



May 10th, 2024

Re: Argyle Grad Update

Dear Argyle Grads & Parents/Guardians of Grads,

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, with just seven weeks remaining, it's a time brimming with excitement and emotions for our graduating class. Below, you'll find details regarding upcoming graduation events.

Here's what you'll find in this update:

1. Graduation Banquet & Ticket Sales
2. Graduation Ceremony & Ticket Sales
3. Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal, and Cap & Gown Distribution
4. Scholarship/Bursary Offers
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Reflecting on the journey of our graduates over the past five years fills me with immense pride. Witnessing their growth, resilience, and adaptability in the face of change has been truly remarkable. I look forward to celebrating our grads with you this June.

Please reach out to me if you need financial support to attend either the Graduation Ceremony or the Graduation Banquet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Jonat', is written in a cursive style.

Kim Jonat
Principal



1. Graduation Banquet and Ticket Sales

The Grade 12 Banquet & Prom is on **Saturday, June 8th** at the **Westin Bayshore** from **6:00pm to 11:00pm**.

Tickets will be available for purchase through School Cash Online starting today until May 17th.

The ticket price will be \$150.00 per ticket. There are no restrictions on ticket sales.

Tables are set for 10; seats will not be added to any tables. Incomplete tables will be collapsed at the discretion of the planning committee. **Starting Wednesday, May 15th and up to May 22nd** students must bring a **printed copy** of their receipt to the multipurpose room to receive hard copy tickets and to choose their seats and tables during flex time, 8:30am to 9:10am. *It is best to organize seating with friends and family and then send one person with all the printed receipts to choose seats for the entire group.* Once seats are chosen it may not be possible to change them.

For the grad banquet, all guests (including grads) need a ticket to attend. In the past, most grads have attended with their parents/guardians and have sat together with a couple of other grads and their parents/guardians. On occasion, some grads have also brought other family members or a significant other. Some grads have also attended on their own. Grads will have a formal photo taken by GradsBC upon arrival and a grad group photo at 6:45pm. These will be provided to grads when they pick up their yearbooks in June. Dinner follows at 7:00pm followed by speeches and dancing.

On the day of the event, we ask that guests be at their tables at 6:45pm and grads gather in the lobby for a photograph. Guests who have not cleared security before 6:45pm will be held outside at security until the grad photograph is taken.

All guests will have to clear security before entering the event. Once guests leave the security zone for the event they cannot return. There will be no coat check at this event. Backpacks and other bags are not allowed. We have no safe space to store these, and they are not allowed in the Banquet Hall as they pose a risk to the serving and hotel staff. Guests who have not cleared security before 7:00pm will be held outside at security until we have begun calling tables for dinner.

The menu for dinner will be shared soon. There are gluten free, vegan, vegetarian, and dairy free options. **If you or a guest attending has a food allergy, please email Ms. Jonat (kjonat@sd44.ca) so she can notify the Bayshore.**



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2. Graduation Ceremony and Ticket Sales

The Grade 12 Convocation Ceremony will take place on **Monday, June 24th at 7:00pm at the Orpheum Theatre**. Grads must arrive by 6:00pm wearing their gown, v stole and cap. This is their ticket into the event. **Grads will enter through the Granville Street entrance.**

Tickets for the ceremony for all guests will be available for purchase through School Cash Online from June 10th to 14th. Tickets are \$15.00 each. There are no restrictions on ticket sales. Students need to bring a **printed copy of their receipt** to the multipurpose room during flex time starting June 2nd to pick up hard copy tickets for the ceremony.

If you have guests that need special seating, please contact Ms. Jonat kjonat@sd44.ca

Here are key things to note about the ceremony:

