



## Hello Argyle Grads of 2025 & Families!

We have reached the final stretch of grade 12, a crossroads for our grads as they finish one chapter and prepare for the next. At school, this is my favourite time of year: a time of hard work and well-earned celebrations to mark such an important milestone.

Please read the pages below with important information about upcoming school-sanctioned grad events and important reminders for grads. Please don't hesitate to reach out at any time with questions.

Sincerely,

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## Argyle Grad 2025 Key Dates

Event/Activity	Date(s)
AP Exams	May 6-16 <sup>th</sup>
Grad ceremony convocation profile write up due	Friday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>
Grad banquet ticket sales on School Cash Online	May 12-16 <sup>th</sup>
Grad banquet ticket – seat selection & ticket pickup	May 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 3-4pm at Argyle
French Immersion Graduation Breakfast	May 28 <sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:15am
Grad ceremony ticket sales on School Cash Online	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup>
Grad ceremony ticket pickup	June 9 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup>
Deadline to report external scholarships/bursaries to Ms. Malone	Friday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>
Ensure all fees are paid on School Cash Online	Before June 13 <sup>th</sup>
Grad ceremony rehearsal (all grads must attend)	Friday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> in period 4
Grad gown, grad cap, vee-stole pick up	Friday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> in period 4
Ministry assessments: Français Langue 12	FI Oral – June 2 <sup>nd</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> FI Written – June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30am
Grad Banquet at the Westin Bayshore hotel in Vancouver	June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 6:00pm
Grad ceremony at the Orpheum Theatre in Vancouver	June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 7:00pm
Yearbook & grad tri-folder pick up	June 26 <sup>th</sup> (Time TBC)

## Upcoming Grad Events & Important Information

### Grad Ceremony Write-ups

Information about Grad ceremony write ups was sent to all grads on the Grade 12 Team on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. These write-ups are the text that is read as the student crosses the stage at the graduation ceremony on June 24<sup>th</sup>. **Write-ups are due Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> by end of day.** If students do not submit a write-up, a generic write-up will be shared on their behalf.

### Grad Banquet Tickets

Grad banquet will take place on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver at 6:00pm. This is an event for families and grads to celebrate this special milestone. Tickets are \$155 each and go on sale next week. Tickets include dinner, dancing, and a photo booth. Grads BC will also be taking formal photos of each grad and a group photo, which grads will receive in their tri-fold package on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Please note our **grad banquet is a dry event** for both students and adults.



**There are two steps to purchase grad banquet tickets:**

1. Buy tickets on school cash online May 12-16<sup>th</sup>.
2. Students bring receipt for tickets to the school on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 3-4pm to exchange for tickets and seat selection. (Line up in cafeteria.)
  - Tables seat 10 and assigned seating is in place.
  - To pick up tickets, the grad must be able to provide receipt of purchase (school cash online).
  - A grad can pick up tickets for another family if they have proof of purchase.

**Important notes:**

- **All guests, including grads, must have a ticket to enter, keep your tickets safe!**
- Usually, grads sit with their families. Sometimes, grads choose to sit together with families at a table beside.
- Dinner is a buffet that will have gluten-free, dairy-free, nut-free, and vegan options. Please email Principal Laura Ames [lames@sd44.ca](mailto:lames@sd44.ca) by June 1<sup>st</sup> if a guest has serious allergies and requires a plated meal.
- Please contact Principal Laura Ames [lames@sd44.ca](mailto:lames@sd44.ca) if you need financial assistance for grad events.
- We ask for parent support with student supervision during this event.

## Grad Ceremony Tickets

Graduation ceremony (commencement) will take place on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Orpheum Theatre in Vancouver. Tickets are \$15 each. Please email Principal Laura Ames [lames@sd44.ca](mailto:lames@sd44.ca) if any guests in your party have particular accessibility needs.

**There are two steps to purchase tickets to this event:**

1. Buy tickets on school cash online June 2- 19<sup>th</sup>
2. Come to Argyle office with proof of purchase and pick up tickets between June 9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.

