

April 14, 2025

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

We are coming up quickly to May – and there a few KEY details to share as we plan for the next few weeks of school, for a successful completion of our students' grade 12 year, and for our upcoming Graduation Ceremony on May 29th.

As mentioned previously, we encourage our Grade 12s to stay engaged, finish strong, and make the most of these last months at Seycove. Whether in the classroom, in the community, or in their extracurricular pursuits, we want to ensure they have the support they need to succeed and finish this chapter confidently. We have a few more new drivers in our parking lots these days, and I'd ask you all to please remind students of the importance of road safety, their own safety & well-being, and of good decision making as they embark on this new responsibility.

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

[Grad Write Ups for Graduation Ceremony – STUDENT ACTION REQUIRED](#)

DUE: FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 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 18th.** This reminder is also posted in the Grade 12 Team.

[Graduation 2025 Ceremony and Grad Ceremony Rehearsal](#)

Grad 2025 Rehearsal - Tuesday, May 27th @ 8:20am

The MANDATORY Grad Rehearsal is Scheduled for **Tuesday, May 27th, 2025 at 8:20am**. Please ensure all grads arrive to the Seycove GYM by no later than 8:20am. Students may arrive late to their Period 5 class and teachers are aware.

Grad Rehearsal Agenda

- Welcome and Info
- What to expect at the ceremony, logistics, and reminders for the day
- Review and practice the Line Up, Processional, Presentation, & Recessional
- Traditions and Expectations
- Distribution of Cap & Gowns and Ceremony Tickets
 - ❖ Please ensure students iron/steam their grad gown prior to arrival at Centennial



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Graduation 2025 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

Ceremony Tickets and Other Info – ALL PARENT/GUARDIAN ACTION REQUIRED by MAY 9th

Each grad family will be allotted FOUR (4) tickets to the Graduation Ceremony. If you require more than four tickets, we will do our best to accommodate your extra ticket requests, but please note that all extra ticket requests are not a guarantee. Families who request additional tickets will be put on a waitlist. In addition to asking for information about extra tickets, we are also asking for information if your family requires fewer than four tickets as we can redistribute to other families in need of more.

ALL parents/guardians, before May 9, please take a moment to complete the form, linked (or QR Code) below, to inform us about ticket needs and/or accessibility requirements for the Graduation Ceremony on May 29th. We ask that ALL families complete this form (once per family).

[Graduation Ceremony 2025 Tickets & Info](#)



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 for school fees (not athletics or extracurricular/optional fees).

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 Dinner and Dance Banquet (Updated)

Tuesday, June 24th, 2025

Location: Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver

Reception Start time: 6:00pm (ends at 11:00pm)

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

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 in the near future.

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 PLP: Date of the Capstone Presentation: May 22nd, 2025

Please note, there is an adjusted schedule on 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 must schedule a time to write - please reach out to Mr. Ruben. More information about the Graduation Assessments can be found here:

[Provincial Graduation Assessments](#)



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Grad Parent Group – PARENT ACTION REQUESTED (Time Sensitive)

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,

Further to the message below that went out March 7th, if you haven't already, please send me (Janet) your contact emails by Friday, April 18th so that all students can be informed and participate in fun and safe events being planned.

Janet Brock

Email: jlynhunt@hotmail.com

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.

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. 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.

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.

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

Driving and Behaviour at Seycove

I wanted to include the message that was sent out to all grads last week, after witnessing some concerning and irresponsible driving and decision-making around vehicles at and at the school. As mentioned in my introduction, we appreciate the support from home in having conversations with your kids about the responsibility of driving and of having passengers in cars. If we continue to see such behaviour around cars at school, we will inform parents and guardians asap.



Grade 12s,

I wanted to take a moment to address something that is quite serious to me - and to other staff and students at Seycove. Since returning from Spring Break, I have deep concerns regarding unsafe driving behaviour in our school parking lot and around the school.

Recently, we have observed incidents involving speeding, overcrowded vehicles, reckless stunts—including individuals riding on top of cars—and general poor decision-making behind the wheel. These choices are not only dangerous for yourselves and other students, but they also show a lack of readiness to take on the responsibility that comes with driving.

Let us be clear: **driving is a privilege, not a right**. If you are unable to demonstrate safe and respectful behaviour while behind the wheel, that privilege can—and will—be removed. From this point forward, any unsafe driving will result in immediate consequences. This includes notifying **your parents** and the **RCMP** and may include having vehicles **towed at the owner's expense**, if vehicles are parked at the school.

We care deeply about your safety and the safety of others in our community. Please make better choices if you are opting to take on the responsibility of driving—or getting into cars with other friends who are behind the wheel.

I want to make sure everyone is able to graduate and to participate in grad activities - and this happens with good conduct at the school. More importantly even, that you are able to attend because you have made safe and responsible decision making over the next few pivotal weeks (and beyond).

Thanks everyone! I am excited to be alongside you for this final chapter in your high school journey!

Ms. Downie

Thank you for your support from home in relaying this message.

I encourage our grad class to continue to live into our Seycove Values: of being a CREATIVE, RESPECTFUL, AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY. These values will serve not only at school, but in the next chapter of each of our student's lives as well. This is a super exciting time for our grade 12s and I am honoured to be a part of their growth as we enter this final leg of their high school journey! Thanks to all of you for the ongoing support.

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

Meghan Downie



Principal Seycove Secondary

