

May 12, 2025

Dear Grade 12 Parents and Guardians,

We are fast approaching the final days of Grade 12 for our graduates. My hope is that all students finish the year strong with consistent attendance and continued engagement in their classes.

Please ensure you have read all of the information about upcoming grad events. In this memo, please refamiliarize yourself with the Grad Ceremony process, including the upcoming rehearsal for all grads. As well, you will find detailed information about our upcoming Graduation Banquet, scheduled for June 24th, 2025. There is important information about purchasing tickets and organizing tables for our celebratory Grad Banquet below. **We have not had high sales on the banquet tickets yet, which, to clarify, is a PARENT/GUARDIAN AND GRAD event. Please ensure you are purchasing tickets ASAP if you plan to attend, so that we can ensure we have enough participation to ensure a great night at this special event.**

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our graduating students together over the next two months!

Graduation Banquet & Ticket Information - Tuesday, June 24th, 2025

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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.

The Graduation Banquet will take place at the Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver on Tuesday, June 25th. **Tickets will be on sale from May 4th - May 25th through [School Cash Online](#).** NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. The ticket price this year is \$170 per ticket. Everyone, including grads, requires a ticket to attend. Grads are allocated four tickets each for the banquet - please contact Ms. Yeo if families are requesting more than their four tickets.

Seating must be chosen after tickets are purchased and all grads must have paid before a whole table can be reserved. The table request meeting is scheduled at Seycove on **Tuesday, May 27th at lunch in portable 25** where all students at each table must be present, bring their completed Table Request Form, and have proof of ticket purchase through School Cash Online. (Staff will print out a list of all grads who have paid in School Cash online.)

It is best to pre-organize seating with friends and family. **Please see the attached Table Request Form** for more detailed information and start to think about which grad will be the table leader for your family/friends.

We do have 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. If grads and families decide they cannot attend the banquet, they are still invited to attend the photo.

Seycove does not have the ability to subsidize for elective school events, but s always, if you have financial needs for school fees, families are welcome to fill in a bursary form to cover or support with mandatory fees. As always, these requests are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please note that the Grad Banquet is a dry event for ALL attendees. 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 it's brought in. **Please note as well, there are no in and out privileges for ALL attendees, including family and guests of grads.**



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Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal & Gown Pick-up -Tuesday, May 27th, 2025

All grads meet in the Seycove Gym by 8:20am

The rehearsal for the Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony will take place in the gym two days ahead of the Graduation Ceremony. Attendance is compulsory for all participants! Students will learn and practice the organization protocols for the ceremony. We will aim to start precisely at 8:20am.

At the ceremony rehearsal, we will distribute a cap & gown to students, a v-stole, and ceremony tickets as indicated in the linked form. The grad gown & cap will act as the graduate's ticket to the Grad Ceremony on May 29th. Students are encouraged to steam or iron their gowns before the ceremony – and to REMEMBER to wear the cap & gown to Centennial Theatre.

***Note** - V-stoles must be returned at the end of the ceremony. Students keep their caps and gowns or can return them to be re-used for future grads.

Graduation 2025 Ceremony - Thursday, May 29th, 2025

Location: Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver

Students must arrive (with cap, gown and stole) at Centennial Theatre at 6:00PM - to the STAGE entrance (The stage door is at the bottom of our loading ramp on the east side of our building, on the North side of 23rd Street)

Main Doors for guests open at 6:00PM - Theatre Doors open at 6:30pm

Ceremony Starts at 7:00PM

Ceremony Tickets and Other Info - ALL PARENT/GUARDIAN ACTION REQUIRED (PAST DUE)

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET INDICATED YOUR CEREMONY TICKET INFORMATION, PLEASE REACH OUT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE AT SEYCOVE@SD44.CA TO CONFIRM YOUR TICKETS. We will be handing out tickets to grads at the rehearsal.

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).



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).

As mentioned in my previous message home, I am super excited to celebrate these upcoming milestones with all of our grads but am inclined to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining focus on their schooling, on making smart choices, and on ensuring all the fun they are having is rooted in safety! We want to finish this year strong and all be able to enjoy this special time together.

Any questions, please feel free to email me at mdownie@sd44.ca.

Kindly,

Meghan Downie

Principal

