

# Argyle Grad 2023 Newsletter

## Hello Argyle Grads of 2023 & Families!

This is the culmination of 13 years of schooling; congratulations! You are almost there. Grade 12 is an important year to make post-secondary decisions and choices. While you may not be clear on plans for after grade 12, your final year of high school provides many opportunities in the areas of academics, the arts, athletics, leadership, and school and community involvement.

The pages that follow contain important information for grads. As you start your grade 12 year it is important to review graduation requirements and post-secondary requirements. We also encourage you to explore scholarship opportunities, volunteer service, part-time work, career options, and financial planning.

Post-Secondary information is relayed to grade 12 students through their Career Life Connections (CLC) 12 Teams class site, the Argyle Website, the Post-Secondary bulletin board outside the counselling area and through daily announcements.

We have planned for in-person grad activities and celebrations. Plans may need to change subject to Provincial Health Orders. At the end of this newsletter there is a list of important grad dates. I encourage you to save this newsletter and mark these dates in your calendars.

Ms. Katherine Sigurdsson is the grade 12 counsellor. She is excited to continue supporting this class of students in their final year of high school. Ms. Sigurdsson and I work closely together throughout the year as the grade counsellor-admin team for the grads.

We are excited to have you as our seniors and the leaders of the student body this year. I challenge you to seize every opportunity in your grad year - embrace new experiences, step outside your comfort zone, stay focused, and make this year your best one yet.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jonat Principal

Gr. 12 Administrator

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# ARGYLE GRAD 2023 INFORMATION

## There are two key questions you need to answer in September:

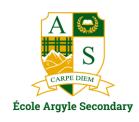
- 1. Do I satisfy the Ministry of Education Requirements for Graduation?
- 2. Do I satisfy the admission requirements of the post-secondary institution or program that I wish to enter?

Please do not confuse satisfaction of **Graduation Requirements** with **Admission Requirements** to a particular university, college, technical institute or career program. If you have questions about admission requirements, contact recruiters directly at the institution of your choice. If you have questions about BC Graduation Requirements contact Ms. Sigurdsson.

## <u>Graduation Requirements</u> – What you need to earn your Dogwood Diploma

Required Courses - Credits must be earned in the following subject areas or courses:

- A Language Arts 10 (4 credits) two 2-credit courses
  - o (e.g.: 2 of Composition 10 / New Media 10 / Literary Studies 10 / Spoken Lang. 10)
- A Language Arts 11 (4 credits)
- A Language Arts 12 (4 credits)
- A Social Studies 10 (4 credits)
- A Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- A Mathematics 10 (4 credits)
- A Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- A Science 10 (4 credits)
- A Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
- An Arts Education and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits)
- Career Life Education 10 (4 credits)
- Career Life Connections 12 (4 credits)
- Provincial assessments see below
- Electives Students must complete a minimum of 28 elective credits.



As part of the courses above, 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level to graduate:

- required English Studies 12
- required Career Life Connections 12
- Plus, 8-credits (two 4-credit grade 12 courses)

## Ministry Graduation Assessments

To graduate, students must the following Ministry graduation assessments:

- Numeracy 10
- Literacy 10
- Literacy 12
- French Immersion students only Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année
- Sample exams can be found here: <a href="https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial-assessment">https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial-assessment</a>
- Students who have not written numeracy 10 or literacy 10 need to send Mr. Crowley and Ms. Sigurdsson a Teams message.

## French Immersion Students

To earn a Dual Dogwood Diploma students must meet the Graduation Requirements above AND have taken:

- Français Langue 10 and 11 and 12
- Sciences Humaines 10 (Socials 10 credit)
- Science Humaines 11 &/or Histoire 12 (Socials 11/12 credit)
- One more gr. 10, 11, or 12 FI course (e.g.: Carriers et la sante en vie 10, Sciences 10)
- Complete the graduation assessments listed above

#### **External Credits for Graduation**

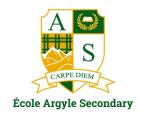
Students can receive credit for successfully completing certain external (non-high school) courses approved by the Ministry of Education.

