

May 11, 2021

Dear Graduates and Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2021,

I hope all graduates and families have now had an opportunity to read the letter from Superintendent Pearmain sent on Friday May 7th, 2021. As Mr. Pearmain indicated, for the second year in a row, we are working to create a virtual graduation celebration for each of our secondary schools. While we know this is far from what we were hoping for, we are excited to be able to capture the special moment for all our graduates in an innovative and timeless manner!

I would like to share the following important details with families:

Filming Date(s):

Wednesday, June 16th and Thursday, June 17th, 2021- filming will be scheduled during the day and teachers have been made aware of these dates. A schedule with details will be emailed to families and a copy will be posted outside the main office.

Location:

Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art
Ground Level, Education Services Centre
2121 Lonsdale Avenue
North Vancouver

Drop Off:

Grads should be dropped off on Lonsdale Avenue (loading zone: West side of Lonsdale Avenue, between West 21st and West 22nd). You will enter the building from the East entrance, from the ground level.

Safety Measures:

The following health and safety measures have been implemented to keep families and staff safe during the filming of Grad 2021:

- Students must wear a face mask (a mask will be provided upon arrival) at all times, except when crossing the stage, and when posing for their formal photo. When not wearing a face mask, students will be physically distanced.
- Students must maintain physical distancing unless within their cohort/learning group (but distancing will be still encouraged).
- Students must complete the [Daily Health Check](#) prior to arriving.
- Students must not attend if they are feeling ill.
- Students must not attend if they are under isolation, quarantine, or if they have been identified as a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19.
- Parents/guardians are not permitted inside.
- Parents/guardians will be encouraged to wear a mask, even while outdoors.
- Parents/guardians must maintain physical distancing with those outside of their household.



Please arrive at your scheduled time, and be “camera-ready” in your grad cap and gown. As we normally do, students will be provided with their own keepsake cap/gown/tassel for walking across the stage and these will be distributed to graduates at school the week prior to filming. If you have not paid your graduation and other fees, we will ask that you please do so as soon as possible and will be sending out a reminder to those families. You are welcome to wear your formal attire under your gown as students’ will be photographed after they cross the stage.

Last Words and Baby Photos:

We are now working on the ceremony script and need to gather the words that will be read out about students as they cross the stage. Additionally, and in keeping with Carson tradition, we are collecting baby photos of the grads to incorporate into the ceremony. Please submit this information [here](#). Note that this information is due by 4pm on May 21st.

Grad Gown Sizing:

As has been previously communicated, we must order grad gowns and we need sizing information right away. If you have not already done so, please complete the following form **immediately**:
<https://forms.office.com/r/ea1R28jS1d>.

Over the coming weeks, we will be planning the finer details of the ceremony and will send out updates as they become available. A reminder that **all students** must complete the *Personal Information Consent Form (Secondary)* in order to participate - our office team will reach out to families directly if we **do not** have consent on file.

I look forward to seeing all our graduates cross the stage next month! If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at sdohm@sd44.ca.

Sincerely,

Suzette Dohm
Principal

