

April 24, 2015

**Commencement Exercises June 2015**

You are on your way to successfully completing Grade 12 and will be ready to move forward with your future plans. We, the staff and administration of MBSS, are proud of you, your accomplishments and your contributions to the Mount Baker community. We wish you all the best in the future and hope you will join us in celebrating your successes.

This package of information represents a number of events designed to provide a positive farewell to your high school years. Many people have worked diligently to ensure that your Grad Commencement, Reception and Prom be one of the most enjoyable and memorable experiences. We trust you will celebrate this milestone with appropriate behavior to ensure the safety and well-being of all involved. We know you will enjoy the efforts of our community, your teachers, parents and fellow graduates, as they celebrate with you.

In this package you will find:

- Awards Night information
- Commencement, Reception, Prom and Breakfast outline
- Go A.P.E. (After Prom Experience) information
- Parent Prom Committee letter of expectations
- Summary of times and dates
- Prom contract
- Ticket order form

**Grad packages will go on sale Tuesday, May 19-22, 2015 in the main office at lunch time only.**

**Please read the information carefully, ensure you have met all of the necessary requirements to receive your Diploma and are on the posted grad list located in the main hallway outside the office. We remind you that this letter is not the equivalent of officially graduating.**

If further information is required regarding commencement, please contact the Grad Committee Chairperson, Mr. Mark Paron at mark.paron@sd5.bc.ca. If you have any questions or concerns about prom, please contact the Prom Committee Chairperson, Jana Shedden at janashedden@gmail.com

With best wishes,

Ms. Viveka Johnson  
Principal

## **AWARDS NIGHT – TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015**

**Awards, Bursaries and Scholarships will be presented at an Awards Night in the Key City Theatre on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

- *Each recipient will be notified.*
- *Recipients must RSVP to Mount Baker School office by **May 27<sup>th</sup>** if **NOT** attending.*
- *Parents and friends are welcome to attend.*
- *A reception will follow the presentations in the Key City Theatre lobby.*
- *Students are expected to dress appropriately.*

## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES – JUNE 25, 2015

The *Commencement Ceremony* will begin at **5:00 p.m.**, at Western Financial Place on **Thursday, June 25, 2015.**

### Commencement Ceremony

- *The rehearsal will begin at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at Western Financial Place. All grads are expected to attend.*
- *On Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., students will pick up caps and gowns, textbook refunds, report cards and Passports to Education in the MBSS gym.*
- *Students are asked to **be in** the MBSS gym at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to assemble for the march into Western Financial Place at precisely 5:00 p.m. **Please dress appropriately in semi-formal attire (shirt/tie, dress pants, dresses, skirts/blouses, dress shoes) and arrive on time.** A group photo will be taken prior to lining up. Students will be walking from the gym to the commencement ceremony. **Please wear shoes that you can walk on uneven surfaces in.***
- *Tickets will **not** be issued for admission to the ceremonies. **There is no limit to the number of guests.***
- *Seating:*
  - ❖ *Graduates will be on the floor facing the stage at the east side of the arena.*
  - ❖ *All parent and public seating will be on a first come first served basis in the seating area.*
  - ❖ *Parents and guests are asked to remain for the entire ceremony.*
- *Students may be prohibited from attending the prom and/or participating in the trip to Silverwood, if their behaviour during commencement is inappropriate.*
- ***GOWN RETURNS - Immediately following the ceremony, graduates are asked to return their gowns to the designated area (MBSS Gym). PROM TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED UPON RETURN OF YOUR GRAD GOWN.***
- *Our gift to the grads is a professional photograph taken at commencement. Access to your student photo will be on the MBSS website shortly after Prom.*

**FORMAL RECEPTION, PROM & BREAKFAST**  
**JUNE 26, 2015**

The activities of June 26<sup>th</sup> will begin with a formal reception for all graduates, escorts and family at St. Eugene Golf Resort. The prom begins at the College of the Rockies immediately after the reception. Following the prom, graduates and their escorts are invited for breakfast at McDonald's Restaurant.

