



SEYCOVE SECONDARY
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



April 17, 2026

Principal's Message

We can definitely feel spring in the air at Seycove. The days are getting longer, the sun is making a (slightly) more regular appearance, and with that comes a noticeable shift in energy across the school. Spring brings excitement and momentum, and it's also an important time to stay focused, stay engaged in learning, and finish the year strong.

It continues to be a busy and vibrant time in our community. This past weekend, our students represented Seycove at Destination Imagination at BCIT, demonstrating creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving. Our PLP 11 students are currently in Ireland, experiencing all kinds of weather while taking their learning well beyond the classroom. Our Senior Music students are also preparing for their upcoming tour to Montreal, and I am really looking forward to joining them for this experience. At the same time, our Spring sports teams are now underway, with athletes showing great commitment, teamwork, and school spirit as their seasons begin. We are proud of the many ways our students are engaging in meaningful and memorable experiences.

For our Grade 12 families, I shared a significant amount of graduation information last week. We do encourage all Grad families to take time to review the details carefully, as there are many important upcoming events and timelines and we don't want anyone to miss deadlines or miss out! This includes grad write ups, ceremony tickets, grad rehearsal, banquet tickets – and so much more! All memos and updates are also posted on the [Grad section of our school website](#) for easy access.

We are also reminding and asking again for your support with the [Student Learning Survey](#). At this point, we have had only 29 parent responses, and we are hoping to hear from all families of students in Grades 10 to 12. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps inform Ministry, school, and district planning. The survey is available through a link on our website and in this newsletter, and we ask that you please complete it before May 1st.

As always, spring is a time of both focus and celebration at Seycove. We look forward to the many events and opportunities ahead, and we remain proud of the way our students continue to contribute to a strong, inclusive, and connected school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Meghan Downie

Principal
Seycove Secondary at séyəmətən

COMING UP @ SEYCOVE

Apr 21	PAC Meeting 7pm Library
Apr 21	Gr 10: A-MON Numeracy Assessment
Apr 22	Gr 10: MOR-Z Numeracy Assessment
Apr 29	Late Start: 09:50 Staff Collaboration
May 4	District Pro-D No School for Students

[Seycove Calendar](#)
[NVSD Calendar](#)



Creative, Respectful
& Inclusive Community





Updates & Reminders

Grade 10 Numeracy Assessments

The Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment is a provincial graduation requirement that measures students' numeracy skills and is completed in Grade 10. Students should be ready to write at 8:15am.

Last Name A-Mon - April 21, 2026 - A-F in Library, G-Mon in Room 317

Last Name Mor-Z - April 22, 2026 - Mor-S in Library, T-Z in Room 317

Students: [Assessment samples and review](#)

Parents: [Download the Parent Brochure](#)

Students with questions should see Mr. Ruben or message him on teams.



Senior Drama: **Shakespeare's Bachelorette**



Join Senior Drama Monday April 27th, Doors at 6pm for **Shakespeare's Bachelorette**

This is the Shakespeare Reality Dating show mash-up you've been waiting for!

Our Bachelorette Kate is finding her options are somewhat limited in the dating pool...

Hamlet is pretty focused on his ghost daddy, Macbeth keeps trying to grab an imaginary dagger, and why does Iago keep giving her a handkerchief?

Oberon seems to think he's going to win the show and it has nothing to do with bribing Puck... who will accept, nay, win the rose?

Tickets available to purchase April 22nd,

School Cash Online

VERY LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE



Student Learning Survey

We encourage all parents and guardians to complete the **Student Learning Survey before May 1st**.

Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us better understand student experiences, strengthen our programs, and make informed decisions that support learning and well-being at Seycove.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your voice and help shape our school community!





Updates & Reminders

Mandatory Home Room - Monday

Students will have the opportunity to review their course selections for next year during a **mandatory homeroom on Monday at 12:45 pm** (Grades 8–11), where course verification forms will be distributed.

This is an important step in the planning process, as course selections help shape each student's learning pathway and ensure they are on track for graduation and future goals. We encourage students and families to carefully review the selections.

If changes are requested, forms must be signed and returned by Friday, April 24.

Thank you for taking the time to review and support this important process.



AP Psychology Plant Sale - Ends April 20th

Support Seycove's AP Psychology program while getting ready for spring!

Our plant sale is now on, with orders open until April 20th.

All proceeds will go toward enriching student learning through guest speakers and workshop opportunities in the AP Psychology program.

- Plant Pick-Up: Friday, May 1st
- Location: Seycove Cafeteria

ORDER NOW

Thank you for supporting our students—happy planting!



Green Club Clothing Swap A Big Success

Seycove's Green Club hosted a fantastic clothing swap, and it was a huge success! Thanks to the many generous donations from our school community, the cafeteria quickly filled with enthusiastic thrifters eager to find something new while giving clothes a second life.

Students embraced the chance to shop sustainably, repurpose items, and make more environmentally conscious choices. The event not only promoted reuse and reduced waste, but also brought great energy and community spirit to the school.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward adding more plants to Turtle Island and supporting the school garden. The Green Club continues to lead the way in environmental awareness at Seycove, working hard to educate and inspire others.

