



GRAD 2016 NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY

Invitation to Ceremony

All eligible Grade 12 students may participate in the School Leaving Ceremony.



Student cost for School Leaving Ceremony is \$80.00. Graduates will receive 2 guest tickets to the event. Extra tickets may be purchased for \$5 at the school, or online, starting May 2nd. Tickets **will be available for pick up on May 2th - May 13th @ lunch in room 102 (Mr. Meredith)**. Tickets may also be purchased at the event on May 26th between 6:00 and 7:00pm at the Copeland arena.

If you have any questions, please ask an Administrator.

Ceremony Rehearsal

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2016 @ 12:00pm

All students who are attending the School Leaving Ceremonies **must** attend Period 1 and 2 classes and the rehearsal at Bill Copeland Centre.

Distribution of Grad Gowns

Grad gowns will be distributed after the Rehearsal at the Copeland Arena. Students must pick up their own gown.

Ceremony

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2016

Location: Bill Copeland Center
3676 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby

Time: 6:00 pm Grads arrive on site
7:00 pm Ceremony commences

Maps for location and parking will be available in the office the week before the ceremony.

TEXTBOOK RETURN

Grade12's are asked to return all textbooks immediately after the course is completed. Students who have textbooks or fees outstanding may not get their yearbook or transcripts



WORK EXPERIENCE COMPLETION

The Ministry of Education will allow students to graduate, only after they complete a minimum of 30 or 90 hours of Work Experience. Please consult with the Career Centre to ensure you have fulfilled these requirements



GRAD EVENTS TIMELINE

DATE	ITEM	COMMENT
Wednesday May 2 nd	School Leaving Ceremony & Dinner-Dance tickets available for online purchase	
May 2 nd - 13 th	Pick up 2 complimentary Grad Ceremony tickets	Must show receipt for \$80
	Extra Ceremony tickets for sale on-line or at the office	Cost: \$5
Thursday, May 26 th	Ceremony Rehearsal	12:00pm
Thursday, May 26 th	Grads arrive at Bill Copeland arena	6:00pm
	Grade ceremony begins	7:00pm
June 1 - 10 th at lunch	Grad/Parent Dinner Dance tickets to be picked up	Must show receipt for \$110
	Parent/Grad-Dinner Dance tickets for sale and pick up in Room 102 at lunch	Must show receipt or pay \$85
Friday, June 10 th	On-line Parent Dinner-Dance tickets end	
	Grad Dinner-Dance table requests to be submitted - Friday, June 10 th	
Monday, June 13 th	Seating charts will be posted for Grad Dinner Dance	
Wednesday, June 15 th	Final table seating chart for Grad Dinner Dance posted	
Friday, June 17 th	Grad Dinner-Dance at Pinnacle Hotel	Doors open at 6:30pm
Friday, June 17 th	Dry Grad Science World	11:00 - 2:00am



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GRADUATION DINNER DANCE

Date: Friday, June 17, 2016
Location: Pinnacle Hotel Vancouver
 Harbourfront
 1133 West Hastings Street,
 Vancouver
 Phone 604-689-9211



Itinerary:

5:30pm Arrival
 6:00pm Grad group photo
 6:30pm Ballroom opens
 7:00pm Dinner and welcome
 8:30pm-10:30pm Dance

The Dinner & Dance is a formal event for graduating students and their parents. Please note the following:

- Student tickets are \$110.00 each.
- Tickets must be presented for sign-in and security check.
- Students can be dropped off in front of the hotel by limousines, drivers or pay to park in the underground facility.
- A room will be provided for coat check/bags and no access to this monitored room will be given until the end of the night.
- There will be **no** in and out privileges during the event.
- No students are permitted to reserve rooms at the hotel.
- No smoking at the Dinner/Dance.

Parent Tickets for the Dinner Dance

As is Alpha's tradition, parents of our grads are very welcome to attend the Grad Dinner-Dance evening. Parent tickets are \$85 each and will be sold online (<https://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com/>) Wednesday, May 2nd until Friday, June, 10th. They will also be sold in Room 102 at the school from June 1st to June 10th. Tickets will be available for pick-up during this time, as well. Parent seating is in tables of ten; therefore, it is recommended that seating groups be formed when tickets are purchased. Please inform the school of seating arrangement. All parents will have the opportunity to have the "First Dance" with their son or daughter at 8:30 pm.

PLEASE NOTE

The School Leaving Ceremony and the Graduation Dinner Dance are school sponsored events. The Dry After Grad is sponsored by the Parent Committee. No other events have been planned, supported or endorsed by the school.

GRAD GROUP PHOTO

At approximately 6:00pm all grads will be directed up the street, to Jack Poole Plaza where our professional photographer will take a class photo. Parents may also take photos but the photographer's shots take precedence. When this shot has been taken all grads will return to the hotel and enter the dining room. Ticket holders only will proceed to the dining room.

DRY AFTER GRAD

(Sponsored by Dry Grad Parents Committee)

Date: Friday, June 17, 2016
Location: Science World
Time: 11:00 pm – 2:00 am

Important Information:

- Eligibility for admission required by April 30th
- Cost is \$100 or FREE admission to those students that sold a book of fundraising raffle tickets
- Dry Grad Raffle will happen on June 6, 2016
- Buses will transport students directly from the Pinnacle Hotel Vancouver Harbourfront (immediately after the Grad Dinner-Dance) to Science World.
- **NO** consumption of drugs/alcohol before/during the event - strictly enforced and respected.
- Student ID required for admittance
- Contact drygrad.alpha@gmail.com for more information

What to Expect:

- Food and drinks
- Music and dancing
- Hypnotist
- Many more fun events and prizes!!

GRAD BUS PASS



In the past, TransLink has provided a 2 day transit pass for all grade 12 students to assist with Grad activities and travel. We have not received information from TransLink as yet but will send out a list serve notification to parents as soon as information is available.



*Congratulations
 Alpha Class of 2016
 Best Wishes &
 Success in your future
 endeavours!*