

March 7, 2025

Dear Parents, Guardians, and/or Caretakers of the Class of 2025,

As we approach Spring Break, the longer days and sunshine bring a renewed energy to our school community. For many students, this time of year also marks exciting milestones – whether it's planning for graduation, securing post-secondary opportunities, or earning a driver's license. It is an exciting time and this next part of the year, we know, will fly by. I encourage our grads to enjoy this special time while keeping safety and learning at the forefront.

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, we encourage our Grade 12s to stay engaged, finish strong, and make the most of these last months at Seycove. Whether in the classroom, on the roads, or in their extracurricular pursuits, we want to ensure they have the support they need to succeed and finish this chapter confidently.

Below is information about upcoming events, grad requirements, and other important notices for grads and families.

School Fees

There are a number of students who have not yet paid their school fees. If school fees are not cleared, grads may not receive their cap & gown for the Grad Ceremony, or their yearbook, until fees are paid.

Please log into your [School Cash Online Account](#) to ensure you are up to date with all school fees.

If there is a reason you are not able to pay school fees, please reach out directly to me at mdownie@sd44.ca as there may be opportunities to support those with financial need.

Yearbooks and Baby Photos

Grads: Look out for a Teams message regarding an upcoming opportunity to rewrite their Yearbook grad quote.

- Haven't purchased a yearbook? We now have a waitlist started. If you are interested in being on the waitlist, please email Maureen Dawe at mdawe@sd44.ca, ASAP.
- If you have not already done so, please email any Grad Baby photos for grad ceremony **NOW**:
 - gradbabyphotos2025@sd44O365.onmicrosoft.com

Grad Write Ups for Graduation Ceremony

DUE: FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

Students must use [the link](#) on their own account and submit their write up.

Grad write-ups are read as students cross the stage to shake the principal's hand and receive their diploma on May 29th. Write ups are meant to be formal, articulate, and concise at only 50 to 60 words.

This is mandatory for ALL grads. If we don't have a personalised write up, we will write something (impersonal) on behalf of grads as they walk across the stage. **Please have grads follow [the forms link](#) using their NVSD account to complete the form linked below and submit their write up before April 11th. [This link](#) is also posted in our Grade 12 Team.**



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Grad write-ups should be in the third person and with your positive experiences at Seycove in mind. Consider including the following:

- Favourite memories; Memorable quote; Activities you were involved in; Advice to future grads; Future plans; Special thanks to staff, family, friends

Below are examples of acceptable grad write-ups:

Paul is honoured to have spent the last five years among the people who stand with him today. He thanks the teachers who inspired him, the coaches who pushed him, and the classmates who were by his side through it all. Paul wishes each of his fellow graduates the best in their future endeavours.

Meghan would like to thank her parents for their endless support, her friends for the unforgettable memories, and History 12 for teaching her that nothing good ever comes from procrastination. She is going to miss Seycove but is excited to start studying early childhood education at Capilano University next year. Congrats, grads of 2025! This is just the beginning.

Before embarking on an adventure at the University of Toronto next year to study business, Maureen would like to acknowledge their friends, teachers, and their mother for their unwavering support. As Ghandi said, "In a gentle way, you can shake the world."

Grad Parent Group – Action Requested

While the school is not involved or responsible for non-sanctioned events that are organized outside of the school and not supervised by school staff, we know there is appetite for parents to support and celebrate this year's grad class. On behalf of the parent group who hopes to connect all grad parents, below is a message from the group's lead who (separate from school) is looking to plan some exciting and safe events for this amazing group of students!

Dear Seycove Grad Parents,

As we get closer to the end of the year, there are some fun activities that will be planned for all of the Grads to participate in. Some of these activities fall outside of the school sanctioned events and will be organized by a parent group. I am Lori Climenhaga, and I will be the central contact for the parent group coordinating the details for the external events.

To ensure we are including all Grad Parents in the details/communications, we would like to create a full contact list.