To find out more about External Credit, please refer to the website <u>HERE</u>. See Ms. Sigurdsson if you qualify for external credits. For:

- Recognized athlete, official, and coach programs for external credit Click <u>HERE</u>
- Organizations and First Nations offering approved external credentials Click <u>HERE</u>

#### Challenge for Language Courses

Application packages for students pursuing a language challenge exam, including the list of languages offered, can be found <u>HERE</u>. Note, these exams are for metro Vancouver students and are written in Delta on specific dates each year. Applications must be handed into your CLC 12 teacher before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.



# Post-Secondary Admission Requirements

Requirements for entry to post-secondary institutions varies by school and program. Research this information on the post-secondary institution websites and with recruiters/advisors at postsecondary institutions.

Representatives from universities, trade schools, colleges, businesses and recent grads come to Argyle to present information about their institutions, programs and post-secondary experiences. Check the Grad Calendar on the school website, and the Grad Info banner outside counselling on a regular basis for news on upcoming presentations.

Argyle will be hosting a BC Post-Secondary Institution Fair on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:15pm to 5:00pm at Argyle. Grade 12's are required to attend this fair as part of their CLC 12 class. Please mark this date on your calendars.

The <u>Canadian Universities Event</u> is a forum that brings together over 50 PSI's from across Canada. The list of universities in attendance can be found at their website under "Universities". There are two events scheduled for the Lower Mainland:

- Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8:30pm in Surrey
- Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm to 9pm at the Delta Burnaby Hotel in Burnaby

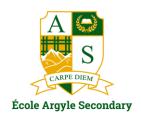
To RSVP for one of these events click HERE.

How to research post-secondary admission requirements:

Google - "name of post-secondary institution" + "Admissions" + "program name"

UBCO + Admissions + Kinesiology E.a.:

CAPU + Admissions + Arts



# POST-GRADUATION PATHWAYS

There are an endless number of pathways after high school graduation including:

- Attending a post-secondary program such as a trades school, university, college, film school, art school, etc.
- Traveling
- Working and/or volunteering
- Taking a gap year (e.g.: work &/or volunteer &/or travel and then attend school)
- Or a combination of the above.

Here are some tools to help you explore different post-graduation pathways:

### Educationplannerbc.ca

This is an online tool that lets students from anywhere in the world apply for admission to any of BC's public post-secondary institutions. Students can also research post-secondary choices through this website. Prospective students go to <a href="https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/">https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/</a> provide basic personal information that can be submitted to various institutions of the applicant's choice.

#### **BC Transfer Guide**





For information about how to transfer credits between post-

secondary institutions in BC, or how to plan a transfer

route to a degree, visit the BC Transfer Guide at <a href="http://www.bctransferguide.ca/">http://www.bctransferguide.ca/</a>

#### Trades and Apprenticeship in Canada:

Information about trades and apprenticeship programs can be found at www.itabc.ca

#### WorkBC Career Services



FREE employment services for youth - people aged 15 - 30 years old, including: one to one employment counselling, skills upgrading, career & education resources, employment workshops, resume and cover letter writing workshops, up-to-date job board, computer lab, career

assessments, mentorship program, hiring fairs, community referrals etc.



Check them out at 106 - 980 W 1<sup>st</sup> St, North Vancouver: (604) 988-3766 or online at https://www.workbc.ca/WorkBC-Centres/Mainland-Southwest/North-Vancouver.aspx

## Argyle Career Centre Office & Bulletin Board

Argyle has a work and volunteer bulletin board outside the careers office. This is located on the 100N wing down the hall from the elevator. Ms. Burgerjon and Ms. Wilson are the Work Experience Facilitators and are in the careers office.

# PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Below are some things to consider as you begin planning for life after grade 12.

