

March 3, 2026

Dear Parents, Guardians, and/or Caretakers of the Class of 2026,

As we head into Spring Break, I wanted to reach out with a few updates and reminders for our graduating class and their families. From experience, I know that once we return from the break, time truly does fly by — this final stretch is often the fastest part of our grads' high school journey, and before we know it, we are celebrating them at the end of this remarkable chapter.

This is such an exciting — and sometimes stressful — time for our grads. I hope our students continue to focus on their learning, on working toward their post-secondary goals, and on enjoying this special season of being Grade 12s.

It remains a true privilege to work with this exceptional group of students. Their talents, stewardship, and community-mindedness were especially evident in the events leading up to the break. As we move further into 2026, I look forward to continuing to celebrate their achievements and to supporting them through these important final months of their high school journey.

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.

*NEW – Seycove Student Driver Registration and Parking Policy

As more of our Grade 12 students earn their N and begin driving independently, we want to reinforce the importance of safe driving - both at school and in the broader community. We ask families to continue having conversations with their grads about the responsibility that comes with being behind the wheel.

At Seycove, all student drivers are required to register their vehicle information at the front office and have both the student and a parent or guardian sign the **Student Driver Policy Agreement** before parking on school property.

We have attached a copy of the policy for your reference and printed copies are also available in the main office. Our shared goal is to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and community members.

Yearbooks and Baby Photos

Please remind grads to follow this link: [Yearbook Grad Quote](#) or use the QR code below to write their Yearbook grad quote. This must be done from the student's NVSD account.



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2025-2026 Seycove Secondary Yearbook Grad Quote Form



Haven't purchased a yearbook? We notice there are grade 12s who have not purchased a yearbook to date. If this is an oversight, please ensure you purchase one before spring break to avoid disappointment.

If you have not already done so, please email any Grad Baby photos for the June 11 grad ceremony NOW (past due: February 27th): eshoop@sd44.ca

Seycove Scholarships 2025-2026

We ask grads to please continue to check this year's Scholarship Information Team. Ms. Madsen continues to update this Team with scholarship opportunities for all grads. The link to the Team is here: [General | Seycove Scholarship Information 2025-2026 | Microsoft Teams](#). **This time of year, things pick up quickly with external scholarship applications and opportunities. Please make sure grads are checking this Team regularly!**

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. If students have NOT yet written their Literacy 12 Assessment or their previous Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 Assessments, please reach out to Mr. Ruben at pruben@sd44.ca ASAP. We can support them to write in April. More information about the Graduation Assessments can be found here: [Provincial Graduation Assessments](#)

CLC 12 – Capstone and Required 30 Volunteer/Work Hours

A reminder for ALL grads - this year's **Capstone date is May 22nd**.

Please ensure all grads are working on their Capstone projects. Their first capstone progress check in happened in the CLC 12 classes the week of February 17th. The next progress check is the week of April 7th. We appreciate your support to help keep the graduate on track to present their special capstone passion projects in May.

As well, **students' mandatory 30-hour verification forms were due February 26th** to report on this ministry requirement on term 2 reports. If your grad missed the deadline, please have them speak to their CLC 12 teacher (Ms. Yeo) and submit the form ASAP.

More info about the Ministry course can be found here: [Career-Life Education and Career-Life Connections in the Graduation Years — Questions and Answers](#)



Grad Write Ups for Graduation Ceremony

DUE: FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

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 24th.** [This link](#) is also posted in our **Grade 12 Team**.

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. Your help in ensuring your graduate complete this important step is much appreciated.

Grad write-ups should be in the third person and with your positive experiences at Seycove in mind. Grads should consider including the following:

- Favourite memories; Memorable quote; Activities you were involved in; Advice to future grads; Future plans; Special thanks to staff, family, friends

Below are examples of acceptable grad write-ups:

Paul 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. Paul wishes each of his fellow graduates the best in their future endeavours.

Meghan 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 early childhood education at Capilano University next year. Congrats, grads of 2025! This is just the beginning.

Before embarking on an adventure at the University of Toronto next year to study business, Maureen 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."

*** NEW - Grad Parent Group – Action Requested**

The school is not involved or responsible for non-sanctioned events that are organized outside of the school and not supervised by school staff – and, in fact, the school must maintain a clear separation. While we are not able to answer questions, send out any contact information, or share information about events that are organized outside of the school - we understand 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 a parent who (separate from school) is looking to connect grad parents so that all grads are included in the plans for exciting and safe events for this amazing group of grade 12 students!

As we get closer to the end of the year, there are some fun activities that will be planned for all the Grads to participate in. Some of these activities fall outside of the school sanctioned events and will be organized by a parent group. Andrea Eilers, grade 12 parent, has offered to connect parents so that the planning group can share 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.

1. Please send your contact information to Andrea Eilers. She will be helping to create a list that will be used to email details out as plans come together: andreaeilers@shaw.ca (604-628-7657)

2. If you are interested in volunteering to support the group, please include that information in your email to Andrea when you send your contact information.

Thank you!



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Graduation 2026 Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, June 11, 2026

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

Each family will be allotted four tickets – we will share more information about how to request fewer or more, as well as pick up etc. in greater detail soon

Graduation 2026 Dinner and Dance Banquet

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Location: Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver

Reception Start time: 6:00pm

Grad Group Photo will be taken at 5:30pm before the dinner is served at 6:00pm.

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.

Please note, that the Pinnacle Hotel does not have any storage space available for backpacks or change of clothes. If students are planning for change for any event after, parents will need to plan to store items in personal vehicles.

We will share more information about ticket sales and other details after Spring Break.

General Grad Information

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

I encourage our grad class to stay focused on deep learning, meaningful stewardship, and, of course, a little bit of fun along the way. This is such an exciting season for our Grade 12s, and I feel truly honoured to witness and support their growth as we enter this final stretch of their high school journey.

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

Kindly,

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