Next up, the group is excited to take their knowledge beyond our school by visiting Cove Cliff to share tips and ideas with younger students.

Great work, Green Club!





Celebrations of Learning

March Madness, French Style: Manie Musicale at Seycove

Manie Musicale is an annual bracket-style competition for students and teachers of French. Similar to March Madness basketball in the United States, participants predict which of 16 francophone songs will be the most popular. Once the tournament begins, voters decide which songs advance through each round until a champion is crowned.

This year, Seycove's French students took part in the excitement by making their predictions, voting on matchups, and cheering on their favourite songs. Along the way, they connected with students from around the world while building their French skills in a fun, engaging, and global experience.





Celebrations of Learning

Makers on a Mission - Seyhawks at Destination Imagination

Our Maker 8/9/10 students recently took part in *Destination Imagination*, a creative team challenge program that combines problem-solving, design, and performance. Over the past several months, students worked in groups to plan, build, test, and revise their solutions to open-ended challenges in engineering, fine arts, science, and technical theatre.

At the tournament this past Saturday, students presented their team challenges and also completed an instant challenge that tested their creativity, communication, and teamwork under pressure. It was great to see them apply the skills they have been building in class! - Ms. Gruys





Celebrations of Learning

Blue Prints: Science Through Art

For our science project we got the opportunity to use cyanotype to create an art piece that represents an element of our choice. Our process was to cut out foam stencils of our art and then place it on a piece of fabric soaked in the chemical cyanotype. We then put it under the sun and 20 minutes later, the cyanotype turned our fabric blue! Because we had foam pieces covering some parts, it revealed a white outline of our drawing. This project tested our creative skills and was a lot of fun to research about the element of our choosing! - Lauren & Rowen, Science 9 Students





GRAD 2026



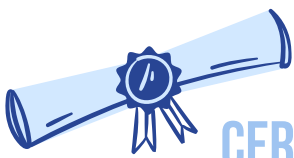
Important Dates & Reminders for Grads & Families



Grad Calendar:

- April 19 - Grad Banquet Tickets On Sale
- April 24 - Grad Write-Ups Due
- May 11 - Last Day to Purchase Banquet Tickets
- May 13 - Banquet Table Selection
- May 20 - Ceremony Ticket Requests Due
- May 22 - Capstone
- June 8 - Superintendent's Lunch (By Invite)
- June 9 - Ceremony Rehearsal - Gym @8:20am
- June 11 - Grad 2026 Ceremony
- June 23 - Grad Banquet - Dinner & Dance

Information on all Grad related dates and events can be found [on our website](#)



JUNE 9/26

CEREMONY REHEARSAL

This rehearsal is for **ALL Grade 12 students** participating in the Graduation Ceremony. **Rehearsal begins at 8:20AM sharp.** Grads will receive their ceremony & banquet tickets and their gown which will need to be steamed or pressed.



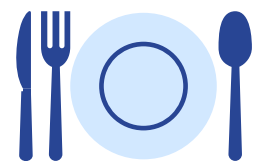
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GRADUATION CEREMONY

All Grade 12 students participating in the Graduation Ceremony should be at the **Centennial Theatre by 6 PM.** Please be on time! Doors open for guest seating at 6:30pm, ceremony begins at 7pm.



GRAD DINNER & DANCE - JUNE 23/26



This event is a formal, non-alcoholic celebration for all grads and their parents who have purchased tickets. This year's dinner will be held at the **Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver.** Please arrive at the Shipyards Pier at 5:30pm for a formal group photo before making your way to the hotel. The dinner begins with a reception at 6pm. Tickets are on sale April 19-May 11 through [SchoolCash Online.](#)



Post Secondary & Careers

Inside Seaspan - Exploring Engineering on the North Shore

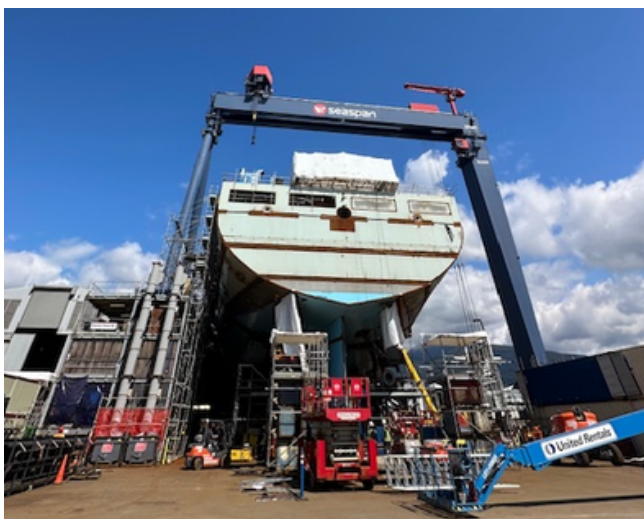
Three Seycove students were selected to be part of a special cohort attending an engineering career exploration day at Seaspan, one of the largest employers on the North Shore and a leading Canadian company in shipbuilding, ship repair, and marine transportation.

