

June 20, 2025

Dear Grade 12s, Parents, and Guardians,

*I thought I was finished with my memos to grads and families but wanted to send one more ahead of our grad banquet on Tuesday evening just to confirm details and make sure those who are attending, are aware of the details ahead of time. As mentioned in my previous message, we want to ensure this final celebration maintains the tone of positivity, good behaviour, and safe, school-sanctioned fun. So far this year, our grads have proven their maturity and good decision-making skills at our events, so I am confident this will continue into Tuesday's celebration. Your support in setting that tone – alongside the staff who will be there to celebrate – is deeply appreciated. I've included the banquet details one final time below, for your reference.*

**Graduation Banquet - Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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**Location: Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver**

**Reception/Banquet Timing: 6:00pm to 10:30pm**

**Dinner is served at 6:15pm - followed by toasts and dancing**

**Grad Group Photo will be taken at 5:30pm at the Shipyards Pier**

A reminder that Artona is coming to do a 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 (in front of Joey's restaurant). Any grads and families who cannot attend the banquet are still invited to attend the photo. The photo will be taken promptly at 5:30pm, so please have grads there on time so they're not missed from the photo, if they want to be in it.

**TICKETS: All tickets purchased will be handed out at the door upon check in. There are NO ticket sales at the door, but we will have a list of names of all grads and guests who have paid.**

**When you arrive to the hotel and head upstairs, please line up at the entry point and check in with staff where you will receive the tickets you and your guests have paid for - before going through security and finding your table.**

This is a very important note that the Grad Banquet is a dry event for ALL attendees – as it is a school-sanctioned event. 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 they are brought in. **Please note as well, there are no in and out privileges for ALL attendees, including family and guests of grads. If grads or parents/families opt to leave early, they will not be able to come back into the banquet.**

*As we prepare for the final celebration and year end, my hope is that we carry that same spirit with us – finishing the year on a high note, with joy, reflection, and above all, safety. I know this incredible group will rise to the occasion, just as they always have.*

*In collective celebration,*

*Meghan Downie*



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