



September 2018

Dear Grade 12 Parents & Students:

Congratulations on reaching the final stages of high school life. Grade 12 is a time of significant decision-making, considerable learning, and celebration.

We look forward to your final year at LAM to be exciting and memorable. Like every graduation class, I will challenge you to demonstrate leadership with the rest of the student body at the school.

We will continue to challenge all students to strive to be their best consistently. We have incorporated academic performance policies (seat warming policies) for senior students and challenge senior students to demonstrate leadership and good judgment in the classroom, hallways, and at school-sponsored events.

This year's graduation events are intended to build community among the members of the Class of 2019 and to contribute to the development of positive school culture and traditions. It is imperative that we remind parents and Grads that all events organised and sponsored by the school must be alcohol and drug-free. Everyone should understand that for the safety of all students. Students need to behave appropriately and act with good judgment at all times.

All students participating in Grad events should be aware of the consequences if they are involved with drugs or alcohol. They face suspension from school and put their participation in future Grad events, including the Dinner-Dance, in jeopardy.

It is a considerable risk with implications for students, families, and other members of the Grad class. We hope that students, fully aware of the consequences and the reasons behind school policies, will make good choices.

ATTENTION GRADS! Some Very Important Things to Remember!

BY OCTOBER 3RD:

- Order your free grad t-shirt @ <http://lamgrad.weebly.com/>
- Bring in your childhood photo to room B111
- Visit the official student-led G19 website and fill out the contact form:
<https://lamgrad2019.weebly.com/>
- All Grads who have done the above three things by September 30th are eligible to enter a draw to win a FREE Grad Dinner and Dance ticket.

ATTEND A GRAD PARENT INFO NIGHT:

It is **MANDATORY** for a parent/guardian to attend one meeting, or grads will not be able to participate in Grad Dinner Dance.

- October 19th Session 2 - @ 10:00 am, Session 3 - @ 2:00 pm
- November 15th Session 4 (Last Opportunity) @ 6:00 pm



BY OCTOBER 31st:

- Submit grad write up, order grad gown, submit commencement information @ <http://lamgrad.weebly.com/>

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

- Book appointment for individual and group photos - <https://artona.com/>
- Download the L.A. Matheson School App and SIGN IN!

COMING SOON:

- November 28 - Grad group photo
- November 29 – Snowflake Ball
- February 15 – Grad Formal Day
- June – 14 – Grad Spirit Week
- June 14 – Grad Formal Day & Grad Breakfast
- **June 24 - Commencement @ the Bell Center**
- **June 27 – Grad Dinner, Dance & Dry Grad**

In the past, members of LA Matheson Grad classes have planned their own "Grad Activities". These activities have been unsafe and have directly interfered with learning because of missed class time. The school does not sanction these activities in any way. Activities have included:

- Grad Class Ski/Snowboarding trips to any mountain (S-Club)
- Grad Class camping in late May
- School Pranks

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the school.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Peter Johnston
Principal