

GRADUATE NEWSLETTER -- 2009

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS...you are almost there!!! As we head down the home stretch toward your commencement in June, there are a number of housekeeping items that need to be addressed.

✓ **GRAD RESUMES & BURSARY APPLICATIONS:**

Attached please find forms for **Grad Resumes and Bursary applications**. This is valuable information that is used for commencement awards. Remember that many of these awards are not “marks based” but rather based on destination, financial need or contribution to the school and community. Please have completed forms in to the Guidance office by **May 15th**.

✓ **CAPS & GOWNS:**

If you are attending the commencement ceremony, you need to order your caps and gowns in the main office by **May 8th**. Traditionally, grads rent **gowns (\$10.00)** for the ceremony. **Caps (\$5.00)** are souvenir “keepers” with a dated gold tassel. The commencement ceremony is a wonderful event with our grads sitting together dressed in their blue caps and gowns. Students who do not order gowns are usually very disappointed so **please be sure to place your order**.

✓ **VOTING PROCEDURES FOR VALEDICTORIAN NOMINEES:**

The **Valedictorian** represents the class by giving the Valedictorian Address at the commencement and should be a student who you feel deserves the honour of representing your class and is capable of speaking on your behalf about your time at high school. We will be sending you an email before the end of April asking you to nominate a grade 12 graduating student for this prestigious honour. Top nominees will be announced and students will do an official vote in guidance during the week of **May 4th to 8th**.

✓ **RESPONDING TO OFFERS OF ADMISSION FROM COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:**

Be certain to respond to desired offers well ahead of the deadlines. Acceptances must be received on or before the due dates. College bound students may accept on line. If you have the opportunity to get on a waiting list for a program that you really want, take it. Because students receive multiple offers but only accept one, spaces do open up and students on the waiting lists often get in.

✓ **OSAP SEMINARS:**

OSAP applications can be done on-line (the site is usually updated yearly by mid May) once you have accepted at a school but if you need assistance applying for **OSAP** or have questions, we will be providing a seminar sometime during the last 2 weeks in May. Stay tuned for dates and times.

✓ **WORLD OF WORK:**

Students who are headed directly into the world of work or Apprenticeships should be sure to register with “**Job Connect**” at the Fleming Building in Cobourg. Phone 905-372-6865 Ext. 230. The website is www.jobconnectcobourg.com. For other employment opportunities try www.careerbuilder.ca.

✓ **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:**

Students are reminded that **Community Service Hours must be completed**, verified and handed in to the guidance office by **June 12th** to ensure processing on time for commencement. **If you have not completed your hours, you cannot graduate.**