...about financing your pathway

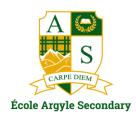
- ◆ How much does it cost for travel, tuition, books, residence? What other expenses are there? (cell phone, computer, food, etc.)
- ♦ How will I pay for this? Create a budget!
- What kind of scholarships, financial awards and assistance are available? If I receive financial awards and choose to take a gap year will the scholarship still be honoured the following year?
- Do I qualify for bursaries?

#### ...about living arrangements

- ♦ Where do I want to live?
- ♦ What is residence life like?
- ♦ How do I go about finding a place to live off-campus?

#### ...about services

- What clubs, cultural, athletic and recreational activities might I want to join?
- ◆ What support and/or counselling services are available? At post-secondary? In the community?



#### ...about post-secondary institutions

- How many students attend the institution on a full-time basis?
- How many hours per week does a student typically spend in classes? Studying out of class?
- What types of degrees, certificates and diploma programs are offered?

#### ...about programs

- ♦ How long is the program?
- How do technical schools, colleges, and universities differ?
- Can I begin a program elsewhere and then transfer?
- Do programs differ in content or length from other similar programs?
- Do I have to choose a specific program before I apply?
- What is the program format? Lectures, labs, tutorials? How big are classes?
- ◆ Do programs include CO-OP (work and/or practicum)?

#### ...about admission

- What high school courses are necessary for admission to a program?
- How is my eligibility for admission determined?
- Are there any entrance tests required?
- ♦ How do I apply? Is there an application fee?
- Is there a restriction on the number of students accepted for any of the programs?
- What can I do if I am not eligible for admission, either because my grades are too low or because I lack the correct courses?
- Can I defer my admission to take a gap year?

#### ...after acceptance

- ♦ How do I choose my first-year courses?
- Are there a minimum number of courses which I must take each term?
- Can I visit the campus at any time? If so, can I attend classes or visit labs?





## Things to Know Now

- 1. Your P.E.N. (Personal Education Number) is a nine-digit number issued to you by the Ministry of Education. It is on the top of every report card. Write it down somewhere safe. This number is unique to you and must be included on post-secondary applications. It is also used to log on to the Ministry of Education Transcript website <a href="https://www.bceid.ca">https://www.bceid.ca</a>
- 2. Start researching the college, university or technology institute you plan to attend and check their application deadlines.
- 3. Students can apply for early admission to post-secondary institutions based on their grade 11 marks. Early admission is granted to very few students (typically 95%+ average in grade 11). Most students are accepted later in the school year with final acceptance often coming after post-secondary institutes receive final marks in early July.

#### Applying to a University in B.C.

- Check out the education planner website: <a href="https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/">https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/</a>
- Know the various APPLICATION DEADLINES for programs.
- Most universities will base their initial acceptance on your Grade 11 grades and interim grade 12 grades and then wait for your final grades to confirm or deny entrance.
- Check out university websites for application dates. Some Canadian schools or scholarship programs and many U.S. universities have applications deadlines before Winter Break.
- Talk to a recruiter at the school you most want to attend.

#### **Transcripts**

The term transcript refers to the document that lists the courses you have completed with a final mark. It is YOUR responsibility to make sure the information on your Transcript is accurate and that you have met all graduation requirements. You must ensure that: your name is correctly spelled, birth date is correct, you have credit for all courses completed, any mark changes are reflected, that you have enough credits to graduate, that you have 4 Grade 12 level courses including English 12, CLC 12, and at least two other Ministry approved Grade 12 courses. Please see your counsellor if there are errors on your transcript or if you do not meet graduation requirements.



Official transcripts are only issued by the BC Ministry of Education. A school report card lists the current courses a student is taking whereas a transcript lists all completed grade 10, 11, and 12 courses. Transcripts do not show courses in progress. By logging into the website below you will be able to view your Unofficial Transcript of Grades.

## BC Student Transcript Service:

http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca

#### Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) SELECTIONS:

The Ministry of Education assists each graduating student planning to pursue post-secondary education by sending a copy of their transcript data in late July to post-secondary institutions indicated on the PSI Selections Form. The data is sent electronically. The PSI Selections link is available now at the BC Student Transcript Service:

http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca

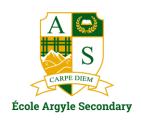
Students' PSI selections must be submitted before **April 2023** for **interim** transcript information to be forwarded to BC and Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) institutions in May. For **final** transcript information to be sent to PSI's in July students must submit their PSI selections by June 30, 2023. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the form is submitted.

