

## GRAD 2010 - Information for Parents/Guardians Chemainus Secondary School

**IMPORTANT DATES** - Prom - Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Olympic View Golf Course (Victoria)

Grad Walk-Up and Scholarship/Bursaries - Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Chemainus Secondary School Gymnasium.

Dry Grad Celebration - Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00pm in Chemainus Secondary School (lasts until early in the morning).

**Grad Transitions** - All students must complete a series of assignments that include a Transition Plan (autobiographical essay, resume, employment cover letter, career research project, their plans for after graduation), and an exit interview.

Students can access all of their assignments and related resources via the following school web site -

[http://www.sd79.bc.ca/schools/Chemainus\\_Secondary/moodle/login/index.php](http://www.sd79.bc.ca/schools/Chemainus_Secondary/moodle/login/index.php)

You can also connect to the link off of the main page of the school web site <http://www.chemainussesecondary.bc.ca>

**Scholarship/Bursaries** - Links to many applicable web sites that provide Scholarship/Bursary info. can be accessed from the school web site ("Student Page"). Also, in February information regarding all of the local Scholarships/Bursaries is presented to students by the counselors. For most applications students have until the middle of March to get their applications in. Over the last several years, in excess of \$60,000.00 has been provided to our Graduating Students from local service organizations and community associations. Assist your son/daughter in this activity. It is worth \$\$\$ all of your time!

**Prom/Walk-up Fees** - Prom cost is \$75.00 and Grad Fee is \$50.00 (this does not include the price of the yearbook. A personalized Yearbook is \$40.00. These fees cover the cost of dinner/dance and prizes for Prom as well as the rental of cap/gown and other items for Grad Walk-up.

**Dry Grad** - Students have an opportunity to assist in fundraising throughout the year for this special event. Meetings are held regularly at the school. Information is provided monthly through the school newsletter. Contact - Dry Grad Chair is Laurie Douglas

**Grad Photos** - All Grads are encouraged to participate in the photo shoot that takes place at the school. There is a sitting fee of \$20.00 for each student, which gives him or her the option of purchasing additional photo packages. Photos are used in the special Grad Section of the yearbook. Photos will be taken at the school Dec. 14-17 with retakes on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Attendance** - Success in school generally comes from having a good attendance record. We encourage all Grad students to attend all of their classes on a regular basis. Not only does it aid in class marks but it also makes a good impression when it comes to asking teachers for reference letters for Scholarship/Bursaries etc.

**Yearbook** - Cost of a personalized yearbook is \$40.00. Book must be ordered and paid for no later than March 1/2010 to receive the personalized option. Books are delivered in early June 2010. Each student is encouraged to provide a grad write-up, a baby photo, and parents are encouraged to provide a congratulatory message. Parents can email their message to Mr. Norman or Mr. Nunweiler (see email address on school web site) and pictures can be brought in to be scanned, emailed in or uploaded to the school yearbook site (link from the main page of the school web site).

**Work Experience Hours** - A minimum of 120 hours of paid work or volunteer experience (must be verified)

**Daily Physical Exercise Hours** - All students MUST record a minimum of 150 minutes of activity per week. The activities can vary from a PE Class, participation on a school or community sports team, participating regularly in yoga, dance, hiking, exercise class, workout gym, or many other acceptable activities.

**Post Secondary Applications** - Many Post Secondary Institutions offer the opportunity to apply as early as the Fall for entry the following September. Counselors will assist students in this process.

