

June 13, 2025

Dear Grade 12 Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that next week marks the final days of high school for our graduates. Since our Graduation Ceremony, it has been great to see our grads staying committed to their learning—while also celebrating the milestone of graduation!

I want to share a heartfelt thank you to all the families and friends who joined us on May 29th for the Grad Ceremony. It was a truly special night of celebration—and I must say, once again, how impressed I was by our grads for their support of one another, their positive energy, and the commitment to care that shone throughout the evening, as it does each day at Seycove.

In what is likely my final letter of the year, I also want to express my deep gratitude to all of you for your support throughout this school year. I've been fortunate to meet and talk with many of our Grade 12 parents, and I know it is because of your influence that your children have become such lovely, caring, and service-oriented human beings. I'm excited to see them continue to blossom in this next chapter. Thank you for making my first year at Seycove one that is filled with positivity and pride.

Ahead of our final grad event of the year, I'd like to share a few reminders for the Grad Banquet. I look forward to seeing the grads and families who are attending, as we celebrate together – and dance the night away - on Tuesday. This night truly marks the culmination of the hard work your children (and you!) have put into their educational journey over the last 12 years. I do want to ensure this final celebration maintains the tone of positivity, good behaviour, and safe, school-sanctioned fun. Your support in setting that tone – alongside the staff who will be there to celebrate – is deeply appreciated. I've included the banquet details one final time below, for your reference.

## Graduation Banquet - Tuesday, June 24th, 2025

Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Location: Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver Reception/Banquet Timing: 6:00pm to 10:30pm Dinner is served at 6:15pm - followed by toasts and dancing Grad Group Photo will be taken at 5:30pm at the Shipyards Pier

A reminder that Artona is coming to do a group photo, organized for all the grads, to be taken prior to the Banquet at the end of the Pier at 5:30pm at the North Vancouver Shipyards (in front of Joey's restaurant). If grads and families have decided they cannot attend the banquet, they are still invited to attend the photo. The photo will be taken promptly at 5:30pm, so please have grads be there on time so they're not missed from the photo, if they want to be in it.

This is a very important note that the Grad Banquet is a dry event for ALL attendees - as it is a school-sanctioned event. We request that parents model the spirit of enjoying this celebration without influence of alcohol or drugs by ensuring there is no alcohol or other substances being used or brought into the event by anyone - and by relaying this message to your grads.











Security guards are onsite to ensure all graduates and attendees are in compliance. Bags are checked and all liquids and other contraband will be confiscated at the door if they are brought in. Please note as well, there are no in and out privileges for ALL attendees, including family and guests of grads. If grads or parents/families opt to leave early, they will not be able to come back into the banquet.

As we close out this final chapter of high school, I want to acknowledge that this year – like many before it – has come with both joy and challenge, in our community and in the world around us. These moments remind us just how precious life is, and how important it is to show up for one another with care, kindness, and intention. That's exactly what this grad class has done. Over their five years at Seycove (and this past year, I've been able to witness it firsthand), this group has consistently modeled what it means to be inclusive, respectful, and community minded.

As we prepare for the final celebration and year end, my hope is that we carry that same spirit with us - finishing the year on a high note, with joy, reflection, and above all, safety.

I know this incredible group will rise to the occasion, just as they always have.

Kindly,

Meghan Downie

Principal