## Requirement for University or College Entrance

Please <u>read the admission requirements carefully</u> for the college or university of your choice to make sure you qualify for the program you want. Admission requirements are ever changing so it is imperative that you check and re-check to ensure you have all the necessary prerequisites.

#### **General University Admission Requirements:**

- High School Graduation including the following: English 11, a Social Studies 11 or 12, a Math 11 & or 12 (usually Foundations or Precalc), Language 11\*, Science 11 (BI 11, CH 11, PH 11, ESC 11), English 12, and 3 Approved grade 12 courses
- \*A language 11 is required by some but not all universities.
- Admission for most BC Institutions is based on your marks in English 12 and 4 approved grade 12 Academic courses.
- Admission for some Post-Secondary institutions in BC and Ontario look at your best 5 or 6 grade 12 courses.



#### <u>USA Schools – SAT's, Transcripts, NCAA eligibility</u>

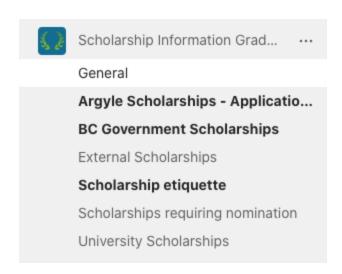
Thinking of attending a post-secondary institution in the United States? You will need to write the SAT test. Please log on to <a href="www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>/ for information about testing and exam dates. Our school ID number is 821237

Most US schools require you to submit marks from grades 9 to 12. In B.C. school transcripts include grade 10 to 12 marks. If you are planning to attend a US school or compete in NCAA you will need to request your grade 9 marks be sent by Argyle to the NCAA eligibility centre, and/or the school(s) you are applying to. Please see Ms. Jonat before you leave June if this applies to you.

# Scholarship and Bursary Information

In most cases, awards are intended to assist graduating students in their pursuit of further education. In most cases, recipients are required to provide a tuition fee receipt from a recognized post-secondary institution before payment of the award will be made. Students are encouraged to check the scholarship bulletin board outside Counselling as well as the websites below.

Ms. Malone is the chair of Argyle's Scholarship & Bursary committee. She has created a Scholarship Information Grad 2023 Team and added every grad to it. Please check to make sure you see the Team. Grads, if for some reason you do not see it send Ms. Malone a message in Teams. The Team has several subchannels. New information is added weekly and deadlines are throughout the year so make it a habit to check this Team often.



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Scholarships: awarded on the basis of performance in courses and exams, community achievements, community/school service, extracurricular involvement, and leadership experience. Each scholarship has specific criteria.

Bursaries: awarded on the basis of financial need (proof may be required) and may or may not consider academic achievement.

Awards are available in four broad categories:

- 1) Provincial Government Scholarships and Awards
- 2) Post-Secondary Institutions
- 3) Private awards
- 4) Argyle awards



#### 1) Provincial Scholarships and Awards:

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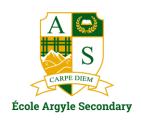
The BC Achievement Scholarships award 3000 students with the highest cumulative average with \$1250, based on the courses required for graduation.

The BC Excellence Scholarships are 55 awards of \$5000 each awarded to students who demonstrate community service and aptitude/commitment to their chosen career path. Candidates are nominated by the school. Argyle can nominate one student.

The Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships is awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment and aptitude for a career path in K-12 teaching. Winners receive a \$5000 scholarship voucher to redeem when they are registered and attending an approved K-12 teacher Education program in BC.

\*To be eligible for Provincial Scholarships and Awards students must meet graduation requirements, be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and a resident of BC.

