

September 4, 2025

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

I'm so pleased to welcome our newest Grade 12 students to the beginning of their final year at Seycove. It is truly an honour to support this group through such a milestone year, and I know it will be filled with memorable moments, meaningful growth, and well-deserved celebrations. Our Grade 12 counsellors, Ruby Willems and Margie Arnold, along with Grad Council Sponsor, Andrea Yeo and the Grad Council, are all working hard to plan a strong year ahead for this Seycove graduating class.

I know many of you are looking forward to the year ahead, and to help with planning, I would like to share the following tentative and confirmed "Save the Dates" with families:

Grade 12 Student Assembly

Friday, September 5th, 2025 – 1:50pm Location: Seycove Cafeteria Students will be called down over the PA

Grade 12 Parent Information Night

Wednesday, September 17th, 2025 - 6:00pm Location: Seycove Cafeteria

Artona Graduation Portraits - Individual Photo Sessions

Thursday, December 11th & Friday, December 12th, 2025 Location: Artona Vancouver Studio

Book your studio session here: Calling all Grads of 2026

Information on Post-Secondary Planning

More detailed information can be found here: <u>Post Secondary Information Page</u>. I'd encourage students and families to check this page to ensure you aware of the Grad program requirements and other post secondary information.

2025 Grad Boat Cruise

Tuesday, December 9th, 2025 (TENTATIVE) Location: Bayshore West Marina More details to follow

2026 Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, June 11th, 2026 Location: Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver More details to follow

Graduation 2026 Dinner and Dance Banquet

Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026 (TBC) Location: Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver More details to follow

A Message from Ms. Yeo, Grad Council Sponsor

Your Grad Executive Council has been selected for this year (the process took place last May). They are keen to start planning for and representing the Seycove Grads of 2026. Any grade 12 can pop in and listen to Grad Council meetings throughout the year If they're interested – and the Grad Council highly encourages grade 12 input and suggestions at any time.











As families begin to look ahead, I also want to acknowledge the financial realities of Grade 12. This is a special year, and there are several key events and opportunities that come with added costs. These include, but are not limited to, grad portraits, banquet tickets, grad clothing, cruise tickets, and even some additional student-led activities as well as a grad school fee. We encourage families to plan ahead and budget accordingly so that students are able to take part in these memorable experiences, as much as possible. Please know that our goal is always to balance tradition and celebration with accessibility, and we will continue to communicate early and clearly about costs as details are finalized.

All grads have been added to the **Grade 12 2025-2026 MS Team** for this school year. Important information about grad activities, deadlines, and opportunities will be posted there regularly. Scholarship and bursary information will be posted separately on the **Seycove Scholarships Team**, managed by Erin Madsen. Students and families should check both regularly to stay informed.

CLC 12 is a required grade 12 course for graduation. Please note the following with regards to when CLC 12 classes will meet this year with Ms. Yeo: CLC 12 Period 2 and 3 will meet on a group A/group B rotation. CLC 12 period 6 will be group A. If there is a stat holiday on Monday, then students should come on Friday. Friday's class is for make-up classes, large group guest speakers and 1-1 student support by appointment.

Over the course of the year, if you need more information on all things graduation, information can be found on our Seycove website: <u>Grad Information - Seycove Secondary</u>. We will continue to update this page as more events and opportunities are confirmed. Grads, please make note of the Post Secondary School Information Sessions.

A reminder that all Grade 12 students are required to complete three Provincial Graduation Assessments in order to graduate with a Dogwood. The Literacy 12 Assessment is scheduled for November. Please ensure your student plans accordingly, as this is a necessary step toward graduation. Mr. Ruben will share more information as we get closer to the date, including opportunities for students to complete missed Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 assessments.

More information about the Graduation Assessments can be found here: Provincial Graduation Assessments

I am very excited to continue this journey with the Class of 2026. This year will be filled with the challenges of a senior year, paired with much deserved celebrations, and I look forward to supporting each of our grads as they prepare for the next chapter of their lives. This is a special group of students who have already demonstrated their leadership, care, and commitment – and I am thrilled to see this continue in their grade 12 year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at mdownie@sd44.ca with any questions, concerns, or highlights as we move through this exciting year together.

With excitement and gratitude,

Meghan Downie

Principal of Seycove Secondary







