

April 9, 2026

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

I hope everyone had a lovely spring break followed quickly by an extra-long weekend. The weather is warming up, and the sun is shining a bit more – which means we are approaching the end of the school year and a VERY exciting and emotional time for our grads and families.

There are a few KEY details to share as we plan for the next few weeks of school, for a successful completion of our students' grade 12 year, for our upcoming Graduation Ceremony on June 11th, and for the Graduation Banquet on June 23rd. Please ensure you read this memo closely so that you're not missing out on any 'to do' items required for our grads.

As mentioned previously, we encourage our Grade 12s to stay engaged, finish strong, and make the most of these last months at Seycove. Whether in the classroom, in the community, or in their extracurricular pursuits, we want to ensure they have the support they need to succeed and finish this chapter confidently. We have a few more new drivers in our parking lots these days, and I'd ask you all to please remind students of the importance of road safety, their own safety & well-being, of our parking rules, and of good decision making as they embark on this new responsibility.

Below is information – and action items - about upcoming events, grad requirements, and other important notices for grads and families.

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.

CLC 12 – Capstone

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

Please ensure all grads are working on their Capstone projects. We appreciate your support to help keep the graduate on track to present their special capstone passion projects in May.

Please note, this year, there will NOT be an adjusted schedule on May 22nd, but there will be special events and a celebratory BBQ organized for our Grade 12s throughout the day. Grads will be presenting in Period 5 and 7 to their peers in classes across the school. ENSURE GRADS ARE PRESENT AT SCHOOL (and ready to present) FOR THIS MANDATORY GRAD REQUIREMENT.

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

** DEADLINE SOON - Grad Write Ups for Graduation Ceremony

DUE: FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026



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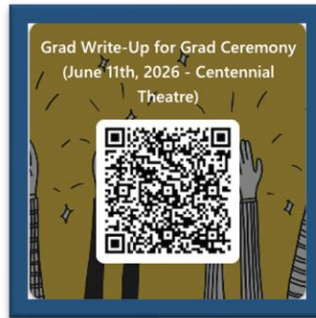


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This is mandatory for ALL grads. So far, we only have EIGHT responses for our grad class. If we don't have a personalised write up, we will write something (impersonal) on behalf of grads as they walk across the stage. **Please have grads follow [the forms link](#) or QR code below using their NVSD account to submit their write up before April 24th.**



Grad write-ups are read as students cross the stage to shake the principal's hand and receive their diploma on June 11th. Write ups are meant to be formal, articulate, and concise at only 50 to 60 words. Your help in ensuring your graduate completes 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 - Graduation 2026 Ceremony and Grad Ceremony Rehearsal](#)

Grad 2026 Rehearsal - Tuesday, June 9th @ 8:20am

The MANDATORY Grad Rehearsal is Scheduled for **Tuesday, June 9th, 2026, at 8:20am**. **Please ensure all grads arrive to the Seycove GYM by no later than 8:20am**. Students may arrive late to their Period 5 class and teachers are aware.

Grad Rehearsal Agenda

- Welcome and Info
- What to expect at the ceremony, logistics, and reminders for the day
- Review and practice the Line Up, Processional, Presentation, & Recessional
- Traditions and Expectations
- Distribution of Cap & Gowns, Grad Banquet Tickets, and Ceremony Tickets
 - ❖ Please ensure students iron/steam their grad gown prior to arrival at Centennial

* NEW - 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 (in addition to their grad). The grad's graduation gown will act as their ticket to the ceremony – they do not require a paper ticket. ***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.

Ceremony Tickets and Other Info – ALL PARENT/GUARDIAN ACTION REQUIRED by MAY 20th

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 20th please take a moment to complete the [form linked here](#) or using the QR code below, to inform us about ticket needs and/or accessibility requirements for the Graduation Ceremony on June 11th. We ask that ALL families complete this form (once per family).



*NEW - 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.

The Graduation Banquet will take place at the Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver on Tuesday, June 23rd. **Tickets will be on sale from April 19th – May 11th** 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 to see if the request can be accommodated.

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 Wednesday, May 13th** at lunch in portable 25 where all students at each table must be present, bring their completed Table Request Form, and have purchased all tickets through School Cash Online before May 11th. 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 as 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. All 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.**

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.

[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](mailto: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](#)

Information on Post-Secondary Planning

More detailed information can be found here: [Post Secondary Information Page](#). I'd encourage students and families to check this page to ensure you are aware of the Grad program requirements and other post-secondary information.

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!

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

Thank you for your support from home in relaying this message.

I encourage our grad class to continue to live into our Seycove Values: of being a CREATIVE, RESPECTFUL, AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY. These values will serve not only at school, but in the next chapter of each of our student's lives as well. This is a super exciting time for our grade 12s and I am honoured to be a part of their growth as we enter this final leg of their high school journey! Thanks to all of you for the ongoing support.

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



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