

Grad 2018
General Meeting
Sept. 26, 2017

1. Diploma Requirements/Scholarship Information/Post-Secondary Planning – Mr. Klein
2. Graduation Format for DHS

a. Cap & Gown

DHS Gymnasium Thursday June 28, 2018 7:00 pm

The Cap and Gown is organized and set up by the staff of DHS. This is the formal ceremony in which students receive an “unofficial” diploma. Each student wears the Cap and Gown with the DHS Stoll in this ceremony. Students enter into the gym single file and sit as a group. Each grad comes across the stage to be introduced, receives a school completion certificate, and listens to a message from the class valedictorian. To take part in this ceremony, the grad must meet the minimum government requirement to earn a diploma **AND** be enrolled in at least 30 credits with DHS in their grade 12 year. If the student is not in a position to meet both of these requirements by May 21st, 2018, he or she would not be allowed to take part in the Cap and Gown. The cost of Cap and Gown will be shared between the school and the participants. The cost charged to grads will be \$30.00. This ceremony is held in conjunction with our Grade 12 Scholarship Ceremony and is open to the public.

b. Celebrations Banquet/Planning Committee

Didsbury Memorial Complex Friday June 29

This is a parent and student planned activity to celebrate the completion of school. The specific agenda of this event is entirely determined by students and parents; DHS staff will guide and help where possible, but the planning, decorating, and costs are covered by the grads and families. A **Grad Planning Committee** will be formed in October to begin the process of planning this event. The format for Celebrations will be decided upon during the school year but generally includes:

- Banquet
- Greetings from Town and County representatives
- Toasts (or Tributes)
- Grad prepared slideshow
- Guest Speaker
- Grand March

Parents and Grad 2018 Students should be discussing their vision of Celebrations and plan to attend the Grad Celebration Planning Meeting to talk about possibilities.

**** Students must complete the Application forms to be considered part of the Cap & Gown and Celebrations events. These are due by the end of October so the planning committee has concrete numbers to start with.**

c. Costs

A good cost approximation of the event as described above is \$200 per grad plus an additional \$20 - \$25 per plate for the meal. (See attachment of Grad 2017 expenses and sample invoice). Other costs for grad could include the Group Picture in the park, Grad Ring from Jostens, Grad Clothing, and Grad Photos from Northern Light Photography. All of these are optional items for the grad and parent to choose or not.

Grads are not allowed to take part in Grad Ceremonies unless school fees are paid. The school division does have a process to address families who are not able to pay school fees – this information is included on the Student Invoices that are sent out.

*Financial assistance may be available for grads that need help. Please contact Mr. Dagg if you may require assistance or you know of a student that might.

d. Fundraising

The largest fundraiser for Graduation is May Monarch. The money rebated to students is determined by how many years the grad has completed at least 10 hours of May Monarch work. Currently the Grads have earned **\$4176** in their May Monarch Grad Account.

Any other fundraising events must be approved by DHS.

If students take on community jobs as a grad fundraiser, they will receive 4 out of every 5 dollars earned. The \$1 will be put in the general grad funds to offset the general costs.

e. Safe Grad versus Dry Grad

DHS cannot be involved in any aspect of safe grad due to alcohol being involved. This includes the sharing of information or promoting of the event with other parents. If a safe grad is planned, please take into consideration the grade 11's should be involved with cleaning the arena before they are allowed to join the safe grad party.

If a Dry Grad is planned, this information can be shared through our website and emails to other parents.

f. Student Grad Celebration Committee

Mr. Schultz and Mrs. Wirth will hold regular meetings with students who are interested in helping to plan Celebrations. These students will be responsible for collecting input from the grad class to make decisions that best represent the majority of the classes preferences. Representatives of this group will be required to attend the Celebrations Planning Committee to work with the parent group.

g. Celebrations Planning Committee

First meeting is **Wed. Oct. 11th @ 7:00 p.m.** in the library. At this meeting a chair or co-chairs for the committee will need to be determined and planning can be charted out. Meeting agenda and decisions will be posted on the DHS website for grads and their parents to check out.

3. Website

We will do our best to get information from meetings and upcoming dates on our website. Besides the website "Grad 2018" link, each month we update meeting and events on the calendar portion. If you have questions, please call the school!!

4. School Photos

Grad photos are booked with Northern Light Photography and are scheduled for Feb.3rd, 4th, 9th, and 10th. Parents are not obligated to purchase the Northern Light Photo package, but all students need to arrange for a sitting as this is the photo used for our yearbook and Composite Grad Photo. Mr. Schultz will release details and accept booking times as determined with Northern Light Photography.