

June 16, 2026

Dear Grade 12s, Parents, and Guardians,

What a fabulous night it was last Thursday celebrating all of our amazing grads at their ceremony. With one final school grad event ahead, I wanted to send a reminder ahead of the 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 messages, we want to ensure this final celebration maintains the tone of positivity, good behaviour, and safe, school-sanctioned fun. Your support in helping to set that tone for this final celebration - alongside the staff who will be there to celebrate - is deeply appreciated. I've included the banquet details below, for your reference.

GRADUATION BANQUET - TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2026

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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, dessert, and dancing

Grad Group Photo will be taken at 5:20pm at the Shipyards Pier (meet at the Pier just after 5pm for the group photo)

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 5:20pm at the North Vancouver Shipyards (in front of Joey's restaurant). If grads and families have decided they cannot attend the banquet, they are still invited to attend the photo. The photo will be taken promptly at 5:20pm, so please have grads be there on time so they're not missed from the photo, if they want to be in it. Grads and families can then make their way to the Pinnacle for 5:45pm.

TRAFFIC AND ARRIVAL UPDATE FROM THE PINNACLE:

During the FIFA tournament period, The Shipyards will serve as Canada's official fan celebration site, bringing increased activity and visitors to the waterfront area. As a result, traffic volumes and parking demand may be higher than usual.

To help manage traffic flow, the City of North Vancouver has implemented temporary traffic adjustments, including making Victory Ship Way a one-way westbound street from St. Georges Avenue. These measures are intended to create a smoother experience for both visitors and residents accessing the area.

We kindly encourage you to plan a little extra travel time when travelling to the hotel. Where possible, guests may wish to consider public transit, rideshare services, or arriving early to ensure a relaxed and seamless arrival experience.

TICKETS:

All attendees, including graduates and guests, must have a banquet ticket to enter the event.

When you arrive at the hotel and proceed upstairs, please line up at the entry point and have all tickets ready. Tickets will be collected by staff prior to the security check and entry into the banquet.

There will be no ticket sales at the door. We appreciate your support in helping the check-in process run smoothly.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND EXPECTATIONS:

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.

Bag Storage Reminder - there is no secure storage available for bags or personal belongings at the banquet.



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Graduates are asked not to bring changes of clothes, larger bags, backpacks, or other personal items, as we are unable to securely store them during the event.

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 graduates celebrate this important milestone, families may be aware of gatherings or events taking place after the Grad Banquet. Please note that any activities occurring after the banquet are not school-sponsored or school-supervised events, and Seycove Secondary School does not play a role in their organization or operation.

If you have questions regarding any parent-organized after-grad activities, please contact **Tree Cleeland**, who is serving as the parent contact for those events.

GRAD V-STOLE RETURNS

Finally, if your graduate still has their V-stole from the graduation ceremony, please return it to the Main Office as soon as possible this week.

These stoles are reused each year for future graduating classes, and we are currently missing approximately 30 from last week's ceremony. We appreciate your help in ensuring they are returned so that we can continue this tradition for years to come.

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

In collective celebration and appreciation,

Meghan Downie