1, Please send your contact information to Janet Brock. Her email is jlynhunt@hotmail.com. Janet will be creating a list that will be used to email details out as plans come together

2, If you are interested in volunteering to support the group, please include that information in your email to Janet when you send your contact information.

Thank you - and I look forward to connecting with you to celebrate our kids' graduation and participate in fun & safe events!



Career Life Connections 12 – Capstone

All Grade 12s are required to do their Capstone Presentation this year as a key component of their CLC 12 Curriculum. More info about the Ministry course can be found here: [Career-Life Education and Career-Life Connections in the Graduation Years – Questions and Answers](#).

For students NOT in the PLP: Date of the Capstone Presentation: May 22nd, 2025

Please note, there is an adjusted schedule May 22nd and Grade 12s will be presenting in the afternoon to their peers in classes across the school. ENSURE GRADS ARE PRESENT AT SCHOOL (and ready to present) FOR THIS MANDATORY GRAD REQUIREMENT.



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Grade 12 Capstone Day
Adjusted Timetable Thursday May 22, 2025

Tutorial 8:30am-9:10am
 Period 2 - 9:10am-10:00am (50 mins)
 Transition - 10:00am-10:05am
 Period 3 - 10:05am-10:55am (50 mins)
 Transition - 10:55am-11:00am (5 mins)
 Period 1 - 11:00am-11:50am (50 mins)
 Lunch - 11:50am-12:50pm
 Opening Ceremony in Gym - 12:50pm-1:15pm
 Period 4 #1 - 1:20pm-1:40pm
 Period 4 #2 - 1:40pm-2:00pm
 Period 4 #3 - 2:00pm-2:20pm
 Period 4 #4 - 2:20pm-2:40pm

Please contact Andrea Yeo at ayeo@sd44.ca if you have specific questions about non-PLP CLC 12 or the Capstone.

Ministry Graduation Assessments

A reminder that all grade 12s are required to write three Provincial Graduation Assessments to graduate with a Dogwood as a part of the BC Grad Program. The Literacy 12 Assessment was scheduled for grade 12s in November. If students missed this session or the previous Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 Assessments, they should write these in April – please reach out to Mr. Ruben. More information about the Graduation Assessments can be found here: [Provincial Graduation Assessments](#)

Information on Post-Secondary Planning

More detailed information can be found here: [Post Secondary Information Page](#). I'd encourage students and families to check this page to ensure you are aware of the Grad program requirements and other post secondary information.

Seycove Scholarships 2024-2025

Grads, please continue to check this year's Scholarship Team. Ms. McLean continues to update this Team with scholarship opportunities for all grads. There's lots of opportunity for bursaries and scholarships!



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Graduation 2025 Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, May 29th, 2025

Location: Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver

- Students must arrive at Centennial Theatre at 6:00PM – to the studio entrance
- Doors for guests open at 6:30PM
- Ceremony Starts at 7:00PM

We will share more information about tickets and other details soon.

Graduation 2025 Dinner and Dance Banquet

Tuesday, June 24th, 2025

Location: Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver

Reception Start time: 5:00pm

Grad Group Photo will be taken at 5:30pm before the dinner is served at 6:00pm.

As this is a school sanctioned event, all school policies and procedures will be in place. Security provided by the hotel will be screening students – and parents and guests – upon arrival to ensure that they do not possess, nor are they under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The following items are prohibited and will be confiscated by security: all liquids, vapes, cigars, cigarettes, lighters.

We will share more information about ticket sales and other details after Spring Break.

General Grad Information

If you need more information on all things graduation, information can be found on our Seycove website: [Grad Information - Seycove Secondary](#)

I encourage our grad class to continue to focus on deep learning, stewardship, and of course, a little bit of fun. It's a super exciting time for our grade 12s and I am honoured to be a part of their growth as we enter this final lap of schooling!

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at mdownie@sd44.ca.

Sincerely,



Meghan Downie

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