

Monday April 24, **2023**

GRADE 12 WEEKLY LETTER 11

Hi there Grade 12s!

Coming up:

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 23 | 24 | 25 PROM TICKET SALES CLOSE | 26 PROM FORMS DUE TO THE MAIN OFFICE | 27 | 28 Ken Turner Memorial Bursary application due to Guidance | 29 |

PROM DETAILS:

What? Dinner and dance

When? Thursday, May 18

Where? Liuna Station (King George Ballroom)

Cost? \$62 (tickets on sale now on School Cash Online, last day for ticket sales **April 25**)

You may bring **1** guest (may or may not be a DVSS student).

Forms are available in the main office

- Prom contract (everyone buying a ticket needs this one)
- Guest form (all guests need this one)
- Table forms (1 form per table, 10 people per table)

Forms are due back to the main office by **April 26**

KEN TURNER MEMORIAL BURSARY DUE DATE: This Friday!!!

Details are in guidance if you didn't pick up the outline already.

- **PROM DETAILS** 😊
- **Ken Turner Memorial Bursary Reminder**
- **Grad Awards Self Nomination: last call**
- **Valedictorian Details**

GRADUATION AWARDS SELF NOMINATION – LAST CALL!

We will be meeting next week to connect graduating students to awards. If you have not yet submitted your form, feel free to do so this week!

Valedictorian



2023 Criteria for Valedictorian Speech

The opportunity to represent your Grade 12 class is an honour. You will be speaking on behalf of **ALL** students who are commencing. You will have **TEN minutes** maximum to speak to your peers, families, staff and community. Your speech should:

- be engaging and inclusive;
- consider ALL attendees - a Valedictorian speech is not about you personally;
- include humour if you like, but ensure you uphold the DVSS School vision and the dignity of all people as the DVSS and an HWDSB Valedictorian;
- adhere to HWDSB privacy and consent policies, including:
 - no reference to others that would identify them in any way
 - no use of images of others
 - no use of footage from any other source
- You **MUST** remain "on script" and adhere to all provided guidelines or you will be eliminated as a candidate.

The Valedictorian speech will be vetted ahead of time by the Valedictorian committee. Your speech may be presented in an in-person address at the Commencement ceremony and/or a video that may be played at the Commencement ceremony and/or published publicly on our DVSS website. You **MUST** complete HWDSB consent forms for your video to be posted.



Dundas Valley Secondary School Selection Process for Valedictorian 2022-2023

“The valedictory address, or valedictorian, is the closing or farewell statement delivered at a graduation ceremony. The mode of discourse generally is inspirational and persuasive. The various aims of this address are to inspire the graduates and to thank individuals responsible for their successes while reflecting on youthful frivolity and the accomplishments of the class. Above all, however, the primary aim of the valedictory address is to allow a representative

of the graduating class to bid a final farewell to the students and to the school, as the graduates prepare to disperse and to begin the next phase of their lives.” (from Wikipedia)

The Valedictorian address is both an honour and a responsibility. A Valedictorian speaks on behalf of classmates in an engaging and inclusive way to family, friends, and DVSS staff who are celebrating the Class of 2023. The Valedictorian should represent the class as a whole. Valedictorian nominees must uphold the HWDSB Student Code of Conduct - [Code of Conduct | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](#)

If you are interested in representing the DVSS Commencement Class of 2023 as our Valedictorian, please contact Mr. Fraser by email (Rlfraser@hwdsb.on.ca) by **3 pm on Monday May 8th, 2023**. In your email, please include the following information:

- How you would represent the Graduating class of 2023
- A sample paragraph (approximately 250 words) of what you might say in a Valedictorian speech

Have a wonderful week!
Your guidance team...

Ms. Warren, Mrs. Lawson, and Mrs. Indelicato

