

Dear Grade 12 Students and Families,

We are excited that the recent announcements from the Premier and Public Health Officer have allowed us to enhance the graduation video celebration! As you have already heard from our district, there will be an opportunity of small groups of students to walk across the EMCS stage.

The opportunity to walk across the stage will take place on Monday, June 22nd and Tuesday, 23rd. While this will not look like our traditional ceremonies, we hope that this will allow grads to feel accomplished and recognized on the stage before celebrating at home with the virtual ceremony. As outlined by our Superintendent, students will come to the school in small groups organized alphabetically, receive their cap and gown upon arrival, wear it to cross the stage, receive their graduation envelope, and take a professional photo. Students will keep their cap and gown to wear with pride at home on the day of the virtual ceremony. We will be sending out a survey next week to confirm whether you would like to be part of the stage walks, or would like to pick up your graduation materials in a less formal manner.

In addition, the amazing EMCS Grad Class of '78 has pulled together to help recognize our grads! They have offered to fund a spread in the Sooke News Mirror using grads' Lifetouch photos. We are so appreciative of their generosity! Our clerical staff will be reaching out to any families who have not provided media consent as this will be required for any students appearing in the graduation video or in the Sooke News Mirror. Please feel free to check online ahead of time [here](#).

Finally, our graduation council has worked to determine how to spend the remaining graduation funds after covering basic graduation costs. Each graduate will receive an 8x10 composite photo for their graduating class. There will also be funds added to this year's scholarship awards to ensure that our graduating class directly benefit from the money fundraised. Thank you so much to everyone who helped raise this money!

The graduating class of 2020 is unique in many ways. Most importantly, you have continued to impress with your engagement in learning and our positive outlook onto the world. We are very proud of your accomplishments and look forward to sharing in the celebration, both as you walk across the stage, and in spirit as you celebrate at home.

Sincerely,

Ms. Fulton, Mr. Powell, Mr. Lyall and Ms. Williams