For more information on Provincial Scholarships and Awards go to <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships</a>



## b) District Authority Awards:

These reward graduating students for superior achievement in their chosen non-academic field with a voucher for \$1250. To be eligible students must excel in an elective area (Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity, Technology and Trades, Indigenous Language and Culture or Second Languages). Criteria are outlined on the Argyle website. Application is made by completing the Argyle Scholarship Application Form. Argyle is usually allotted approximately 25 of these awards.

#### 2) Post-Secondary Institution Awards

Most post-secondary institutions offer a variety of awards to students entering their first year. Some of these are scholarships based on grades on the admission application and do not require a separate application. Major entrance scholarships still require an application, and to be eligible students should have marks well over 80%, as well as major community and school involvement. They may also require nomination from Argyle (students should check the scholarship board outside the counselling centre for nomination deadlines). Deadlines for these post-secondary awards vary considerably and details are always available on the website of the institution.

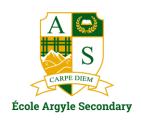
#### 3) Private Awards

Any private awards require separate forms and have differing deadlines. Some of these are advertised publicly and the information we receive is posted on the scholarship board outside Counselling. Others are available only to dependents or relatives of members of a union or company, for example, or employers may offer them. These will have to be sought out by the individual ~ ask your parents, check your own place of employment, and don't be satisfied until you have a conclusive answer. Examples are the North Shore Community Credit Union Scholarship and the VanCity Community Scholarship for credit union members only. Ms. Malone keeps a list of external scholarships on the Scholarship & Bursary TEAM, in addition to a list posted in the counselling area.

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## 4) Argyle Awards

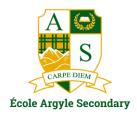
Argyle awards are made available through the generosity of clubs, businesses and individuals and have different criteria. Argyle awards are available to students who meet the criteria outlined below. Details for specific awards and the criteria can be found in the Argyle Scholarship Information Booklet on the <a href="website">website</a>. Please read the booklet carefully before completing the application form. Awards will be mailed to students once they show proof of registration at a post-secondary institution to Ms. Malone in the fall. By submitting a completed Argyle Scholarship Application form, students will be considered for all the awards. Applications are available in December on the Argyle website and are due no later than 9:00am on Friday, January 27, 2023. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

To be eligible for Argyle awards, students must attend Argyle and:

- Be enrolled in a minimum of 7 courses in the NVSD including CLC 12, except for students in the Peak Performance Program
- Be enrolled in Grade 12 for the first time
- Be eligible to graduate from Argyle
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant)
- Preference will be given to students who have attended Argyle for the past two years
- Students taking less than 7 courses in the NVSD are still eligible for the District Authority Awards and are required to follow the application process for the Argyle Awards to be considered.

The availability and value of Argyle awards may change between now and the presentation of the awards at the graduation ceremony. The Argyle scholarship committee (consisting of teachers, counsellors and administrators) will determine the recipients of these awards <u>based on information provided in your application.</u> Each student will receive no more than one Argyle award, and it is not necessary to apply for each award separately, however you will be asked to indicate awards for which you are uniquely qualified.

The deadline to submit a scholarship application is 9:00am Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Students who do not submit an application will not be considered for an Argyle Award.



#### Creating Scholarships & Bursaries

We are always on the lookout for new scholarship and/or bursary donors! If you know of anyone, any group or business interested in creating a scholarship please reach out to Ms. Malone. (<a href="mailto:emalone@sd44.ca">emalone@sd44.ca</a>)

#### Reference Letters

Many universities and many scholarship and bursary applications require reference letters. When you are asking for a reference letter, PLEASE GIVE TWO TO THREE WEEKS NOTICE. You will need to provide a completed Argyle Student Statement of Activities form that is available on the website in Students/Grad/Scholarships and on your Career Life Connections 12 Team site.

# **School Sponsored Grad Events**

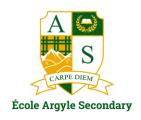
Safety is of paramount importance during school sponsored events. Therefore, all school sponsored grad events are drug free (no alcohol, drugs, vape products or tobacco). We request the cooperation of grads and parents in making certain none are consumed <u>before or during</u> these events. Any parent or grad doing so may be required to leave an event or may not be allowed to enter an event and no refund will be given. Information regarding school events will be posted on the school website, announced at school, placed on the grad calendar, emailed home and announced in CLC 12 classes.