The day offered an incredible behind-the-scenes look at engineering careers within this major shipbuilding company. A senior structural engineer walked students through the full ship design process, highlighting the many roles involved in turning an idea into a full-scale vessel.

Students then toured the shipyard, where they witnessed massive sheets of steel being transformed into giant icebreaker ships currently under construction for the Government of Canada. Seeing the scale, complexity, and precision of the work left students in awe of the skill, machinery, and engineering required.

After lunch, the group explored some of Seaspan's latest innovations and heard firsthand from an engineering intern about their day-to-day experience.

It was an exciting and inspiring day that truly sparked interest and curiosity for future careers in engineering.



Explore Your Future with Work Experience at Seycove

Want more opportunities like our recent visit to Seaspan?

Seycove's Work Experience (WEX) program connects students with real-world learning in a wide range of industries - from engineering and trades to business, health, and more.

Stop by the WEX office and talk to Mrs. Knapp to learn more about how you can get involved!



Seycove Snapshots

There's never a dull (or boring) moment in the halls at Seycove! From hidden eggs and student artwork to creative crafts and ever-changing library displays, our school is a vibrant reflection of student voice, creativity, and community.

(left: Fallon taking part in the Big Egg Hunt where she tracked down all ten hidden eggs; Middle Left: Our Library Assistant Jenny is always changing it up with her elaborate library displays; Below Left: creativity from our Hawks Nest students and aides; Below: some of our talented senior photography student photos)



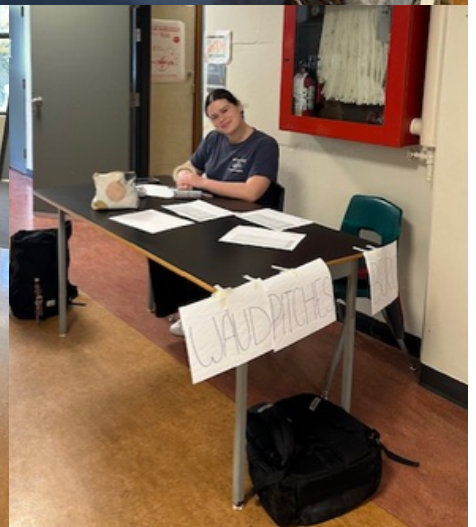


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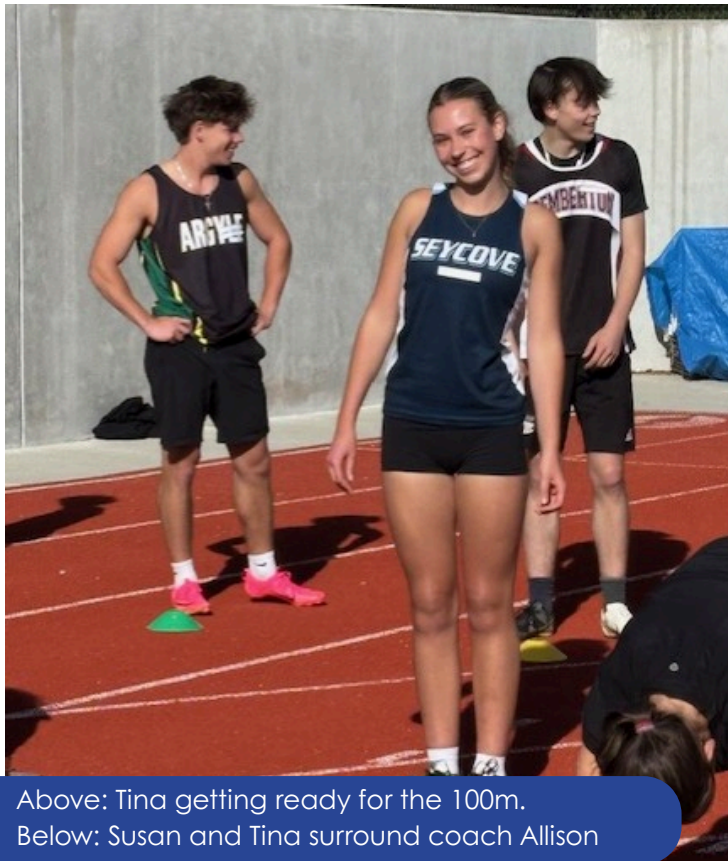
We were pleased to welcome parents and guardians to the school last week for Parent-Teacher Conferences. It was a great opportunity to connect, share learning, and support student success.

A special thank you goes out to our incredible student volunteers, who helped make everything run so smoothly.





Seycove Seyhawks



Seycove's track team kicked off their season with a great day of competition at West Van Secondary's track. With sunshine overhead and strong energy all around, athletes enjoyed getting back out on the track and into their events. It was a fantastic start to the season, and the team is looking forward to building momentum and a great year ahead!



Above: Tina getting ready for the 100m.
Below: Susan and Tina surround coach Allison



Brendan pacing himself as he competes in the 1500m

