



May 2, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians and Grade Nine Students:

This letter is to provide you with information about the grade nine Farewell celebration that is being planned for our students.

Ceremony

The Farewell ceremony will be held at the Sherwood Park Alliance Church (1011 Clover Bar Road) on Thursday, June 6 beginning at 5:00 p.m. The doors to the sanctuary will open at 4:30 p.m. and there will be opportunities for families to take photographs before and after the ceremony.

The ceremony will include short speeches from students, staff, and invited guests. There will also be a presentation of completion certificate to each student, a video of all students as well as musical performances by students.

A short rehearsal will be held at the school on the morning of June 6.

Following the Ceremony

A group of grade nine parents have been organizing the event after the ceremony. Information regarding the event will be coming shortly. Please contact Kris Reid at kris.reid@eips.ca if you would like to be part of the organization.

Dress

Although we do not have a specific dress code for the celebration, students are encouraged to dress for a semi-formal junior high event. We discourage students and families from purchasing expensive attire or accessories.

Auditions

We like our ceremony to be as student centered as possible. Students wishing to audition for various roles (masters of ceremony, singing of anthem, musical performances) should listen to the daily announcements for audition dates and times.



Portraits

As part of the ceremony a portrait of each student along with a selected quotation will be projected on a screen during the ceremony. The portraits will be taken by a local professional photographer on **Monday, May 13** in the morning. Students may choose to dress up for the photograph or wear their usual school clothes, however students will not be permitted to wear hats. In the past, the weather has been nice and the photos have been taken outside. Students who are absent on the morning of the 13th will have their photograph taken by a staff member at a later date. Following the ceremony, students will receive a digital copy of their photograph.

Student Quotations

Each grade nine student is asked to submit a quotation that has meaning to him/her. The quotation may be from a book, a song lyric, movie, or spoken by someone in a speech. The quotation selected by the student should be appropriate for the event and audience. Students should complete the attached form and hand it in to Miss Mekechuk (Room 215) by **Tuesday, May 14**.

Cost and Intentions

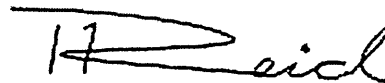
By holding the ceremony at a large venue, students are not limited in the number of guests they choose to invite. There is a nominal cost of \$20.00 for unlimited number of guests at the ceremony. This cost includes rental of the church, buses for dress rehearsal in the morning, decorations for the ceremony, and substitute costs for teachers who are supervising the rehearsal. This cost will be added to your PowerSchool account – if your child is not attending the ceremony, please let the office know and this cost will be removed.

We are looking forward to another fantastic celebration of student achievement! Please feel free to contact the office at 780-467-5930 should you have any questions about the event.

Sincerely,



Paul Pallister
Principal



Kris Reid
Assistant Principal
Grade Nine Administrator

Grade Nine Farewell

Student Quotation Submission

Please complete all parts of this form neatly and carefully. You are asked to select a quotation that has meaning to you or tells the audience something about you. It may have deep meaning and be serious, may be funny or come from someone who is important to you.

Some websites you might wish to use to assist you with finding a quotation:

www.brainyquote.com

www.passion.com

www.quotesandus.com

www.lolsotrue.com

www.quoteatreasure.com

Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you! -Dr. Seuss	Man cannot live by bread alone; he must have peanut butter. -James A. Garfield	However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. -Stephen Hawking	Imagine all the people living life in peace. You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one. -John Lennon
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Quote Submission

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Class: _____

Quotation: _____

Attribution: _____

This form should be completed and submitted to Miss Mekechuk (Room 215) by Tuesday, May 14.

All quotations will be reviewed for appropriateness. Should you not hand in your form, a quotation will be selected for you.