- No tickets will be sold at the door.
- Grads do NOT need a ticket; however, all guests need a ticket. Guests typically include parents/guardians, and often siblings, extended family members, or friends.
- Latecomers will not be seated until there is a break in the program.
- **Program:** Welcome from M.C., processional, Coast Salish Anthem, O Canada, Governor General Award presentation, Introductory remarks by Principal, presentation of graduates & scholarships, grad choir performance, major awards presentations, valedictorian address, recessional.
- **Formal Atmosphere:** Grads and the audience should dress and conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the formality of the occasion. The ceremony is about three hours long.
- **Photography:** A photograph of each grad will be taken on stage by Grads BC which students will receive on June 27th. Do not approach the stage or block the aisles to take photographs. Flash photography is not permitted in the theatre.
- **Return Gowns & V-stole at the venue IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY.** Any photographs of grads in gowns **must** be taken before arriving at the Orpheum theatre. Grads must arrive at 6:00pm and immediately come inside and begin to line up in their assigned places for the processional.
- **Guests will enter through the Smithe Street entrance.**
- Doors to the Orpheum lobby open at 6:00pm with doors to the theatre seating opening at 6:30pm. Seating is first come first served. The grad ceremony starts at 7:00pm. Grads must arrive at the Granville Street entrance by 6:00pm.



3. Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal / Cap and Gown Distribution

The rehearsal for the Grade 12 Convocation Ceremony will take place in **period 8 on Friday, June 14th in the large gym**. Attendance is mandatory for all students attending the graduation ceremony! Students without a period 8 class also **MUST** attend. Students will learn and practice the organization protocols for the ceremony.

Following the rehearsal, students will pick up their grad gown, cap, and V-stole. **All outstanding school fees** must be paid before gowns are given to students. Check your school cash online account to pay school fees.

4. Scholarship/Bursary Offers

If your student has been offered a scholarship or bursary, please have them report it to Ms. Malone by June 7th. Ms. Malone keeps a record of the grand total of scholarship money offered to the graduating class every year which is announced at graduation. Even if your student does not plan to accept a scholarship, please have them report all offers.

Argyle scholarships and bursaries are awarded at the graduation ceremony. Students find out at the ceremony if they have won an award.

5. Reminders

a. Fees

All school fees must be paid on School Cash Online prior to picking up grad gowns. If you need financial assistance with course fees, please reach out to Ms. Jonat. Please do this **BEFORE** June 14th.

b. Check your transcript

Students need to login to the [BC School Transcript site](#) and check their transcript, and post-secondary institution selections for marks to be sent to.

c. Official Transcripts & Dogwood Diplomas

Dogwood Diplomas will be issued by the Ministry of Education & Childcare in late August/early September. It is mailed to the address we have on file. If your address changes, please be in touch with our office staff.



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Official transcripts can be ordered from the BC Ministry of Education and Childcare using the Student Transcript Site. The school is unable to print official transcripts as these can only be issued by the Ministry. If students wish to have an official copy of their transcript, they must order it to be sent to themselves; it is not automatically sent. For further information please see the [Student Transcript Site](#). To access this site students will need their Personal Education Number, a 9-digit number found on the top of every report card.

6. Grad Safety

Grad activities are meant to be a time of celebration, but those celebrations must be safe ones. It is especially important at this time of year when concerns for student safety are heightened, that parents and guardians be aware of their student's social activities and support them in making the right choices for their own well-being, and for sake of the greater community.

Safety is of paramount importance during school sponsored events. Please adhere to all school rules which apply to everyone, including parents/guardians, family, and guests. School sponsored grad events are **drug, alcohol, and nicotine free (no alcohol, narcotics, vapour products or tobacco) for all guests**. We request the cooperation of grads, guests, and parents in making certain **none are consumed before or during** these events. Anyone doing so will be required to leave the event, will not be allowed to enter the event and **no refund** will be given.



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7. Calendar Dates

Friday, May 10 th	Grad ceremony write up due (Teams form – linked to student’s school account)
May 13 th to 17 th	Banquet ticket sales
May 15 th to 22 nd	Bring printed copy of banquet ticket receipt to choose seats & pick up tickets during flex time
Saturday, June 8 th	Grad Banquet at the Westin Bayshore, 6:00pm to 11:00pm
June 10 th to 14 th	Grad Ceremony ticket sales
June 11 th to 17 th	Bring printed copy of ceremony ticket receipt to pick up tickets
Before June 14 th	Ensure all fees on School Cash Online are cleared
Friday, June 14 th	Grad Rehearsal in Period 8 in gym – all grads participating in the ceremony MUST attend even if they have a study block. Distribution of graduation cap, gown, V-stole distribution at end of the rehearsal
Monday, June 24 th	Grad Ceremony at Orpheum, 7:00pm. Grads must arrive by 6:00pm.
Thursday, June 27 th	Pick up Grad folder-ceremony & banquet photo, and yearbook (if ordered)

