

JAMES M. HILL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

BULLETIN – Graduates & Parents

May 2012

- Friday, June 8** - Last day of classes for All Grades.
- Monday, June 11** – Exams for All Grades begin
- Thursday, June 14** - 11:30 a.m. **Choir Practice**, St. Michael's Basilica
- 10:30 a.m. Pick up Caps/Gowns at JMH, Student Activity Center (**Grad fee must be paid**)
- Sunday, June 17** **BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**
- 1:15 p.m. all graduates gather at James M. Hill (**with grad cap and gown**)
In the event of rain, graduates will assemble at the Church
- **2:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service**, St. Michael's Basilica
- 3:00 p.m. Graduates & Parents Reception, JMH Lounge/Cafeteria (Tea, fruit punch, and sweets provided)
- Monday, June 18** - 9:00 a.m. Grad List Posted, Guidance Centre
- Tuesday, June 19** - 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Prom, James M. Hill Memorial High School
- All guests to the Prom must be signed in and approved, in advance, by School Administration. It can be expected that students on suspension will **not** be permitted to attend the Prom.
- A photographer will be at the school on Prom night to take pictures. Prom Picture Packages (includes two 5"x7" and eight wallets size) will be **\$30.00** and must be paid to the photographer on Prom night.
Food trays, snacks, etc. donated by parents must be dropped off at school by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19.
- Thursday, June 21** - 9:00 a.m. Grad practice (**If you are attending graduation you must attend this practice**), Lord Beaverbrook Arena
- Grad Choir Practice, immediately following Grad Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Graduates assemble at JMH for the procession. (In the event of rain, graduates will assemble at the Arena)
GRADUATION
- **7:30 p.m. JMH 2012 Graduation**, Lord Beaverbrook Arena
- ***Pictures of students receiving Diploma and prizes will be taken by an official photographer from Dewey Photography. The cost of these pictures has been included in each student's grad fee. Pictures may be picked up at Dewey Photography on WEDNESDAY, June 27.***
- Grad gowns must be returned to the Student Activities Centre immediately following graduation. Grads make sure your name is checked off the list. Any gown lost or not returned is the responsibility of the student. Gowns are shipped out the following morning and are subject to a financial penalty if not sent out on time.
- 11:30 p.m. - Students leave JMH for Safe Grad (**Once at Safe Grad students must remain all night. There will be no early departures permitted.**)
- Friday, June 22** - 8:30 a.m. Report cards can be picked up in the front lobby.
(Report cards will **not** be mailed unless a self addressed stamped envelope is provided)
- **Requests for transcripts to be sent out to universities, etc. must be made to the office no later than Friday, June 22.**

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Graduates are reminded that your Grad Fee of **\$60** is due. All appropriate fees must be paid before participating in any grad activities. Please inform the office if you have a concern in this regard.

Appropriate dress attire with Grad gown for Baccalaureate and Graduation is as follows:

Males- White shirt, tie, long pants, shoes

Females- Blouse/skirt or dress, shoes

A photographer will take pictures of grads receiving diplomas, scholarships and prizes. This is included in the grad fee. **Parents and spectators are asked to refrain from coming up to the front to take pictures.** Using only one photographer speeds up the graduation program considerably! **Pictures may be picked up at Dewey Photography beginning Wednesday, June 27.**

If you have been offered a University Scholarship or any outside scholarship and you are accepting it, please give this information to the Office as soon as possible in order that we may have it added to the grad program and announced at the graduation. Final submission date is Friday, June 8, by 12:00 noon.

It is expected that any graduate receiving scholarships, bursaries, and prizes acknowledge their appreciation to the donors with a thank you card or thank you letter.

If you are unable to attend the graduation, please let the office know **in advance**. Your diploma will be available at the Office the following day.

All textbooks must be returned to subject teachers, library books to the Library, outstanding monies owed and uniforms to the office no later than **Thursday, June 14, 2012.**

If you have concerns or questions regarding graduation activities, please contact the office as soon as possible.

It has been a pleasure working with the Class of 2012 and your parents. Your assistance and cooperation throughout the year has been **greatly appreciated!**

MAY YOU HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE GRADUATION!!!!

Claude LaBerge
Principal

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YOUR PARTY, YOUR PROBLEM

When you host a party, you want it to be a good time – an opportunity for you and your guest to unwind a little. When alcohol is involved, unwinding can sometimes go too far: the actions of the intoxicated guest can lead to death or injury. And you can be held responsible, whether you're a private citizen, an employer, or the owner of a commercial establishment. You can be sued – and sued big – even if you didn't actually serve a drop of liquor.

SERVING INTOXICATED PATRONS

Many of us are familiar with the kind of case in which a tavern or bar is sued when an intoxicated patron leaves the premises and injures or kills someone while driving home. Licensed establishments have legal responsibilities to prevent people from becoming drunk and to stop serving people who are already drunk. What many people don't realize, says University of Western Ontario law professor Robert Solomon, is that the same tough principles are being applied to social hosts.

SUING THE SOCIAL HOST

The first Canadian case to address a social host's liability for serving alcohol was Baumeister. He was rendered a quadriplegic in a car accident following a high school graduation party at the Carefoot's home. He sued the driver and the Carefoots. The court indicated that social hosts, like bars, could be held liable for serving intoxicated guests who subsequently injure themselves or others. In addition, to liability as a provider of alcohol, a homeowner may be held liable as an occupier (a person who has control of the premises).

LOSING CONTROL

That's' what happened to Fulton when his son threw a "bush party" on the family property. One of the 300 participants, Meunier, got drunk and started a fight that left him a quadriplegic. He sued, claiming that Fulton responsible for allowing an event to take place, which he should have realized, was potentially dangerous. This was not the first "bush party" on the Fulton property that had resulted in problems. Fulton's insurance company settled out of court for \$700,000, even though Fulton's son hadn't provided alcohol to anyone, and hadn't even formally invited anyone to the party.

EXPANDING LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY

As the Baumeister and Meunier cases suggest there has been a clear trend towards increasing the legal responsibility of anyone who provides alcohol or hosts events where people are drinking.

No "quick fixes"

Various strategies have been advanced to reduce the risks of a civil suit, including designated driver programs, waivers of liability, and even special-events insurance. But, Prof. Solomon cautions, the "piece-meal adoption of isolated initiatives" cannot take the place of a comprehensive strategy to reduce the risks associated with alcohol. For example, while designated drivers and alternative transportation policies address the major risk of drinking and driving, it may lull host into a false sense that they can serve their non-driving guests as much alcohol as they want. However, if a drunken guest falls down the stairs, walks through a patio door, or starts a fight, the homeowner may be successfully sued.

Being a good host means protecting your guests, yourself and others, as well as having a good time.