

# M.E. LAZERTE



## CLASS OF 2011

### **Compulsory Grad Meeting**

Thom Elniski Gym  
Wednesday, May 25, 2011  
Block 4

### **Commencement**

Shaw Conference Centre  
9797 Jasper Avenue  
Thursday, May 26, 2011  
Doors: 6:00 PM  
Ceremony: 7:00 PM

### **Banquet**

Shaw Conference Centre  
9797 Jasper Avenue  
Friday, May 27, 2011  
Doors: 5:00 PM  
Grand March: 6:00 PM  
Supper and Dance: 6:30 PM – 12:00 Midnight

### **Graduation Eligibility Criteria**

In order to be eligible to participate in Commencement and purchase guest tickets , a Grade 12 student must:

- have 90% attendance (less than 10% unexcused absences). The school will only record an absence as excused if parents/guardians report the reason for the absence to the main office within one week of the absence. Medical documentation must be provided for chronic absenteeism. Parents/guardians must also notify the main office within one week of the absence if they notice any discrepancies in attendance, as communicated in SchoolZone or through the automated phone system.
- be a student in good standing by abiding by all M.E. LaZerte School rules and behaviour expectations.

- be on track to complete their high school diploma by the end of June.
- have no outstanding school fees or books
- have paid grad fees.

**All Grade 12 students must check the Grad List that will be posted in Student Services on Wednesday, April 13 to see if they have met the eligibility criteria. If a student is not on the list he or she must see Miss Sereda in Room 149 before school, at lunch or after school up until April 21 to see what still needs to be corrected. The final list will be posted May 2, 2011.**

## **Graduation Commencement Ceremony**

Due to the size of the graduating class, each student will be guaranteed the opportunity to purchase up to 4 guest tickets for the Commencement Ceremony at \$5.00 per ticket. Tickets go on sale through Accounting here at LaZerte April 26 and April 27 and again from May 5 - May 13. No tickets will be sold from April 28 - May 4 (during Bus Pass Sales).

At the time of original purchase students can put their name on a waiting list for a maximum of two more tickets. Any tickets available on May 16 will be sold to the students on the waiting list on a first come, first served basis up until May 18. Any tickets available after that will be on a first come basis. **No tickets will be available at the door.**

## **Graduation Fee**

Only students who have paid the \$65.00 Graduation Fee and met all other requirements will be allowed to participate in Commencement. This fee covers the following:

gown and V-Stole rental	facility rental
souvenir cap and tassel	sound equipment
program booklet	lighting
stage decorations	miscellaneous expenses

Photographers from Lifetouch have been contracted by the school to take pictures of the students after they have crossed the stage. **To ensure that all graduates and their families enjoy the ceremony, photographs during the ceremony may only be taken from your seat.** We will set aside approximately half an hour after the ceremony for families to take pictures on the stage.

## **Distribution of Grad Gowns**

**Gowns will be distributed Wednesday, May 25 after the Block Four Compulsory Grad Information Meeting and must be returned on Thursday, May 26** immediately following the commencement exercises. The company that we rent the gowns from picks them up that night. These gowns are in great demand during this time of the year and are shipped all over Canada after being cleaned. **If gowns are not returned that night, students will be billed the cost of shipping them back (approximate cost \$15.00) providing the gown and V-Stole are returned to the school by May 30, 2011.**

After that the student will be billed the cost of the gown and the V-Stoles (approximately \$95.00). The company provides us a list of the students who did not return their gowns the night of the Ceremony. All gowns and V-Stoles are bar coded indicating which student received each item.

**See School Zone and Voyageur Voice for Grad Banquet Ticket Information**

**Please check SchoolZone, Voyageur News and the M.E. LaZerte Website for Grad News Updates.**