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#### <u>Valedictorian</u>

Valedictorian applications are due Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The valedictorian is the person who gives an address to the grad class at the end of the grad ceremony.

A valedictorian is a person who represents what is best about a graduating class. The honour goes to a person who

- has been involved in school and community leadership.
- has a deep understanding of the high school journey and how that <u>relates to the future</u>.
- is a person who can articulate a positive reflective message of the past.
- has an insightful image for the future.

The Valedictorian needs to have four key qualities:

- 1. Demonstrated leadership in the school and community.
- 2. Outstanding commitment to Argyle = attendance, behaviour.
- 3. Academic success (minimum C+ GPA based on all courses).
- 4. Quality engagement in classes.

Applicants must prepare and present 3 minutes of their speech to a panel of grad sponsors and school administration.

#### Yearbook

Grads will be asked to write a short yearbook write up and provide a baby picture (optional). These are due February 1<sup>st</sup> and will be reviewed by school staff. A Teams form with example write ups and guidelines will be shared with grads in January.

The deadline to order a yearbook is February 1<sup>st</sup>. We do not order extra yearbooks. Every year there are grads wishing they had purchased a yearbook in June. I would encourage all grads to consider purchasing a yearbook as a keepsake from their final year of high school. The yearbook fee will be added to all School Cash Online accounts this fall as an optional fee.

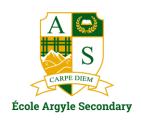
#### **Graduation fees**

A graduation activity fee of \$65 is assessed to all grads. This covers events such as grad BBQ's, the grad gown rental fee, grad caps & tassels, decorations at grad events, prizes for grad theme days/events.

#### Additional fees:

Grad Semiformal - Approx. \$90 per ticket

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Graduation Ceremony at Orpheum - Approx. \$15 per ticket

Graduation Banquet - Approx. \$145 per ticket

Graduation Photos - Grads BC sitting fee \$69 + fee for photo packages

#### **Grad Council**

Grad Council is sponsored by Mr. Kelsch, Ms. Sigurdsson and Ms. Malone. Grad Council responsibilities include organizing in-school grad events such as: theme days, the 12 Days of Christmas. Grad Council also organizes the school-sponsored grad semi formal and helps shape the Graduation Banquet.

### **Graduation Photographs**

Grad photography sessions will be held at Argyle October 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, with 'buddy' sessions on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign-up for the photo sessions will take place through the GradsBC website. Information on how to book a session will be sent soon. Retakes or those unable to make the dates in October will be on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The \$69 Grads BC portrait session fee includes a grad group photo at banquet, a photo in your formal wear at the banquet, a photo on stage at the grad ceremony, a highlight video, and a "grad time capsule" video. Grads will have photos taken at a few different stations during their portrait session. More info on what to wear and bring will be provided soon. Grad photo packages are also available for purchase through GradsBC.

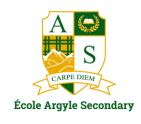


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#### Convocation Ceremony Profile

Each grade 12 will submit their profile write-up on a Teams form sent to grads early in the spring. This is due May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Grade 12 Convocation Ceremony Profile is for every grade 12 student participating in the Convocation Ceremony. The write-up is read as a student crosses the stage at the Orpheum. If students do not hand in a write-up, school administration will create a short write-up.

#### **Grad Semi-Formal**

There will be a grad winter semi-formal event this year. This will be organized with the Grad Committee and more details of this event will be forthcoming once a date and theme are confirmed.

## Convocation Ceremony Rehearsal & Gown Pick-up



The rehearsal for the Grade 12 Convocation Ceremony will take place in the gym on Friday, June 16th in period 8. <u>Attendance is compulsory for all participants</u>. Students with a study block in period 8 are required to attend this rehearsal too. Students will learn and practice the organization protocols for the ceremony.

