



KALAMALKA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Grad class of 2027, Parents and Guardians,

We look forward to watching the Class of 2027 impress us with their academic success as well as their enthusiasm and energy this year.

Each year our school organizes graduation activities, grad retreat and other events designed to bring the students together and acknowledge and showcase our graduating students. We honour our graduates formally at our year end graduation ceremony, dinner banquet and dance. In addition, a parent committee spends countless hours fundraising and organizing an all-night after Grad to further recognize our wonderful students. In addition to the organized events, you may be aware of other so-called "Grad" activities.

While unofficial grad events have traditionally occurred in Vernon throughout the year, they are **NOT** sanctioned by Kalamalka Secondary School or School District #22. Both the bush party before the first day of school and the grad kidnapping are examples of **non-sanctioned** events. Parents are urged to discuss the potential for tragedy associated with activities involving very large number of teenagers and alcohol, drugs, and cars. We urge parents and students to replace these dangerous and unsafe traditions with healthier, more appropriate celebrations that recognize this special year of schooling. Students who arrive at school under the influence following the activities may be suspended and may lose the privilege of participating in sanctioned grad activities, including participation in graduation cap and gown ceremony.

If you have any questions regarding our concern about your son or daughter's safety as we approach graduation or would like additional information about graduation activities, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeff Huggins,
Principal