**Note: Each guest must have a ticket to enter the Orpheum. Grads do not need a ticket (their grad gown is their ticket). Tickets must be picked up at the school prior to attending the event.**



## Grade 12 Assembly

We are hosting a mandatory Grade 12 assembly during flex time on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am in the large gym, in partnership with the North Vancouver RCMP Youth Liaison Team. Graduation is an exciting culmination of 13 years of schooling and we are aware there are many celebrations grads are taking part in. This assembly is designed to support grads with good decision-making in the upcoming weeks of celebration.

## Grad Rehearsal and Grad Gown Pickup

On Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:50pm we are hosting a graduation rehearsal at Argyle. **Attendance is taken and this is mandatory for all grads attending the graduation ceremony.** At the end of the rehearsal, grads will pick up their grad gown, cap, and v-stole.

Grad gowns and v-stoles are rented and must be returned at the Orpheum after the graduation ceremony on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Graduation caps are for students to keep. Students who do not return their grad gown and v-stole will be billed \$25 per v-stole and \$85 per gown.

## School Fees

Please note, **grads will not be able to pick up their grad gowns on June 13<sup>th</sup> unless all school fees are paid on [school cash online](#).** Please email Principal Laura Ames [lames@sd44.ca](mailto:lames@sd44.ca) if you need financial assistance with school fees.

## Declaration of Private Scholarships

Has your grad already been awarded a private or university scholarship? [Declare it here](#) so we can share this as part of their grad write up. Deadline to declare scholarships is Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Graduation Assessments

If your student is missing a graduation assessment (Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, Literacy 12), they need to be in touch with Vice Principal Ms. Shahrzad Motaghedi [smotaghedi@sd44.ca](mailto:smotaghedi@sd44.ca) and they will be able to make up these assessments in June. These assessments are a graduation requirement for all students.



## Official Transcripts

Official transcripts will be issued in August by the Ministry of Education and Childcare. **Argyle is not able to issue official transcripts.** Transcripts are first sent to the school, then mailed to families in early September. Grades will be finalized in July 2025 and sent directly to post-secondary institutions. Please make sure you are using the [online student transcript service](#) to select the institutions that need to receive grades for admission.

## Non-Sanctioned Grad Events

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, you received a letter from Sarah Best, District Principal of Safe and Healthy Schools with important reminders for grad safety through the grad season. Please note, this newsletter includes information about all the school-sanctioned graduation events taking place. As this letter shared:

*At this time of year, we remind grads and families about non-school sanctioned grad events that occur across the North Shore. These events – such as Gotcha, Grad Kidnap, Grad Skip Day, Car Rallies, and other unsanctioned celebrations – are not organized or supervised by school staff and may sometimes involve inappropriate or illegal activities (e.g., underage drinking, drug use, nudity, property damage). These activities can also lead to unexpected risks, particularly when moments are captured on cell phones and shared on social media. Once photos or videos are posted online, they are extremely difficult to remove and could have devastating, long-term consequences for students applying for post-secondary education or career opportunities.*

*It's also important to note that not all students choose to participate in these non-sanctioned events. However, families are sometimes led to believe that these activities are school-supported or that all students are involved, which can inadvertently influence their support. We encourage open conversations at home to ensure decisions are based on accurate information and reflect what's genuinely best for each student.*

*Out of concern for student safety, we urge you to be mindful of the potential unintended consequences of your behaviour and actions at such events. We want every student to finish the year strong, with high attendance, staying engaged in school activities, and proud of their accomplishments. This is a time to be confident in the way you've represented yourselves, your families, and your schools.*



# Online Resources for Graduation and Beyond

## Important Links for Grads

- Graduation program:
  - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/graduation-requirements>
- Student Transcript Service:
  - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>
- Graduation Assessment information:
  - [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams)
- Your Guide to Education and applying to BC post-secondary institutions:
  - <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca>
- Information about Trades and Apprenticeship in Canada:
  - [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca)
- Career planning and post-secondary options in BC:
  - [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers)
  - <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/youth.html>
- Awards in BC:
  - <https://www.bcscholarships.ca/>
- Awards in Canada:
  - <https://yconic.com>
  - <https://scholartree.ca/>
- Student financial aid:
  - <https://studentaidbc.ca>,
  - <https://www.studentscholarships.org/>
  - <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>
  - <https://www.universitystudy.ca/plan-for-university/>
- Transfer and Admissions Information for all BC Public Post-Secondary Institutions  
[www.bccat.bc.ca](http://www.bccat.bc.ca)