

❖ HSS Commencement 2017 ❖

Semester 2

Friday, May 19, 2017

Welcome to Commencement at the Brennan Park Recreation Centre

It is hard to believe we are only one month away from Howe Sound Secondary's Class of 2017 Commencement Ceremony. This year's ceremony will be hosted at the Brennan Park Recreation Centre at 1009 Centennial Way.

As the Commencement Ceremony is such a large event we want to share a few of our plans with grads and their family. Parking on Loggers Lane is prohibited so to accommodate our many guests we have arranged for additional parking at the all weather gravel fields to the south. We suggest dropping off grads and their guests at the entrance and then following the traffic coordinators to the various parking areas.

Please come early as grads will be asked to be in the marshalling area at 6:40.



\$90

Commencement Fees

The Commencement Fee is collected to help pay the costs of the certificates, caps and gowns, programs and other expenses related to the ceremony. We are currently collecting fees until June 1, 2017.

The 2017 Commencement Ceremony is by invitation only. Each graduate will receive 6 invitations for their guests. Please remind your guests that they will be required to present their invitation at the door. Invitations are now available for pick up by grade 12's who do not have any textbook or library book money or other debts owing. Grads who bring a note from the librarian showing they have no debt to the school and complete a form with their guest names may pick their invitations up in the office.

Please limit your guests to immediate family members.

Tassel to the Right??

The most asked questions about the Commencement Ceremony are:

"Do I get a gown?"

- ◆ *Gown, V Stole, Cap & Tassel are yours to keep.... Your grad wear will be available to pick up the week of Commencement.*

"Which side does the tassel go on?"

- ◆ *The tassel starts on the left and moves to the right when you receive your diploma.*
- ◆ *The "V" of the white stole goes to the back.*

"What if I trip and fall?"

- ◆ *Relax, enjoy yourself and walk with confidence and a smile.*



Expectations of Decorum

Grads are asked to remind their invited guests that courteous and respectful behaviour is expected throughout the ceremony. Guests are expected to stay for the entire ceremony.

Attire

Grads should wear appropriate clothes and footwear under their gowns. Dark pants, skirts, dresses and dress shoes are appropriate.

Schedule of Events—Brennan Park Recreation Centre

June 15 - 4:00 pm

Mandatory Rehearsal—plan ahead as all grads MUST attend

**June 16 - 6:00 pm
- 6:40 pm**

**Doors open at Brennan Park
Grads to Marshal area in the Stawamus Room**

June 17 - 7:00 pm

Commencement Ceremony begins