



May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Re: Argyle Grad Update**

Dear Argyle Grads & Parents/Guardians of Grads,

There are 6 weeks left in the school year. This is an exciting time for grads filled with many emotions. Information about upcoming events can be found below.

This update contains information on:

1. Graduation Banquet & Ticket Sales
2. Graduation Ceremony & Ticket Sales
3. Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal, and Cap & Gown Distribution
4. Reminders
5. Grad Safety
6. Dates to Note on Your Calendar

I am exceptionally proud of our grads and all the changes they have navigated these past few years. I look forward to celebrating our grads with you this June.

Please reach out to Ms. Jonat if you are in need of financial support to attend either the Graduation Ceremony or the Graduation Banquet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K. Jonat'.

Kim Jonat  
Principal



## 1. Graduation Banquet

The Grade 12 Banquet & Prom is on **Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Westin Bayshore from 6:00pm to 11:00pm.

Tickets will be available for purchase through School Cash Online from May 18<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**The ticket price will be \$155.00 per ticket.** There are no restrictions on ticket sales.

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. **Starting Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** and up to May 31<sup>st</sup> students must bring a **printed copy** of their receipt to the multipurpose room to receive hard copy tickets and to choose their seats and tables during flex time, 8:30am to 9:10am. *It is best to organize seating with friends and family and then send one person with all the printed receipts to choose seats for the entire group.* Once seats are chosen it may not be possible to change them.

For the grad banquet, all guests (including grads) need a ticket to attend. In the past, most grads have attended with their parents/guardians and have sat together with a couple of other grads and their parents/guardians. On occasion, some grads have also brought other family members or a significant other. Some grads have also attended on their own. Grads will have a formal photo taken by GradsBC upon arrival and a grad group photo at 6:45pm. These will be provided to grads when they pick up their yearbooks in June. Dinner follows at 7:00pm followed by speeches and dancing.

On the day of the event, we ask that guests be at their tables at 6:45pm and grads gather in the lobby for a photograph. Guests who have not cleared security before 6:45pm will be held outside at security until the grad photograph is taken.

All guests will have to clear security before entering the event. Once guests leave the security zone for the event they cannot return. There will be no coat check at this event. Backpacks and other bags are not allowed. We have no safe space to store these and they are not allowed in the Banquet Hall as they pose a risk to the serving and hotel staff. Guests who have not cleared security before 7:00pm will be held outside at security until we have begun calling tables for dinner.

The menu for dinner will be shared soon. There are gluten free, vegan, vegetarian, and dairy free options. **If you or a guest attending has a food allergy, please email Ms. Jonat ([kjonat@sd44.ca](mailto:kjonat@sd44.ca)) so she can notify the Bayshore.**



## 2. Graduation Ceremony

The Grade 12 Convocation Ceremony will take place on **Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at the Orpheum Theatre**. Grads must arrive by 10:00am wearing their gown, v- stole and cap. This is their ticket into the event. **Grads will enter through the Granville Street entrance.**

Tickets for the ceremony for all guests will be available for purchase through School Cash Online from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15:00 each. There are no restrictions on ticket sales. Students need to bring a **printed copy of their receipt** to the multipurpose room during flex time starting June 2<sup>nd</sup> to pick up hard copy tickets for the ceremony.

If you have guests that need special seating, please contact Ms. Jonat [kjonat@sd44.ca](mailto:kjonat@sd44.ca)

Here are key things to note about the ceremony:

- No tickets will be sold at the door.
- Latecomers will not be seated until there is a break in the program.
- **Program:** Welcome from M.C., processional, Coast Salish Anthem, O Canada, Governor General Award presentation, Introductory remarks by Principal, presentation of graduates & scholarships, grad choir performance, major awards presentations, valedictorian address, recessional.
- **Formal Atmosphere:** Grads and the audience should dress and conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the formality of the occasion. The ceremony is about three hours long.
- **Photography:** A photograph of each grad will be taken on stage by Grads BC which students will receive at the end of June. Do not approach the stage or block the aisles to take photographs. Flash photography is not permitted in the theatre.
- **Return Gowns & V-stole at the venue IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY.** Any photographs of grads in gowns **must** be taken before arriving at the Orpheum theatre. Grads must arrive at 10:00am and immediately come inside and begin to line up in their assigned places for the processional.
- Grads do NOT need a ticket, however all guests need a ticket. Guests typically include parents/guardians, and often siblings, extended family members, or friends.
- **Guests will enter through the Smithe Street entrance.**
- Doors to the Orpheum lobby open at 10:00am with doors to the theatre seating opening at 10:30am. Seating is first come first served. The grad starts at 11:00am. Grads must arrive at the Granville Street entrance by 10:00am.



