Facility rental/set up and decorating**
* **Reception for graduates and parents.**
* **Diploma cover**
* **Graduation and Prom Facility Rental – decorations, DJ**

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| Attending All Events | **$150.00** |
| Diploma Only | **No Cost** |
| Graduation Ceremony Only | **$75.00** |
| Prom Only (this includes attending the prom even if you are no longer in a position to graduate) | **$75.00** |

# DRESS

Clothes for graduation night can become an issue - but it need not be. The Trimble graduation is like most high schools; it is traditional. We expect relatively formal dress. Male graduates should wear dress pants, shirt, tie and shoes (no flip-flops sandals/sneakers). Females are expected to wear appropriate dress and shoes. The dye in the gowns has been known to run, so to prevent damage to dresses, etc. try not to wear light colors. It is not necessary to buy new clothes for this evening but it is expected clothing under the gown be appropriate for this formal, traditional ceremony.

# PROM 2016

This year’s Prom is **Monday, June 20,2016** from 7:30 pm until midnight at the **Legends Room in the Moncton** **Coliseum-Entrance C**. We encourage parents/family members to take photos of grads at home or at a prearranged location determined by the grads themselves before the grads leave for the prom as only staff, grads and their guests enter the prom venue. The cost to attend prom covers the graduate and a guest. This is included in the grad fee. Many students will not come with a date, but with a group of friends. We encourage all our grads to attend this exciting event. Ms. Grierson and her Prom Committee, as well as other staff, will have the venue decorated beautifully. There is no food served at the prom, so please arrive having eaten. We do provide beverages throughout the evening. Students will be able to enjoy an abundance of food at Safe Grad.

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**SAFE GRAD**

Following the Prom will be Safe Grad. This is an opportunity for graduates and a guest to have an all-night alcohol/chemical-free party at the Dundee SportsDome. Graduates will return to the school after the Prom where they can change and will be driven over to the SportDome in busses. Students are not to bring their vehicles to the SportsDome. They **must travel to the Dome and back to the school by bus**. Student/parent vehicles must be left at school or home. Once a student has arrived at Safe Grad they are not permitted to leave unless a parent/guardian picks them up. We would ask that this happen only in case of emergency.

**Students MUST register in advance to attend Safe Grad.** **Registration will take place at the end of May and a $10.00 fee will be collected at that time to cover some of the cost**. Students will not be able to pay this fee online. (The remainder of the cost is covered through corporate sponsors, fundraising and donations.) Students will spend 12:00AM to 6:00AM involved in a variety of activities such as sports, games, Karaoke and much more as well as all you can eat pizza, subs, veggies and drinks.

Harrison Trimble staff and students ask that you co-operate and support our focus by not hosting celebrations before the Prom that may involve alcohol. If graduates have alcohol before arriving at an alcohol-free school chaperoned activity, problems arise. Should a graduate arrive intoxicated or in their own cars, they will NOT be admitted to our Safe Grad activities. We want this evening to be memorable for all the right reasons.

# GRADUATION TICKETS

All grads are entitled to (6) tickets for graduation. These tickets will be given out at the **Grad Practice at the Celebration Centre, Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 9:00 am.** **All graduates participating in the ceremonies that evening MUST be in attendance at this practice.** If you require more than (6) tickets the graduates can pick them up after practice at the Celebration Centre.

# GRAD REPORT CARDS

You can pick up your report card from your homeroom teacher on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, between 1:00 – 2:00 pm. You **will need** to show your report card in order to get your gown. Be sure to **pay** for all owed texts, library books, athletic fees, etc. before this day to avoid last minute problems. Receiving your report card indicates that to the best of our knowledge all debts are paid. Report cards and gowns **MUST** be picked up by **2:00 pm on that Tuesday.**

# GRADUATION GOWN

These gowns will be picked up at Room 118 (Cheer Room). You must have paid your grad fee in order to get your gown. As well, if you have any athletic/activity debts or textbook debts, they must be paid. Gowns will not be given out unless suitable payment has been made.

Gowns must be returned at the end of the ceremony on the evening of graduation as we send them back to Winnipeg the next morning. Arrangements will be made the day of graduation regarding where at the Celebration Center to return them.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

If you have received a scholarship from any university or post-graduate institution, please let Mrs. Williams know ASAP (856-2353) or angela.williams@nbed.nb.ca. We include all this information in our Graduation Program, but we cannot announce it if we do not know. Although the deadline for submission is June 17, 2016, please submit the information as soon as you find out.