



Seycove Secondary

Hello Grads of 2022!

RE: Grad 2022 Newsletter

Your final year of high school provides many opportunities and now is the time to accept new challenges, explore options, work hard and begin to define your Grade 12 year and post-secondary plans. Your Counsellors, Ruby and Margie, are phenomenal resources who are available to help you navigate this transitional year. Your Career Life Connections 12 Course will also help you prepare for your transition into adulthood and celebrate your strengths and accomplishments. Some areas to consider this year are: graduation requirements, post-secondary requirements, scholarship opportunities, volunteer work, part-time work, career choices, and financial planning.

This newsletter aims to bring your attention to important graduation information and school-sponsored events. Post-Secondary information will be relayed to all students through the Grade 12 Student Assembly on October 20th, the Grade 12 Parent Night, the Grade 12 Team on MS Teams, the Seycove Website, and through the daily announcements. To ensure you do not miss out, be sure the school has the current email address for parents and guardians.

We are planning for a return to in-person grad activities and celebrations this year, however, plans may need to change dependent upon COVID-19 Provincial Health Orders. Attached to this newsletter is a list of important grad activity dates. I encourage you to save this newsletter and mark these dates in your calendars. If dates change, we will send out notifications to families and notify students through their Grade 12 Team on MS Teams. The pages that follow contain important information for grads. Please take some time to review this information as it will help set you up for success this year.

We are thrilled to have you as the leaders of our student body this year. I challenge you to seize every opportunity during your grad year. Embrace new opportunities, step outside your comfort zone, work hard, and ask questions. I look forward to working with you this year as your grade administrator. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely

Ms. Best
Principal
Gr. 12 Administrator



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Grad Student Information Meeting

Wednesday,
October 20th

8:30am in the
Seycove
Cafeteria

Grade 12s must attend A Mandatory information meeting on the following topics:

- Grad Events
- Grad Requirements
- Post-Secondary Information and Admissions Process
- Scholarships and Post-Secondary Financing

Grad Parent Information Evening

Wednesday,
October 20th

7:00pm via MS
Teams

Grade 12 parents are invited to attend an information meeting on the following topics:

- Grad Events
- Grad Requirements
- Post-Secondary Information and Admissions Process
- Scholarships and Post-Secondary Financing

MS Teams Live Event Link: <https://bit.ly/3AlgxhB>

GRAD EVENTS

School
Sponsored
Grad Events

Safety is of paramount importance during school sponsored events. Therefore, all school sponsored grad events are **drug free (no alcohol, narcotics, vape products or tobacco)**. We request the cooperation of grads and parents in making certain **none** are consumed before or during these events. Any parent or grad doing so may be required to leave an event or may not be allowed to enter an event and no refund will be given. Information regarding school events will be posted on the school website, announced at school, placed on the grad calendar, emailed home and sometimes announced in CLC 12 class meetings.



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Grade 12 Graduation Portraits

December 10-
11, 2021

Artona Individual Graduation Portraits

Reserve your Grad Portrait session now by clicking [HERE](#)



Dates: Friday, December 10 & Saturday, December 11, 2021

Location: Artona Studios 353 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Y 1M2

Students must book an “Individual” sitting to get their photo taken, but are also able to have family join them if they would like to have a family photo taken at the same time. Grad Portraits will take place at the Artona Studios (353 West 7th Ave, Vancouver B.C, Canada V5Y 1M2). For students who are not able to travel to the Artona studio, a mobile studio will be available at either Windsor or Seycove for students to have their grad portraits taken. The date for the mobile studio is TBD.

Artona Friendship/ Group Photos

“Group Photos” will also be available for students to sign up for. Group photos will be taken at Seycove for groups of students of 2-8 people. Further information to come and date TBD.

Grad Baby Photos:

-Grad
Ceremony Slide
Show Baby
Photos

1. Baby Photos for the Grad Slideshow presentation at the Graduation Ceremony:

Every year at Seycove's Graduation Ceremony, a baby photo of each grad is shown as he/she crosses the stage to receive their diploma. For this purpose, we ask that you please send your child's baby photo for inclusion in the Graduation Ceremony by April 29, 2022 to seycovebabyphotos22@gmail.com



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-Grad
Ceremony Slide
Show Group
Photos

We require minimum pixel dimensions of 640pixels X 480pixels. If you need an image scanned, please have your child drop it off in the "Grad Photos" box, which is located on the wall in the Main Office. Please remember to put your name and phone number on the back of the picture.

2. **Grad Group photos:**

-Yearbook
Parent
Dedications
(optional + fee)

Please submit any group photos of your child and their friends you have for the "Seycove Remembers" slideshow. This slideshow is shown at the end of the commencement ceremony. Ideally, photos will show students between the ages of 5-14 ; submit to seycoveremembers22@gmail.com

Please remember we require minimum pixel dimensions of 640pixels X 480pixels. And, once again, if you need an image scanned, just have your child drop it off in the "Grad Photos" box in the Main Office and don't forget to put your name and phone number on the back of the picture please.

