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Graduation Memo #2 – May 23, 2021

Greetings to the Class of 2021,

We are writing today with the general overview for our Graduation Ceremony so that families can both plan their final weeks in June and arrange for time off work where required. To begin there have been some changes to graduation week over the past few days due to the unfortunate **cancellation of one of our additional graduation events – the Graduation Awards Evening** on June 22. As a result of the cancellation two things have happened;

1. A group of parents has taken over the planning of the Tuesday evening activities and it will no longer be associated with the school. If you wish to learn more please contact Jane Fenwick via e-mail on kenfen@nbnet.nb.ca
2. The additional graduation fee of \$25 has been cancelled. Our Admin Assistants will be calling each family that has paid the fee this week to determine the best way to issue the refund.

My apologies for the confusion and the cancellation. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with questions – christina.barrington@nbed.nb.ca

Planned Graduation Activities – June 2021

- 1. *Grad Class BBQ, Lawn Games and Yearbook Signing – Friday June 18 (1pm – 4pm)***
 - *Cost = FREE!*
 - *Students are invited to gather with their friends one last time on the front lawn and within the halls to sign yearbooks, play games and also pick up their gowns, lawn signs and other prizes & certificates!*
- 2. *Report Cards & Announcement of Valedictorian – Tuesday June 22 – 9am***
 - Students wishing to get a copy of their final home report and transcript can pick it up at the school from 9am – 11am.
 - Selection of Valedictorian and calculation of Honours Standing. Graduates will be denoted in the graduation program based on their honours standing a graduation and the details of the calculation are as follows;

Honour Standing for Graduating Students - High Honours =90% & higher, Honours =80%-89%.

Honours standing for graduates from Rothesay High School will be determined as follows:

1. A student will be registered in a full course of study in their graduating year*.
2. Only courses taken in the graduating year will be counted for Honours.
3. In calculating the average, English 12 must be counted.
4. Of the other courses the lowest mark will be dropped. (If students receive **more than one incomplete** during their grade 12 year, they will not be considered for Honours.)
5. To determine honours, the sum of the marks on the courses counted (English to be included) will be divided by one less than number of courses taken.
6. A 1% bonus will be applied to the calculated average for each Level 1 course, French Immersion course, and Advanced Placement (AP) course.
7. The Valedictorian will be the student with the highest average after all bonuses are applied. They will be notified by the Principal on Monday June 21.

3. Official Graduation Video – Wednesday June 23 @7pm on RHS YouTube Channel

- Valedictory Address, Commencement Speaker, Graduate Photos and more!

4. Outdoor, Drive Up Graduation Ceremony – Thursday June 24 (11am – 4pm)

- **Grad Fees – Ceremony Fee - \$65 dollars – Payable via Cashless Schools** will include the following;
 - Grad Gown, stole, mask, cap and tassle (Yours to keep) - \$35 dollar cost
 - A class photo, a copy of the composite – gift from the school
 - Lawn sign with Grad Photo - \$30 dollar cost
- Graduating students will all have a personalized walk across the front steps of RHS with family watching from the bus lane as they receive their high school diploma and other awards. This format for graduation was very well received across the district last year with many parents suggesting we consider making the format permanent. Specific times and instructions will be sent out once the final plan has received approval from the district office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school at 847 6204.

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