*Please note: Prom is a community led event. Mount Baker Secondary School and School District No. 5 are not responsible nor in charge of this event.*

**Formal Reception – 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

- Graduates and their escorts are encouraged to attend the reception at St. Eugene Golf Resort from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Family members are welcome to attend, as there will be many opportunities to take pictures. Family dress may be informal. As in years past, food and refreshments will **not** be provided.
- Graduates will be asked to line up for the Grand March at **8:00 p.m.**
- **Please park at Western Financial Place and take the school bus shuttle to St. Eugene Resort.** Buses will run continuously from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- **In case of inclement weather, the reception will be held at the Cranbrook Curling Centre. Confirmation of the venue will be announced at the commencement ceremony.**

**Prom – 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.**

- The prom is at the College of the Rockies beginning at 10:00 p.m.
- Tickets for the prom will be issued upon return of your Grad gown after commencements. Please bring your ticket with you to the prom. These tickets will be used for door prizes.
- Doors close at 11:00 p.m. – graduates or escorts will not be admitted after this time.
- If graduates or their escorts leave the prom, they will not be allowed to return.
- Semi-formal or formal attire is required. Graduates or their escorts are not to change during the prom.
- There will be ample food and snacks to eat.
- In addition to the music and dancing, there will be a variety of other fun activities and prizes.

**Breakfast at McDonalds – 4:00 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 2015**

- Tickets for the McDonald's breakfast will be handed out upon return of your Grad gown after commencements. Please remember to bring them with you to the prom.
- Breakfast begins at 4:00 a.m. and continues until 5:30 a.m.

**Go A.P.E. (After Prom Experience) – Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.**

Every year the BC Liquor Store in Cranbrook raises money for the students of Mount Baker and their Dry Grad activities known as GO A.P.E. (After Prom Experience). This year the graduating students of Mount Baker will have the opportunity to attend Silverwood Theme Park and Boulder Creek Water Park at the discounted rate of \$25 because of the community's generous donations.

The purpose behind the dry grad celebration is to give students a healthy, fun option that allows them to avoid the pressures of partying. It is important to celebrate accomplishments and it is the prom committee's goal to offer a safe environment to do it in.

Students will depart from the Western Financial Place parking lot on Saturday morning at **9:00 a.m.** Please bring a small pillow, water bottle, snacks (no fresh fruit), bathing suit, towel, sunscreen **and your passport.** Included in admission will be a buffet lunch and all-you-can-drink Pepsi products while in the park. Busses will leave the park at 8 p.m. and will return to Western Financial Place parking lot at 11 p.m. We encourage parents to arrange pick up to ensure students arrive home safe. **Please ensure each student has independent medical coverage and has provided a copy of their passport to the office.**

On behalf of all Mount Baker graduating students, the 2015 Grad Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Cranbrook, and the staff of the BC Liquor Store for their generous support.

**Permission forms will be available on May 1<sup>st</sup> on the MBSS website under the Student drop down menu, and then navigate to the Graduation page. The permission forms and a copy of your passport are due to the office by May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

## To all Grads, Guests and Parents;

*Please note: Prom is a community led event. Mount Baker Secondary School and School District No. 5 are not responsible nor in charge of this event.*

The 2015 graduation ceremonies will be the highlight of your last year at Mount Baker Secondary School. The parent grad committee, community members and countless other volunteers have worked hard to ensure that you have a fun and safe graduation event. The prom at the college will undoubtedly be a gala event, which you will be proud to have attended.

The decorations, entertainment, prizes, food and festivities will make it a memorable event. Throughout the evening you will have a free professional photo taken of you and your escort, a casino with ample casino money supplied and many other forms of entertainment. Grad's names will be drawn for prizes throughout the entire night. Prizes will include local business coupons from restaurants, beauty salons and more. There will be many items that will be given away throughout the evening with one or more grand prizes to be drawn at the end of the night. Gifts, cash prizes and more have been generously donated by local businesses in the East Kootenays. If your name is drawn for the grand prize you need to be at the prom to collect it, if you are not there another name will be drawn. Escort's names are not eligible for the draw.