3. **Parent Dedication and Baby Photo for the Yearbook (Please Note this is *OPTIONAL*)**

You have the *option* to have your child's baby photo printed in the yearbook alongside a 100-word (max.) dedication to your child. If you would like to do this, please include the dedication in the same email as the baby photo, and in the subject line write "BABY DEDICATION REQUEST" in capital letters. Deadline is December 15, 2021.

There is a charge of \$20 to offset the additional yearbook pages if you choose to have the baby photo and dedication printed in the yearbook. This fee can **only be paid** via your School Cash Online account [HERE](#).

Grad Fees

Your Graduation Activity Fee is \$45. All fees must be paid online through [School Cash Online](#). Additional optional fees include:

- Winter Semi-Formal – TBD (approx. \$80)
- Graduation Cap & Gown – Included in Grad Activity Fee
- Graduation Valedictory Ceremony– Free
- Graduation Banquet – TBD (approx. \$150-\$170)
- Graduation Banquet Boat Cruise (approx. \$60-\$100)



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Convocation Ceremony Profile	Each grade 12 will submit their profile write-up in their English 12 class. The Grade 12 Valedictory Ceremony Profile is for every grade 12 student participating in the Convocation Ceremony. It is read as they cross the stage at the venue. If students do not hand in a write-up, school administration will write something for them.
Valedictorian	Valedictorian candidates will submit nominations in the Spring (date TBD). To be considered as valedictorian students must: demonstrate positive citizenship, have excellent attendance, and be prepared to present 3 minutes of their speech to a panel of grad sponsors and school administration for consideration for Valedictorian.
Grad Council	Grad Council is sponsored by Ms. Yeo and Ms. Eyton. Grade 12 students on Grad Council were selected by their peers to represent their grad class in June 2021. They meet every Thursday morning to discuss school activities, fundraisers and multiple grad events. Some of Seycove's annual grad events are: dress-up days, grad boat cruise (December), grad snack store, grad gift to school, Renaissance Award, fundraisers and helping shape the grad banquet and convocation. If you have any questions or ideas for this year's Grad Council, please don't hesitate to reach out.
Valedictory Ceremony Rehearsal & Gown Pick-up	<p>The rehearsal for the Grade 12 Valedictory Ceremony will take place in the gym a few days ahead of the Valedictory Ceremony. <u>Attendance is compulsory for all participants!</u> Students will learn and practice the organization protocols for the ceremony.</p> <p>Grad gown order will be collected starting in early January 2022.</p> <p>All students participating in the Valedictory Ceremony will need to order and pick up their grad gowns and wear it to the Ceremony; the gown is their ticket into the event. Grad gown pick-up dates and times will be shared with grads closer to the date. <u>All outstanding school fees must be paid</u> in order to pick up your gown. Check your School Cash Online account to check and pay your school fees.</p>



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Valedictory Ceremony

June 10th, 2022

The Grade 12 Valedictory Ceremony will take place in our Seycove Gym. The date will be June 10th, 2022. Grads will need to be at the venue one hour before the ceremony begins. Grads must arrive wearing their gown as the gown is their ticket into the event. Guests and grads will enter through the Gym doors. The entrance doors will open one hour before the ceremony. Tickets for family members to attend the event will be available in the month prior to the ceremony. Students will be provided a limit of 4 tickets. **NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.** If you have guests that need special seating please contact Ms. Best.

- Formal Atmosphere: Audience should dress and conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the formality of the occasion.
- Photography: Photographs of each grad will be taken on stage by Artona. Do not approach the stage or block the aisles to take photographs.

Grad Banquet (June)

June 28th, 2022

The Grade 12 Banquet will take place at the Harbourfront Pinnacle Hotel (downtown venue) on Tuesday, June 28th from 6:00pm-Midnight. Tickets will go on sale online through school cash online from approximately one month prior to the event. The ticket price will be approximately \$150-\$170 per ticket; everyone requires a ticket to attend. Seating must be chosen after tickets are purchased and all grads must have paid before a whole table can be reserved. It is best to pick seats as soon as tickets are purchased and to organize seating with friends and family. All grads must be present to sign up for their table grouping (ie. you can't sign up friends at your table). It is tradition for Seycove's grads to meet at Panorama Park in Deep Cove for a group photo and then board Harbour Cruiseline to get downtown to the Pinnacle together. This boat cruise is optional and typically costs \$60-\$100 depending on how many grads participate. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** The Grad Banquet is a dry event and security guards are onsite to ensure all graduates are in compliance. There are no in and out privileges given. It is also a tradition for grade 12 parents to organize a river rafting trip for grads to participate in on the night of the banquet (departing from the hotel at approximately 11:30pm). Stay tuned for more information from the parent group. For more information contact: ayeo@sd44.ca or jeyton@sd44.ca