



# IMPORTANT REQUEST TO PARENTS OF ALL GRADE 12 STUDENTS

## regarding VALEDICTORY 2017

We are well underway planning the A.R. MacNeill Secondary School Valedictory Ceremony. A special part of the ceremony is the personal message that is read about each student as they walk across the stage. We are asking for parents' input so that we can begin to put this information together. As there are approximately 140 graduates, these messages must be brief and generally include comments on important achievements, school memories, interests and plans for the future. Valedictory messages are written based on information received from parents, students and teachers. Here are some samples from past years to give you a sense of length and what might be included:

*Tracy is a sports enthusiast. She was a member of the senior girls' soccer and volleyball teams. She also enjoys skiing and basketball. In September, Tracy will be attending Kwantlen University College to pursue a career in nursing.*

*Jeff enjoys helping people in the community and has been actively involved in the student council. He plans to study in the faculty of science at UBC with the hopes of becoming a cardiologist.*

*Peter enjoys nature and loves the outdoors, skiing, camping, hiking and rock climbing. His immediate goal is to travel, after which he would like to pursue a career in outdoor adventure tourism.*

**Parents are requested to keep their submissions brief, as we will only have 5-10 seconds for each message.**

To submit a valedictory write-up for your son/daughter, visit the MacNeill website (<http://macneill.sd38.bc.ca>) and click on the link on the front page. All submissions must be submitted online. The deadline to submit a Valedictory write-up is Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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## APPLICATIONS FOR: CLASS VALEDICTORIAN, HISTORIAN, POET AND VALEDICTORY PROGRAM COVER ART

Applications for Class Valedictorian, Class Historian, Class Poet, and Valedictory Program Cover Art are now available on the school website (<http://macneill.sd38.bc.ca>). Hard copies are also available in the school's main office. **Application forms for Valedictorian, Historian and Poet are due by Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 3:30p.m. Submissions for Valedictory Program Cover Art are also due by Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 3:30p.m.**

Each application form has criteria listed which the successful candidate must meet. Students may apply for more than one role. With the exception of the Valedictory Program Cover Art, students must apply individually for all of these roles. Joint applications will not be accepted.

Submissions will be judged by a staff selection committee. Successful candidates will work with a teacher sponsor to develop and polish their presentation for the Valedictory Ceremony on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.