



## NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Hello Parents/Guardian and Students,

We share the pride of accomplishment our students feel at this time and join you in congratulating the class of 2021. As you are aware, graduating students sometimes engage in actions that are described as 'grad pranks'. Thankfully, these generally isolated events do not compromise health and safety of students or the condition of school property. Unfortunately, today at lunch one of our Gr. 12 students entered our school on his dirt bike and sped through our Grand Commons, which was full of students and staff. This was incredibly dangerous and the consequences of this stunt could have been tragic. Police have been notified and we are reviewing video of the incident. If you have any information, please contact our school administration.

In past years, there have been troubling incidents of unsafe behaviour and acts of vandalism involving youth in our neighbourhoods participating in reckless events, often characterized as grad activities. Such events are a trend, not just in our school district but in other communities as well. We are asking for your help in ensuring your child is aware that unsafe and unacceptable behaviours have serious consequences. In addition, we ask that you speak with your child about the importance of prioritizing safety and respect for their peers and school property as we conclude the school year and celebrate our graduates.

We thank you for your support.

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