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Hello Grads of 2024!

RE: Grad 2024 Newsletter

Your final year of high school provides many opportunities and now is the time to accept new challenges, explore options, work hard and begin to define your Grade 12 year and post-secondary plans. Your Counsellors, Ruby and Margie, are phenomenal resources who are available to help you navigate this transitional year. Your Career Life Connections 12 Course will also help you prepare for your transition into adulthood and celebrate your strengths and accomplishments. Some areas to consider this year are: graduation requirements, post-secondary requirements, scholarship opportunities, volunteer work, part-time work, career choices, and financial planning.

This newsletter aims to bring your attention to important graduation information and school-sponsored events. Post-Secondary information will be relayed to all students through the Grade 12 Student Assemblies on October 14th, the Grade 12 Parent Night, the Grade 12 Team on MS Teams, the Seycove Website, and through the daily announcements. To ensure you do not miss out, be sure the school has the current email address for parents and guardians.

Attached to this newsletter is a list of important grad activity dates. I encourage you to save this newsletter and mark these dates in your calendars. If dates change, we will send out notifications to families and notify students through their Grade 12 Team on MS Teams. The pages that follow contain important information for grads. Please take some time to review this information as it will help set you up for success this year.

We are thrilled to have you as the leaders of our student body this year. I challenge you to seize every opportunity during your grad year. Embrace new opportunities, step outside your comfort zone, work hard, and ask questions. I look forward to working with you this year as your grade administrator. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,

Ms. Best
Principal
Gr. 12 Administrator



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Grad Parent Information Evening

**Monday,
October 23rd**
7:00pm in the
Seycove
Cafeteria

Grade 12 parents are invited to attend an information meeting on the following topics:

- Grad Events
- Grad Requirements
- Post-Secondary Information and Admissions Process
- Scholarships and Post-Secondary Financing

BC Post-Secondary Information Fair

**Wednesday,
October 25th**
7:00pm @
Seycove
Secondary

Students and parents/guardians will be able to attend 2 sessions, followed by a mini fair where you can visit all of the schools' representatives.

[Douglas College - Eric Glanville](#)

[BCIT - Bhaveena Goradia](#)

[Quest - James Blumhagen](#)

[NIC - Lela Kulesh](#)

[CAF-RMC - Matthew Evans](#)

[UVic - Richard Belton](#)

[SFU - Sarah Wilson](#)

[Langara College - Shadi Hamidiaval](#)

[KPU - Alex Leach](#)

[TWU - Isaac Landry](#)

[CapU - Kaitlin Towill](#)

[UNBC - Angela Gallant](#)

[VIU - Jordan Werezak](#)

[TRU - Courtney Charlton](#)

Grad Student Information Meeting

**Friday,
October 27th**
(in CLC 12 in
periods 1 or 2,
or PLP period 1)

Grade 12s must attend a mandatory information meeting during your CLC 12 class (periods 1 or 2) on the following topics:

- Grad Events
- Grad Requirements
- Post-Secondary Information and Admissions Process
- Scholarships and Post-Secondary Financing



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Graduation Literacy Assessment

November
2nd

(in CLC 12 in
periods 1 or 2,
or PLP period 1)

Thursday, November 2nd Morning
8:00am Arrival, 8:15am – 10:15am Assessment

Last Names A – F Computer Lab 317

Last Names G – McB Library

Thursday, November 2nd Afternoon
12:15 pm Arrival, 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm Assessment

Last Names McD – R Computer Lab 317

Last Names S – Z Library

*Literacy 12 Assessment is designed to be written in 2 hours.
If you need extra time, you may continue writing for an extra hour.

More Information and Sample Assessments can be found at:
<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

GRAD EVENTS

School
Sanctioned
Grad Events

Grade 12 is a year of hard work and celebration, and safety is of paramount importance during school sponsored events. Therefore, all school sponsored grad events are drug free (no alcohol, narcotics, vape products or tobacco). We request the cooperation of grads and parents in making certain none are consumed before or during these events. Any parent or grad doing so may be required to leave an event or may not be allowed to enter an event and no refund will be given. Information regarding school events will be posted on the school website, announced at school, placed on the grad calendar, emailed home and sometimes announced in CLC 12 class meetings. Please check with the school if you are uncertain whether an event is school-sanctioned.



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Grad Boat
Cruise
December
6th (Date
TBC)

Grad Council is diligently working to organize a Winter Semi-Formal Boat Cruise for our grads. As this is a school sanctioned event, the boat cruise will be chaperoned by school staff and all school polices and procedures will be in place. Stay tuned for more information.