Drawing upon the experience of previous prom celebrations and with the support of the Mount Baker Secondary School staff, the parent prom committee, on behalf of the graduates is asking that you follow these responsible paths to guide your evening.

1. Students may invite one prepaid guest. Prom tickets will be numbered and will bear the name of the graduate and guest. There will be a list posted at the entrance where the names and numbers will be checked. If a student brings a guest then he/she is responsible for his/her conduct.

- **dress is formal or semi-formal. Students will not be allowed to change into casual clothes.**
- **the doors open at 10:00 p.m. and will close at 11:00 p.m.; music starts at 10:30 p.m.**
- **Everyone will be asked to present photo ID when entering.**

2. A very dedicated group of grad parents and volunteers have stepped up to ensure the graduates of 2015 have a wonderful prom experience. They are making every effort to ensure the safety of everyone involved the entire night. This is a dry, drug free grad for very good reasons. For over forty years parents and volunteers have worked to prevent any type of accident which may result in injury or death. The prom committee requests the cooperation of parents and students to ensure there is no indulgence in alcoholic beverages prior to prom.

- **no alcohol, drugs, open cigarette packages or tobacco products, power drinks, food or opened packages of chewing gum will be allowed in the event whatsoever.**
- **Items found will be confiscated and the student and escort may not be permitted in. These items will not be returned.**
- **If the person is deemed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, his/her parents will be contacted to escort them home.**
- **Students will be searched in a private and dignified manner.**

3. The main entrance into the college will be roped off, as it will become the “fresh air” area during the prom. There will be a smoking area around the side of the College Gym, at least 3 meters from the entrance. Once you enter through the south entrance you will be in a line-up to be registered into the prom. At the registration tables you will be given additional information and casino money. Please do not use any other entrances into the college, as you will be directed back to the south doors. **It is the only way into the prom.** Please be patient while waiting to get through to the registration tables. We will be working as fast as we can to get everyone in on time. In order to make it quicker and easier to get you and your escort in and have a memorable evening, the following are details you need to remember:

- **Only grad students and their escorts will be admitted to the prom.**
- **Remember to bring your prom ticket along with you.**
- **Coats and purses should be checked into coatroom to ensure their safety.**

4. If you must return to your vehicle during the evening you will require a security volunteer to escort you to the vehicle and back into the college. Security volunteers will be wearing readily identifiable black and white attire with security nametags.

- **If a person leaves the prom at any time without a security escort, he/she will not be permitted back in.**
- **Only one person will be escorted to their vehicle at a time – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

5. During the prom please remember:

- **Any disruptive behavior during the prom will not be tolerated and could cause you and/or your escort to be removed from the premises.**
- **The roped off area is for smoking and/or fresh air. Do not go outside of these ropes for any reason. If you are outside the ropes without security, you will not be allowed back in. The only exit is out through the doors you came in.**

**\*\*there will be a first aid attendant on site during the entire event.**

Sincerely,

**The 2015 Parent Prom Committee**

## MBSS

### COMMENCEMENT 2015

Summary of Times and Dates:

**Fees, Order Forms and Contract taken in the Main Office (cash or cheques only).**

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
Tuesday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Awards Night and Reception	7:00 p.m.	Key City Theatre
Wednesday, June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ceremony Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.	Western Financial Place
Thursday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> Morning	Cap & Gown pick-up	10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	MBSS Gym
	Textbook Refunds	10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	MBSS Gym
	Report Cards/Passport to Education	10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	MBSS Gym
Thursday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> Afternoon	Processional Line up & Group Photo	4:15 p.m.	MBSS Gym
	Ceremonies	5:00 p.m.	Western Financial Place
	Gown Drop-Off	Follows Ceremonies	MBSS Gym
Friday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Grad Reception	7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	St. Eugene Golf Resort
	All-Night Prom	10:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m.	College of the Rockies
	Doors close	11:00 p.m.	
Saturday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast at McDonald's	4:00 a.m. – 5:30 a.m.	McDonald's Restaurant
	Go A.P.E.	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Silverwood Theme Park