Following the rehearsal grads will pick up their grad gown, grad cap & tassel to take home. All outstanding school fees must be paid in order to pick up your gown. If you send a friend to get your gown send a note with them letting us know that is what you want. Check your school cash online account to check and pay your school fees.

Grad gown orders will be collected via a Teams form just after Spring Break.

## <u>Grade 12 Convocation Ceremony</u> – Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am, Orpheum Theatre

The Grade 12 Convocation Ceremony will take place at the Orpheum Theatre. Grads will need to be at the venue one hour before the ceremony begins. Grads must arrive wearing their cap & gown as the gown is their ticket into the event. Grads will enter through the Granville Street entrance. Guests will enter through the Smythe Street entrance. Tickets for friends and family will be on sale June 1st to 12th.. Tickets will be approximately \$15 each. Tickets will be sold online through school cash online. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. LATECOMERS WILL NOT BE SEATED UNTIL THERE IS A BREAK IN THE PROGRAM. If you or any guests require accessible seating or accommodations please contact Ms. Jonat (kjonat@sd44.ca).

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- Program: Welcome from M.C., processional, Coast Salish anthem, O Canada, Introductory remarks by the Principal, presentation of graduates & scholarships, performance(s) by grads, presentation of major awards, Valedictorian Address, recessional.
- Formal Atmosphere: Audience should dress and conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the formality of the occasion.
- Photography: Photographs of each grad will be taken on and off-stage by GradsBC. Do not approach the stage or block the aisles to take photographs.

## Grade 12 Banquet ("Prom") - date TBD



The Grade 12 Banquet & Prom will take place at the Westin Bayshore from 6:30pm-Midnight. The date will be announced once confirmed. Tickets will go on sale online through school cash online approximately a month prior to the event. The ticket price will be around \$145, everyone requires a ticket. Seating must be chosen after tickets are purchased. Tables are set for 10; seats will not be added to any tables.

Incomplete tables will be collapsed at the discretion of the planning committee.

After tickets are purchased grads will bring their online receipt to the multipurpose room to choose their seats and tables. It is best to pick seats as soon as tickets are purchased and to organize seating with friends and family. We also recommend sending one person with all the receipts to select seats for the entire group.

All guests will have to clear security before entering the event. Once guests leave the security zone for the event they cannot reenter. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

GradsBC will be on site taking a photo of each grad in their formal wear, and video footage as part of a grad highlight film. The photo and video are included in the cost of the grad sitting fee each grad pays in October for grad photos.

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## Online Resources for Graduation and Beyond

1) Graduation program:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/graduation-requirements

2) Student Transcript Service:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates

3) Graduation Assessment information:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams

4) Your Guide to Education and applying to BC post-secondary institutions:

https://www.educationplannerbc.ca

5) Information about Trades and Apprenticeship in Canada:

www.itabc.ca

6) Resources for students and parents including grad requirements, finding Distributed Learning courses, info on trades, numerous free learning resources and much more.

www.LearnNowBC.ca

7) Career planning and post-secondary options in BC:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers

https://www.canada.ca/en/services/youth.html

8) Awards in BC:

https://www.bcscholarships.ca/

9) Awards in Canada:

https://yconic.com

https://scholartree.ca/



#### 10) Student financial aid:

https://studentaidbc.ca,

https://www.studentscholarships.org/

http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/

https://www.universitystudy.ca/plan-for-university/

#### Other Useful Links:

• Info. On Post-Secondary Programs in BC & Canada:

www.schoolfinder.com

Great Job Search Website:

www.jobbank.gc.ca

 Transfer and Admissions Information for all BC Public Post-Secondary Institutions www.bccat.bc.ca

Labour Market information in BC:

https://www.workbc.ca/

• YMCA One Stop Career Shop for Youth in North Vancouver – career and employment centre, information and workshops on resumes, cover letters, interview skills etc.

http://www.ywcajobseeker.org

Career and Job Search Skills on the net

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