



Hello Argyle Grads of 2026 & 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,

Laura Ames
Principal
Gr. 12 Administrator

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Argyle Grad 2026 Key Dates

Event/Activity	Date(s)
Grad ceremony ticket sales on School Cash Online	May 11 th – June 1 st
Grad ceremony ticket pickup at school office	May 19 th – June 2 nd
Deadline to report <i>external</i> scholarships/bursaries for inclusion in grad ceremony	Friday, May 22 nd
Ensure all fees are paid on School Cash Online	Before Friday, May 22 nd
Grad ceremony rehearsal (all grads must attend)	Friday, May 22nd in Period 8
Grad gown, grad cap, vee-stole pick up	Friday, May 22 nd in Period 8
Grad banquet ticket sales on School Cash Online	May 25-29 th
Graduation Ceremony at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver	Tuesday, June 2 nd , 2026
Grad banquet ticket pickup at school	June – Dates TBD
Ministry assessments: Français Langue 12 Written (mandatory for all grade 12 FI students)	Tuesday, June 9 th 8:30am
Ministry Assessments: Français Langue 12 Oral	June 11 th -12 th
Grad Banquet at the Westin Bayshore hotel in Vancouver	Saturday, June 20 th , 2026
Yearbook & grad tri-folder pick up	Thursday, June 25 th (Time TBC)

Upcoming Grad Events & Important Information

Grad Ceremony Tickets

Graduation ceremony (commencement) will take place on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00pm at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver. Tickets are \$10 each. Please email Principal Laura Ames lames@sd44.ca if any guests in your party have accessibility needs or need financial assistance to attend the event.

There are two steps to purchase tickets to this event:

1. Buy tickets on school cash online starting May 11th.
2. Grads come to Argyle office with proof of purchase and pick up tickets between May 19th – June 2nd.

Note: Each guest must have a ticket to enter the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. 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.



Grad Banquet Tickets

Graduation banquet is a dry family event that will be held on Saturday, June 20th at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver. Tickets are \$160 each and usually grads attend with their parents/ guardians. Tickets include a buffet dinner, dry bar, photo booth, and DJ. Grads and guests must each have a ticket to enter, and all guests will be screened by private security. Please email Principal Laura Ames lames@sd44.ca if you need financial assistance to attend this event.

Here is an overview of the ticket purchase pick/up process this year:

1. Buy up to three tickets on [school cash online](#) May 25 – 29 (usually, grad and parents/ guardians).
2. If you would like to purchase an additional ticket, [please fill out this form by May 29th](#). We will be in touch the week of June 1-5th with those who have requested an additional ticket. Additional tickets will be sold subject to space and availability in our venue. If there are more requests for tickets than space, a lottery will be held.
3. **Students line up** to pick up tickets and select their seats at the school in the cafeteria from June 8-12th from 8:00am to 8:50am each morning. Students must be present (not parents) and can only pick up their own family's tickets.
 - a. Students will check in and confirm their purchase of tickets (a staff member will check School Cash Online)
 - b. Students will then move to the seat selection station where they will be able to see a floor plan of the banquet room and select seats.
4. Students will be seated with family members and should line up with any peers they hope to sit with. **Students may not select seats or pickup tickets for any other students.**

**Students that are still in line at the cut off time each morning will be given a ticket number to return the next morning ahead of the next line.*

Important notes:

- Tables seat 10 and assigned seating is in place.
- This is a dry event and school code of conduct applies at all times.
- We ask for parent support with student supervision during this event.
- Dinner is a buffet that will have gluten-free, dairy-free, nut-free, and vegan options. Please email Principal Laura Ames lames@sd44.ca by June 5th if a guest has serious allergies and requires a plated meal.
- All guests, including grads, must have a ticket to enter, keep your tickets safe!



Grad Rehearsal and Grad Gown Pickup

On Friday, May 22nd 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. **Please ensure grads do not have appointments during this time.**

This year, grad gowns have been purchased for the grads to keep. V-stoles are rented and must be returned at the school at yearbook pickup on June 25th. Students who do not return their v-stole will not be able to pick up their yearbook and will be billed \$25

School Fees

Please note, **grads will not be able to pick up their grad gowns on May 22nd unless all school fees are paid on [school cash online](#).** Please email Principal Laura Ames 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, May 22nd. Please note all school-based scholarships will be awarded at the Graduation Ceremony on June 2nd.

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 and they will be able to make up these assessments in June. These assessments are a graduation requirement for all students.

French Immersion Graduation Celebration

This is a reminder for French Immersion students there is a district-wide celebration on May 21st from 6-9pm at the Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave. This event is for students only - [Please RSVP using this form](#) if you have not already.



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 [student transcript service](#) to select the institutions that need to receive grades for admission.

Dogwood Diplomas

Dogwood Diplomas will be issued in August by the Ministry of Education and Childcare and sent to Argyle. They will be mailed to families in September from Argyle. Please ensure we have your up to date mailing address on file before your grad leaves in June.

Non-Sanctioned Grad Events

On April 24th 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.



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Online Resources for Graduation and Beyond

Important Links for Grads

- [Argyle Grad Information](#)
- [Graduation program](#)
- [Student Transcript Service](#)
- [Graduation Assessment information:](#)
- [Education Planner](#): Guide to Education and applying to BC post-secondary institutions
- Career planning and post-secondary options in BC:
 - www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/youth.html>
- [Scholarships and Awards in BC](#)
- Scholarships and 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