



## Commencement Ceremony

**Save the Date:**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

Time: To Be Announced

Location: North Surrey Secondary

North Surrey Secondary will be hosting a virtual 2020 Commencement Ceremony on **Wednesday, June 24**, in our school theatre so that students may cross the stage dressed in Cap and Gown. The event will be professionally videotaped and shared with students and families online at a later date.

The planning for this event is well underway. However, there are still details which we will continue to share with grads and their families as we near the actual event.

In order to ensure a safe event, following physical distancing guidelines, Grads will be assigned an arrival time at the school in groups of about 40 students at a time. Students will line up outside the main entrance, enter the school and receive their caps, gowns and diploma folders. Grads will put these on and line up at a safe distance in order to walk across the theatre stage while their submitted grad crossing statement is read. In addition, we will share scholarship information with students at this time. More specific instructions regarding arrival times and other guidelines will be sent to students in June.

While friends and family will not be able to attend, the ceremony will be videotaped, edited and shared with students and families following the event. Students do receive their caps, gowns and diploma folders as keepsake mementos. Families will have opportunities to photograph their children following the event at their convenience. It is very important that students and family maintain social distancing and do not gather in groups before or after the event. No one other than staff and the small groups of grads will be permitted in the school.

We will also include a Valedictorian address as part of the video. To that end, Ms. Christensen, our Vice Principal, will email graduating students an application form and details about the selection process which will take place in the coming weeks.

As we continue our preparations for the Commencement ceremony, grads should ensure that they have submitted a Commencement stage crossing write up to Ms. Ballarin in the office at [ballarin\\_j@surreyschools.ca](mailto:ballarin_j@surreyschools.ca) if they have not already done so.

If grads have received a scholarship from a post-secondary institution, please let Ms. Baig from the Careers Center know at [BAIG\\_A@surreyschools.ca](mailto:BAIG_A@surreyschools.ca)

And finally, if you are **UNABLE or WILL BE CHOOSING NOT** to attend the Commencement Ceremony on **June 24**, please email Ms. Christensen at [Christensen\\_d@surreyschools.ca](mailto:Christensen_d@surreyschools.ca)