### 3. Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal

The rehearsal for the Grade 12 Convocation Ceremony will take place in **period 8 on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> in the large gym**. Attendance is mandatory for all students attending the graduation ceremony! Students without a period 8 class also **MUST** attend. Students will learn and practice the organization protocols for the ceremony.

Following the rehearsal, students will pick up their grad gown, cap, and V-stole. **All outstanding school fees** must be paid before gowns are given to students. Check your school cash online account to pay school fees.

### 4. Scholarship/Bursary Offers

If your student has been offered a scholarship or bursary, please have them report it to Ms. Malone. Ms. Malone keeps a record of the grand total of scholarship money offered to the graduating class every year which is announced at graduation. Even if your student does not plan to accept a scholarship, please have them report all offers.

Argyle scholarships and bursaries are awarded at the graduation ceremony. Students find out at the ceremony if they have won an award.

### 5. Reminders

#### a. Fees

All school fees must be paid on School Cash Online prior to picking up grad gowns. If you need financial assistance with course fees, please complete the Student & Family Affordability Fund school fee waiver [here](#). Please do this BEFORE June 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### b. Check your transcript!

Students need to login to the [BC School Transcript site](#) and check their transcript, and post-secondary institution selections for marks to be sent to.

#### c. Official Transcripts & Dogwood Diplomas

Dogwood Diplomas will be issued by the Ministry of Education & Child Care in late August/early September. It is mailed to the address we have on file. If your address changes please be in touch with our office staff.



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Official transcripts can be ordered from the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care using the Student Transcript Site. The school is unable to print official transcripts as these can only be issued by the Ministry. If students wish to have an official copy of their transcript they must order it to be sent to themselves; it is not automatically sent. For further information please see the [Student Transcript Site](#). To access this site students will need their Personal Education Number, a 9-digit number found on the top of every report card.

## 6. Grad Safety

Grad activities are meant to be a time of celebration, but those celebrations must be safe ones. It is especially important at this time of year when concerns for student safety are heightened, that parents & guardians be aware of their student's social activities and support them in making the right choices for their own well-being, and for sake of the greater community.

Safety is of paramount importance during school sponsored events. Please adhere to all school rules which apply to everyone, including parents, family and guests. School sponsored grad events are **drug, alcohol, and nicotine free (no alcohol, narcotics, vapour products or tobacco) for all guests**. We request the cooperation of grads, guests, and parents in making certain **none are consumed before or during** these events. Anyone doing so will be required to leave the event, will not be allowed to enter the event and **no refund** will be given.



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## 7. Calendar Dates

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| May 18 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> | Banquet ticket sales   |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> | Bring printed copy of banquet ticket receipt to choose seats & pick up tickets during flex time  |
| June 1 <sup>st</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> | Grad Ceremony ticket sales   |
| June 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> | Bring printed copy of ceremony ticket receipt to pick up tickets   |
| Before June 16 <sup>th</sup>             | Ensure all fees on School Cash Online are cleared  |
| Friday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>            | Grad Rehearsal in <b>Period 8</b> in gym – all grads participating in the ceremony <b>MUST</b> attend even if they have a study block.<br>Distribution of graduation cap, gown, V-stole distribution at end of the rehearsal |
| Saturday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>          | Grad Banquet at the Westin Bayshore, 6:00pm to 11:00pm   |
| Sunday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>            | Grad Ceremony at Orpheum, 11:00am. Grads must arrive by 10:00am.   |

