



April 25th, 2025

Re: Carson Graham Grad Update

Dear Carson Graham Grads, Parents & Guardians,

As we enter the final two months of the school year, we are filled with excitement and emotion as we look ahead to celebrating our graduation class. This is a special time, and we're so proud of everything our grads have accomplished.

Below, you'll find important information about upcoming graduation events:

1. Graduation Ceremony & Ticket Sales
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Reflecting on the journey of our graduates fills us with immense pride. Their growth, resilience, and adaptability in the face of change has been remarkable. We are looking forward to celebrating all they've achieved with you this June.

Sincerely,

Karen Marshall, Gr. 12 Counsellor

& Kim Jonat, Principal





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1. Graduation Ceremony and Ticket Sales

The Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony will take place on **Sunday, June 8th at 7:00pm at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre**. Grads must arrive before 6:00pm wearing their gown, v-stole and cap. This is their ticket into the event.

Ticket Information:

- Tickets for the ceremony for all guests will be available for purchase through [School Cash Online](#) from **Monday, April 28th to Saturday, May 31st**.
- Tickets are **\$10.00 in advance**, and a **limited number of tickets will be available at the door starting at 5:45pm for \$15.00**. There are no restrictions on ticket sales.
- Students need to bring a **printed copy or screenshot of their receipt** to the table in front of counselling during tutorial time or lunch on **June 3rd and 4th** to pick up hard copy tickets for the ceremony.
- If you have guests that need special seating, please contact Ms. Jonat kjonat@sd44.ca.

Ceremony Information:

- 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.
- 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, Principal's address, presentation of graduates & scholarships, musical performance(s), 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 will be about three hours long.
- Photography: A photograph of each grad will be taken by Artona which students will receive in June. The first row will be reserved for guests to take photos of their graduate when they cross the stage. We ask that guests keep their time to a minimum in the front row to allow all families an opportunity to take photos of their child. Flash photography is not permitted in the theatre.
- Grads must arrive before 6:00pm and immediately come inside and begin to line up in their assigned places for the processional.
- Grads keep their gown, v-stole, and graduation cap at the end of the ceremony.
- Guests will enter through the main entrance on Hamilton Street.
- Doors to the Queen Elizabeth lobby open at 6:15pm with doors to the theatre seating opening at 6:30pm. Seating is first come first served. The grad ceremony starts at 7:00pm.

By 4pm, Friday, May 2nd - Grads must submit their Grad Ceremony write up (40 words) & upload their baby photo on the [TEAMS FORM](#) – linked to student's school account.





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2. Graduation Banquet and Ticket Sales

The Grade 12 Banquet (Prom) is on **Monday, June 23rd at the Westin Bayshore Hotel from 6:00pm to 11:00pm.**

Ticket Information:

- Tickets will be available for purchase through [School Cash Online](#) from Monday, April 28th to Saturday, May 31st.
- Tickets are **\$150.00 each**. There are no restrictions on ticket sales.
- Students must bring a **printed copy or a screenshot** of their receipt to the table in front of counselling between **June 9th to 13th** to receive hard copy tickets and to choose their seats and tables after school from 3pm to 4pm.
- Tables are set for 10; seats will not be added to any tables. Incomplete tables may be collapsed at the discretion of the planning committee. *It is best to organize seating with friends and family and come together with all the 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, grads have attended with their parents/guardians and have sat together with a couple of other grads and their parents/guardians. Some grads have also brought other family members or a significant other. Some grads have also attended on their own.

Banquet Information:

- Doors open at 6pm.
- Grads will have a group photo taken by Artona at 6:45pm in the lobby. We ask that guests be at their tables at 6:45pm.
- The event officially begins at 7pm with introductions, dinner & dessert, speeches and dancing.
- 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.
- **This is a dry event for all guests.**
- There are no ins and outs from the event.
- 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) so she can notify the Bayshore.**





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3. Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal / Cap and Gown Distribution

The rehearsal for the Grade 12 Convocation Ceremony will take place in **period 1 on Tuesday, June 3rd in the large gym.** Attendance is mandatory for all students attending the graduation ceremony! Students without a period 1 class **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 on the form posted in the Scholarship channel on Teams, or directly to **Ms. Liz Thornhill by May 30th**. We keep a record of the grand total of scholarship and bursary 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.

Carson 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 have significant financial need, please reach out to Ms. Jonat (kjonat@sd44.ca) or Ms. Harman (jharman@sd44.ca). Please do this as soon as possible and no later than Friday, May 23rd.

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 & Childcare in late August/early September. It is mailed to the address we have in MyEd. If your address changes, please contact the Carson Graham's office.

Official transcripts can be ordered from the BC Ministry of Education and Childcare 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.





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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 and 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 the Code of Conduct which applies to everyone, including parents/guardians, 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.

7. Calendar Dates

Friday, May 2 nd	By 4pm grads must submit their Grad Ceremony write up (40 words) & upload their baby photo on the TEAMS FORM – linked to student's school account.
April 28 th to May 31 st	Banquet ticket sales AND Grad ceremony ticket sales
Before June 3 rd	Ensure all fees on School Cash Online are cleared
Tuesday, June 3 rd	Grad Rehearsal in Period 1 in gym – all grads participating in the ceremony MUST attend even if they have a study block. Distribution of graduation cap, gown, V-stole distribution at end of the rehearsal
June 4 th & 5 th	Bring printed copy of ceremony ticket receipt to pick up tickets during tutorial time in front of counselling office.
Sunday, June 8 th	Grad Ceremony at Queen Elizabeth Theatre, 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:00pm. Grads must arrive by 6:00pm.
June 9 th to 13 th	Banquet tickets - Bring printed copy of banquet ticket receipt to choose seats & pick up tickets during tutorial time in front of counselling office.
Monday, June 23 rd	Grad Banquet at the Westin Bayshore, 7:00pm to 11:00pm (doors at 6:00pm)

