

April 26, 2024

Dear Grade 12 Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your input regarding the location of this year's graduation ceremony.

Traditionally, our graduation ceremony has been held at Seycove, which has been a cherished and quaint tradition for many years. However, we have received numerous inquiries from parents regarding a potential location change. In response to these inquiries and after conducting parent and student surveys, we have received an overwhelming response in favor of moving the ceremony to a more professional venue.

Your feedback and engagement in this process have been instrumental in shaping our decision-making. We understand the significance of this milestone event for our graduating students and their families, and we want to ensure that the venue reflects the importance and decorum of the occasion.

I am pleased to inform you we will be hosting this year's graduation ceremony at the Centennial Theatre.

Please see the following information below regarding our upcoming grad events. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our graduating students together in June.

Warm regards,

Sarah Best
Principal

GRAD EVENTS

Grad Council

Grad Council is sponsored by Ms. Yeo and Ms. Eyton. Grade 12 students on Grad Council were selected by their peers to represent their grad class. They meet once a week to discuss school activities, fundraisers and grad events. Some of Seycove's annual grad events are: dress-up days, grad boat cruise (December), grad snack store, grad gift to school, Renaissance Award, fundraisers and helping shape the grad banquet and grad ceremony. If you have any questions or ideas for this year's Grad Council, please don't hesitate to reach out.

School Sanctioned Grad Events

Grade 12 is a year of hard work and celebration, and safety is of paramount importance during school sponsored events. Therefore, all school sponsored grad events are drug free (no alcohol, narcotics, vape products or tobacco). We request the cooperation of grads and parents in making certain none are consumed before or during these events. Any parent or grad doing so may be required to leave an event or may not be allowed to enter an event and no refund will be given. Information regarding school events will be posted on the school





	<p>website, announced at school, placed on the grad calendar, emailed home and sometimes announced in CLC 12 class meetings. Please check with the school if you are uncertain whether an event is school-sanctioned.</p>
<p>Grad Gown Order (Overdue)</p>	<p>Grad gown orders are being collected through an MS Teams Form https://forms.office.com/r/zHJtD4NgWp. Students can also find this link in their Grade 12 MS Team. All students participating in the Graduation Ceremony will need to order and pick up their grad gowns and wear it to the Ceremony; the gown is their ticket into the event. Grad gowns will be distributed at the Grad Ceremony Rehearsal at Seycove on June 13th. <u>All outstanding school fees must be paid</u> in order to pick up your gown. Check your School Cash Online account to check and pay your school fees. If financial support is needed, please contact Ms. Best.</p>
<p>APPLICATION FOR SEYCOVE VALEDICTORIAN 2024 Due Friday, April 26 at 4:00 pm</p>	<p>To be considered as valedictorian students must: demonstrate positive citizenship, have excellent attendance, and be prepared to present 3 minutes of their speech to a panel of grad sponsors and school administration for consideration for Valedictorian. Students have been provided detailed Valedictorian information via the Grade 12 MS Team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be considered for Valedictorian, applications must be sent to Ms. McLean in MS Teams before: Friday, April 26 at 4:00 pm.• Applications will be reviewed for eligibility by committee.• All applicants will be notified by <u>Thursday, May 2nd.</u>• All successful candidates will present a 2-minute statement in-person to the Grade 12 class on Tuesday, May 7th at lunchtime.• This allows grads to consider each candidates' viewpoint.• The Valedictorian Vote will take place immediately after the nominees' speeches on <u>May 7th</u> at lunchtime.• Candidates will be informed of the <u>voting result by 3:00 pm on Thursday, May 9th.</u>
<p>Graduation Ceremony Grad Write-Up Due Friday, May 17, 2024</p>	<p>Grad write-ups are read as students cross the stage to shake the Principal's hand and receive their diploma. They are meant to be formal, articulate, and concise at only 50 to 60 words.</p> <p>Students have been provided the following information via MS Teams and are asked to complete the online form to submit their write-up. The Form will also ask students to share any scholarships, awards and bursaries the students may have been awarded, so that we can share the information at our Grad Ceremony. https://forms.office.com/r/G5apNyXEJF</p> <p>Students are asked to write their grad write-ups in the third person and include positive experiences at Seycove. They are asked to consider including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Favourite memories• Memorable quote• Activities you were involved in• Advice to future grads• Future plans





- Special thanks to staff, family, friends

Below are a few examples of grad write-ups:

Student#1 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. He wishes each of his fellow graduates the best in their future endeavours.

Student#2 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 law at Capilano University next year. Congrats, grads of 2022! This is just the beginning.

Before embarking on an adventure at the University of Toronto next year to study cognitive science, Student#3 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."

**Graduation
Ceremony
Rehearsal & Gown
Pick-up**
June 13th, 2024
@ Seycove

The rehearsal for the Grade 12 Valedictory Ceremony will take place in the gym a few days ahead of the Graduation Ceremony. Attendance is compulsory for all participants! Students will learn and practice the organization protocols for the ceremony.

At the Ceremony rehearsal, students will be provided their gowns, a v-stole, and tickets for the Ceremony. Students are encouraged to steam or iron their gowns and v-stoles before the Ceremony.

***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
Ceremony
+
Ticket Request**

June 18th, 2024
Centennial Theatre
7:00pm

The Graduation Ceremony will take place on June 18, 2024. Grads will need to be at the venue one hour before the ceremony begins. Grads must arrive wearing their gown, as the gown is their ticket into the event. Students are provided a limit of 4 tickets, with an opportunity to request further tickets, which will be distributed by a random lottery draw. Tickets will not be available at the door. If you have guests that need special seating please indicate this in the online ticket request form.

Request Grad Ceremony Tickets through the online form:
<https://forms.office.com/r/dvAHs5xh94>

**Graduation
Banquet (June)**
June 25th, 2024

The Grade 12 Banquet will take place at the Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver on Tuesday, June 25th. Tickets are on sale from April 26-May 21 through school cash online. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** The ticket price will be \$165 per ticket; everyone requires a ticket to attend. Seating must be chosen after tickets are purchased and all grads must have paid before a whole table can be reserved. Table requests will happen at Seycove on Thursday, May 23rd at lunch in portable 25 with all students at each table to be present.





Pinnacle Hotel at
the Pier (North
Vancouver)

It is best to pre-organize seating with friends and family. More information to come closer to the date. See attached table request form.

A group photo of all the grads will be taken prior to the Banquet at the end of the Pier at the North Vancouver Shipyards. The Grad Banquet is a dry event and security guards are onsite to ensure all graduates are in compliance. There are no in and out privileges.

