

May 29th, 2026

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 our upcoming grad rehearsal and ceremony – including info about grad ceremony tickets, timing, caps & gowns, etc. We have a MANDATORY Grad Rehearsal for all grade 12s on Tuesday, June 9th – 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 them 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, June 9th – 8:20am

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 ceremony participants!** Students will learn and practice the organization protocols for the ceremony. We will aim to start precisely at 8:20am. (Please arrive by 8:15am)

At the ceremony rehearsal, **we will distribute a Cap & Gown to students and ceremony tickets.** The number of tickets each grad receives reflects what families indicated on the form link earlier in the month. The good news is that we were able to accommodate all additional ticket requests for the ceremony, as communicated out last week!

All 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 June 11th. Students are encouraged to steam 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.

We will also distribute Grad Banquet tickets at grad rehearsal. Please check the bag with your student's Cap and Gown for your family's purchased grad banquet tickets – and ask your grad to be super careful with these tickets as all attendees, including grads, must bring their tickets to the banquet and provide them upon entry at the Pinnacle.

Graduation 2026 Ceremony – Thursday, June 11th, 2026

Location: Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver



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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 the loading ramp on the east side of the building, on the North side of 23rd Street)

Main Doors for guests (Lonsdale Avenue) open at 6:00PM to the lobby - Theatre Doors open at 6:30pm

All guests must enter through the box office doors off Lonsdale Ave with their tickets.

Parking info: <https://www.nvrc.ca/centennial-theatre/theatre-parking>

Please note the new parking by-laws in place around Centennial Theatre, so there is pay parking, 2-hour & 4-hour parking, and free parking, depending on where you choose to park. If patrons are looking for free parking, then the best option is to park off St. Andrews (about 3 blocks east of Centennial Theatre on 23rd Street) or off Western Avenue (about 3 blocks west of Centennial Theatre on 23rd Street). The other parking that is close to Centennial Theatre is either 2-hour or 4-hour parking or pay parking (and by-law does patrol).

Ceremony Starts at 7:00PM

Each grad family has been allotted FOUR (4) tickets to the Graduation Ceremony as well as additional tickets if requested.

Please note that there is no assigned seating for the Ceremony. Seating is general admission, and guests may choose their seats upon arrival. There will be a few reserved seats for our presentation party and other specific guests or accessibility needs.

We continue to work on special accommodation requests and will share this information with families who indicated mobility or other accessibility needs for the theatre.

Again, we will distribute a Cap & Gown to students and ceremony tickets at the grad rehearsal on Tuesday June 9th.

Please make sure you check the sealed cap and gown bag for your family's Grad Ceremony tickets. **If there are issues or discrepancies between requests and tickets received, please reach out right away.**

For your reference we will be going over the many details of the Grad Ceremony on Tuesday, June 9th 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, June 11th 7:00pm – 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. Remember to wear appropriate footwear – no flip-flops. And to think of what you're wearing under your gown that is dressed for the occasion, but comfortable to sit in, facing the audience, for the ceremony.*
- 3. Get family photos, etc. of you in your gown **before** the ceremony!*



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4. The ceremony **begins at 7:00pm sharp! You must arrive by 6:00 pm** ... Don't forget about traffic!
5. The main doors to the theatre open at 6:30pm for your parents and guests. **Grads enter the STAGE DOOR Entrance wearing the 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. You are on stage – on display!**
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 will slow down the event.
10. When your name is called, walk across the stage at a **relaxed pace. PAUSE** at the center stage to shake Ms. Downie's hand, take a 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!

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 within the next few weeks – and for your help in getting ALL grade 12s to the school at 8:15am on the morning of June 9th!

Meghan Downie

