

May 21, 2025

Dear Grade 12 Parents and Guardians,

Hello again! I know you've heard from me often in the past few weeks, but we are ramping up to the final few weeks and our grad events are coming up quickly!

PLEASE read this message carefully so that you are aware of the details for next week - including info about grad ceremony tickets, timing, caps & gowns, etc. We have a MANDATORY Grad Rehearsal for all grade 12s on Tuesday morning (May 27th) - I have included information below that I hope you can please share and remind your grads about the details - and I will continue to share directly with the on MS Teams, so please remind them to check there often.

All grad info can be found on our Grad Page: [Grad Information - Seycove Secondary](#)

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

All grads meet in the Seycove Gym by 8:15am

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 and ceremony tickets.** The number of tickets each grad receives reflect what families indicated on the form link earlier in the month.

We were able to accommodate all additional ticket requests for the ceremony, as communicated out last week. Ceremony tickets are free of charge to families this year - with thanks to the PAC for their ongoing support of our school and important events like this ceremony.

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** - We will hand out V-stoles at Centennial theatre when grads arrive and line up. 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.



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Graduation 2025 Ceremony - Thursday, May 29th, 2025

Location: Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver

Students must arrive (wearing cap & gown) at Centennial Theatre at 6:00PM and enter through the STAGE entrance. Families do NOT enter with grads. (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 (Lonsdale Avenue) open at 6:00PM - Theatre Doors open at 6:30pm

Ceremony Starts at 7:00PM

Each grad family has been allotted FOUR (4) tickets to the Graduation Ceremony.

Families who had requested additional tickets have been contacted with information that we were able to accommodate requests this year. We continue to work on special accommodation requests and will share this information with families who indicated mobility or other accommodation needs for the theatre.

Again, **we will distribute a Cap & Gown to students and ceremony tickets at the grad rehearsal on Tuesday.** The number of tickets each grad receives in their envelope reflects what families indicated on the form link earlier in the month.

Please make sure you check the sealed cap and gown bag for your family's Grad Ceremony tickets for next Thursday.

As always, thank you for the support this year and in this particularly exciting time! I really appreciate you reminding your grade 12s of the details of these VERY important and mandatory events coming up next wee - and for your help in getting ALL grade 12s to the school at 8:15am on Tuesday morning!

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For your reference we will be going over the many details of the Grad Ceremony on Tuesday with our grade 12s. Here are the TOP 13 things I will ask all grade 12s to remember for the Grad Ceremony:

TOP 13 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE GRAD CEREMONY

Thursday May 29th, 2025 – Centennial Theatre

1. Arrive at the Centennial Theatre wearing your gown – it's your ticket in! You may not walk across the stage without it. Make sure you know your row number and the names of the people in front and behind you.
2. Dress nicely under your gown as you will be handing your gown in immediately after the ceremony – collared shirt, dress pants, smart dress, etc. Also, wear appropriate footwear – no flip-flops.
3. Get family photos, etc. of you in your gown **before** the ceremony!
4. The ceremony **begins at 7:00pm sharp! You must arrive by 6:00 pm** ... Don't forget about traffic!
5. The main doors open at 6:30pm for your parents and guests. **Grads enter the STAGE DOOR Entrance with gown and are headed to the STUDIO unaccompanied by any guests.**
6. Don't bring purses and other bags with you as you enter the theater – leave them with your parents or leave them at home. There is no secure storage.
7. **No gum chewing, please. Also, no cellphones or electronic devices.**
8. Please refrain from whistling, cheering or calling out during the ceremony; ask your family and friends to do the same. This action detracts from the formal tone of the occasion.
9. Please hold your applause for each other until the end of the row. It is difficult to hear over the clapping and slows down the event.
10. When your name is called, walk across the stage at a **relaxed pace. PAUSE** at center stage to shake Ms. Downie's hand, take diploma, and get a picture. Continue to the end of the red carpet and get your picture taken off stage.
11. You must remain ON-STAGE for the duration of the ceremony! There will be no washroom breaks.
12. Before you leave the Theatre make sure to drop your V-Stole in the bin in the Lobby.
13. And lastly, this ceremony isn't just for you, it's for your parents and family to celebrate with you. Enjoy the ceremony and remember to smile!

