

October 27, 2025

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

As we approach our third month in the school year, I want to share that I am so pleased to be working with your group of grade 12 students and supporting them through this milestone year. It is hard to believe the culmination of your students' K-12 experience is already approaching and we are deep into the excitement of graduation year! It's also the time of year where the weather is becoming darker and we are entering holiday seasons – and I just want to reiterate my hope for all grad celebrations this year: that they are rooted in safety – as well as fun.

Amongst all staff, our grade 12 counsellors, Ruby Willems and Margie Arnold, our Grad Council Sponsors, Andrea Yeo and Esther Shoop, our scholarship coordinator, Erin Madsen, and I all want to support a great year ahead with this Seycove graduating class.

As leaders in the school, I also want to commend our grade 12s for leading with empathy and compassion when faced with the recent situation Thursday, when students were asked to remain in classes after the bell. Our students remained calm, sought support if needed, and led with understanding. And thank you to all of you in our school community for the understanding and support as well, as our school navigates this situation with care and reflection.

I know many of you are looking forward to the year ahead and to help with your planning, I would like to again share the following information and “save the dates” for this year with families:

**BC Post-Secondary Information Night**

Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 6:00pm

Location: Seycove Secondary School (please see attached poster for more information)

**Grad Winter Boat Cruise**

Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Time: 5:30pm grads must arrive for boarding (Departure at 6:00pm, Return at 9:00pm)

Location: Bayshore West Marina

**Artona Graduation Portraits - Individual Photo Sessions**

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Book your studio session here: [HERE](#)

**Artona Graduation Friendship Group Photos**

Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Location: Seycove Secondary School

**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.

**Graduation 2026 Graduation Ceremony**

Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Location: Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver

More details to follow...

**Graduation 2026 Dinner and Dance Banquet**

Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

Location: Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver



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## **\*\*Important Update on Grade 12 Literacy Graduation Assessment**

**A message from the Ministry of Education:**

**November Graduation Assessment Administration Session CANCELLED**

Due to BC General Employees' Union (BCGEU) strike action in the BC Public Service, the Graduation Assessment Session for November 3-7, 2025, will be cancelled for all grade 10 and 12 assessments. The next available session will begin in January 2026.

The Ministry has confirmed that early admission to post-secondary institutions in B.C. will not be impacted by the cancellation, as students are able to write the assessments in another session and submit their results when completed.

All Seycove Grade 12 Literacy Assessments are now **rescheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Last Names A – Hof

Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Last Names Hol – R

Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Last Names S – Z

A reminder that all grade 12s are required to write all three Provincial Graduation Assessments to graduate with a Dogwood as a part of the BC Grad Program. Please ensure grads plan accordingly to be present for this assessment as it is a necessary step toward graduation. Mr. Ruben will send out more information about the assessments closer to the date. If students have missed the previous Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 Assessments, they can write these in January and/or April. More information about the Graduation Assessments can be found here: [Provincial Graduation Assessments](#)

Please ensure grads are checking the Grade 12 MS Scholarship Team – there will be lots of information about grad and general school information posted here, so it's important for students to check often. Additionally, all information, opportunities, applications etc. about Seycove's and external scholarships will be posted on a separate Grad Team called **Seycove Scholarships 2025-2026**. Ms. Madsen will be supporting graduates with opportunities for scholarships and bursaries and posting key info here. Keep an eye out for more information as it comes!

Over the course of the year, if you need more information on all things graduation, information can be found on our Seycove website: [Grad Information - Seycove Secondary](#)

In meeting with the PAC this month, I also started to hear some rumblings of hope for a parent group to come together to help with planning non-school sanctioned grad events. While I can't share out contact information to the group, nor be involved with the planning of events that are not connected to the school, I can initiate the conversation within a grad letter out, including any parent organizer's contact information that is supporting with creating the contact list. Please look out for this in a future memo out.

I look forward to continuing to connect with our graduates this year. They are a great group. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at [mdownie@sd44.ca](mailto:mdownie@sd44.ca).

Sincerely,



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