Grade 12
Graduation
Portraits

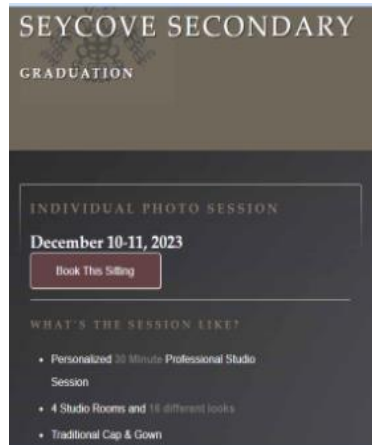
Artona Individual Graduation Portraits

Reserve your Grad Portrait session now by clicking [HERE](#)

Dates: Sunday, December 10 & Monday, December 11, 2023

Location: Artona Studios 353 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Y 1M2

December 10
-11, 2023



GRADUATION

Individual

Group

Students must book an “Individual” sitting to get their photo taken, but are also able to have family and pets join them if they would like to have a family photo taken at the same time. Grad Portraits will take place at the Artona Studios (353 West 7th Ave, Vancouver B.C, Canada V5Y 1M2). For students who are not able to travel to the Artona studio, a mobile studio will be available at either Windsor or Seycove for students to have their grad portraits taken. The date for the mobile studio is TBD.

Group
Photos

Friendship/ Group Photos – November 24th at Seycove

“Group Photos” will also be available for students to sign up for. Students must make a separate appointment for group photos. Group photos can be taken of groups of 5-12 students. If you have more than 12 students who want a group photo, then you will need to call the studio to book the appointment.



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Grad Fees	<p>Your Graduation Activity Fee is \$47.05. All fees must be paid online through School Cash Online. Additional optional fees include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Winter Graduation Boat Cruise (approx. \$140 - \$160)▪ Graduation Cap & Gown – Included in Grad Activity Fee▪ Graduation Valedictory Ceremony– Free▪ Graduation Banquet – TBD (approx. \$150-\$160)
Graduation Ceremony Profile	<p>Each grade 12 will submit their profile write-up in their English 12 class. The Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony Profile is for every grade 12 student participating in the Grad Ceremony. It is read as they cross the stage at the venue. If students do not hand in a write-up, school administration will write something for them.</p>
Valedictorian	<p>Valedictorian candidates will submit nominations in the Spring (date TBD). To be considered as valedictorian students must: demonstrate positive citizenship, have excellent attendance, and be prepared to present 3 minutes of their speech to a panel of grad sponsors and school administration for consideration for Valedictorian.</p>
Grad Council	<p>Grad Council is sponsored by Ms. Yeo and Ms. Eyton. Grade 12 students on Grad Council were selected by their peers to represent their grad class in June 2023. They meet every Tuesday at lunch to discuss school activities, fundraisers and multiple grad events. Some of Seycove’s annual grad events are: dress-up days, grad boat cruise (December), grad snack store, grad gift to school, Renaissance Award, fundraisers and helping shape the grad banquet and convocation. If you have any questions or ideas for this year’s Grad Council, please don’t hesitate to reach out.</p>
Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal & Gown Pick-up	<p>The rehearsal for the Grade 12 Valedictory Ceremony will take place in the gym a few days ahead of the Valedictory Ceremony. <u>Attendance is compulsory for all participants!</u> Students will learn and practice the organization protocols for the ceremony.</p> <p>Grad gown order will be collected starting in early January 2024. All students participating in the Valedictory Ceremony will need to order and pick up their grad gowns and wear it to the Ceremony; the gown is their ticket into the event. Grad gown pick-up dates and times will be shared with grads closer to the date. <u>All outstanding school fees must be paid</u> in order to pick up your gown. Check your School Cash Online account to check and pay your school fees.</p>



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Graduation Ceremony (June) June 18th, 2024

The Grade 12 Valedictory Ceremony will take place on June 18, 2024. Grads will need to be at the venue one hour before the ceremony begins. Grads must arrive wearing their gown as the gown is their ticket into the event. The entrance doors will open one hour before the ceremony. Tickets for family members to attend the event will be available in the month prior to the ceremony. Students will be provided a limit of 4 tickets. **NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.** If you have guests that need special seating please contact Ms. Best.

- Formal Atmosphere: Audience should dress and conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the formality of the occasion.
- Photography: Photographs of each grad will be taken on stage by Artona.
- Location for Graduation Ceremony to be determined.

Graduation Banquet (June) June 25th, 2024

The Grade 12 Banquet will take place at the Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver on Tuesday, June 25th. Tickets will go on sale online through school cash online at the beginning of May. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** The ticket price will be approximately \$150-\$160 per ticket; everyone requires a ticket to attend. Seating must be chosen after tickets are purchased and all grads must have paid before a whole table can be reserved. It is best to pre-organize seating with friends and family. More information to come closer to the date.

Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier (North Vancouver)

A group photo of all the grads will be taken prior to the the Banquet at the Pier at the North Vancouver Shipyards. The Grad Banquet is a dry event and security guards are onsite to ensure all graduates are in compliance. There are no in and out privileges.