Graduate's Name:	Ticket Number(s):
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**Mount Baker Prom Contract 2015**  
**"Bright Lights, Big City"**  
*at the College of the Rockies*  
*Friday, June 26, 2015 from 10:00pm to 4:00am*  
*Doors close at 11pm*  
*Breakfast from 4am to 5:30am at McDonalds.*

**Mount Baker Secondary School Graduation Prom Guidelines:**

- Participation in graduation events/activities is a privilege that is earned and is contingent upon positive, responsible behavior at this event and other school events. Students and guests must be respectful, use appropriate language and act and dance appropriately.
- Grads may purchase a ticket for his/herself and one guest. Your guest must sign this contact (if the guest is a Mount Baker Grad, they must complete and sign their own contact). Grads are responsible for ensuring that their guest displays responsible and appropriate behavior.
- Tickets are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged with another student. If your guest is unable to attend and you would like to bring someone else a new contract must be signed.
- Prom Tickets and Photo Identification must be presented at the door by all Grads and Guests.
- This is a chemical free event. Smoking, alcohol and illegal substances are not permitted. **Parents will be contacted to pick up the graduate and/or guest if they are found to be in possession of, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol. ZERO TOLERANCE with NO REFUND.**
- All individuals attending will be subject to search by security.
- Grads and Guests cannot leave the designated areas after entering. Anyone who leaves without a security escort will not be permitted to return for any reason.
- First Aid attendants will be on site. If you require assistance contact security.
- Formal or semi-formal attire is required. Attendees will not be allowed to change during Prom.
- Individuals who fail to comply with the above rules will be asked to leave immediately and parents/guardians will be contacted to pick them up.

GRAD INFORMATION
Grad Name:
Grad Cell Phone:
I agree to abide by the guidelines outlined above.
Grad Signature:

GUEST INFORMATION
Guest Name:
Guest Cell Phone:
I agree to abide by the guidelines outlined above.
Guest Signature:

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION	
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Parent Home Phone:	Parent Cell Phone:
Emergency Contact Name (if parent/guardian is not available):	
Contact Home Phone:	Contact Cell Phone:
I understand I am responsible for my child and their guest, and that if my child and/or their guest do not comply with the terms of this contract I will be called to pick them up from the event.	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	

**2015 MBSS Grad Ticket Order Form**  
*(complete this form and contract and return it with payment to the MBSS Office)*

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**STUDENT'S FULL NAME**

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**HOME PHONE NUMBER**

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**A. COMMENCEMENT**

Includes gown rental and cap and tassel purchase

**\$60**

Will not be attending Commencement

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**B. PROM NIGHT**

Prom/reception ticket, McDonalds Breakfast, entertainment, food, drink and prizes

Please choose one of the following options:

**a**     \_\_\_     McDonald's Sausage or Egg McMuffin, hashbrown and beverage

**b**     \_\_\_     McDonald's Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, muffin and beverage

**\$50**

Will not be attending Prom

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**C. OPTIONAL: Guest Package**

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**GUEST'S FULL NAME**

Includes Prom/reception ticket, McDonald's Breakfast, entertainment, food and drink

**\*\* GUESTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT PHOTO ID  
AT THE ENTERANCE TO PROM \*\***

Please choose one of the following options:

**a**     \_\_\_     McDonald's Sausage or Egg McMuffin, hashbrown and beverage

**b**     \_\_\_     McDonald's Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, muffin and beverage

**\$50**

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**TOTAL (A, B & C)**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Cheques Payable to "MBSS TRUST ACCOUNT"**