



# GRAD 2018 NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY

**Date:** Saturday, May 26, 2018  
**Location:** Bill Copeland Centre  
3676 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby  
**Time:** 1:00 pm: Grads arrive on site  
2:00 pm: Ceremony commences

Student cost for School Leaving Ceremony is \$75.00. Graduates will receive 2 complimentary guest tickets to the event. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$5 at the school, or online, beginning May 1. Tickets **will be available for pick up from May 3 - May 17 @ lunch in Room 102**. Tickets may also be purchased at the event on May 26 between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm at the Bill Copeland Arena.

## CEREMONY REHEARSAL

**Date:** Friday, May 25, 2018 @ 12:00pm

All students who are attending the School Leaving Ceremonies **must** attend Periods 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 Bill Copeland Arena. Students will be keeping their gowns. Students will only be able to pick up their own gown at the rehearsal.

## GRADUATION DINNER & DANCE

**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2018  
**Location:** Pinnacle Hotel Vancouver Harbourfront  
1133 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver  
604.689.9211

### **Itinerary:**

5:45 pm ..... Arrival  
6:15 pm ..... Grad group photo  
6:30 pm ..... Ballroom opens  
7:00 pm ..... Welcome & Dinner  
8:30 pm - 10:30 pm ..... Dance

The Dinner & Dance is a formal event for grade 12 students. Please note the following:

- Student tickets are \$110.00 each
- Tickets must be presented for sign-in & security check
- Students can be dropped off in front of the hotel by limousines or 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

## PARENTS' TICKETS FOR DINNER

Parents of our graduates are invited to attend the **Dinner portion of the evening, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**. Parents' dinner tickets are \$110 each & will be sold online (<https://burnaby.schoolcashionline.com/>) from May 1 to June 8. **Tickets will be available for pick-up in Room 102 from June 1 - 15**. Parents' seating is in tables of ten; it is recommended that seating groups be formed at time of purchase. Please inform Mr. Berkbigler of seating arrangements.

## GRAD GROUP PHOTO

At approximately 6:00 pm, 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. After the photo, all grads will return to the hotel and enter the dining room. Only ticket holders will proceed to the dining room.

## DRY GRAD EVENT

This event is sponsored by the Alpha Dry Grad Parent Committee and will follow the Dinner and Dance

**Date:** Thursday, June 28 to Friday, June 29, 2018  
**Time:** 11:30pm to 3:30am  
**Location:** Metro Hall, New Westminster

The Party! What to Expect:

- DJ and dancing, casino, and photo booth
- Midnight buffet, dessert table, and mocktails
- Chartered bus transportation from Pinnacle Hotel to Metro Club, and back to Alpha Secondary at the end of the event
- Door prizes
- Grand prize draw of \$1,000 at 3:00am

Important Information:

- Dry Grad Party is for Alpha Grade 12 students and is optional
- Sell one book of raffle tickets to earn your admission to Dry Grad (or buy the book yourself for 20 chances to win great prizes. First prize \$1500 cash)
- Cash draw for students selling extra books of tickets and cash prizes for top three sellers
- Students attending Dry Grad must return parent signed consent form
- No consumption of alcohol/drugs before or during the event, strictly enforced
- No in and out privileges

For more information or questions contact

[drygrad.alpha@gmail.com](mailto:drygrad.alpha@gmail.com)

## GRAD EVENTS TIMELINE

DATE	ITEM	COMMENT
Friday, May 4	Deadline to return Dry Grad raffle books	
Monday, May 7	Dry Grad Raffle draw	
Wednesday, May 2	School Leaving Ceremony and Dinner/Dance tickets available for online purchase	
May 3 to 17	Pick up 2 complimentary Grad Ceremony tickets in Room 102	Must show receipt for \$75
	Extra Ceremony tickets for sale online and in the Main Office	Cost: \$5
Friday, May 25	Dry Grad consent forms due	Hand in to PAC Instructions to follow
Friday, May 25	Ceremony Rehearsal from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm	
Saturday, May 26	Grads arrive at Bill Copeland Arena at 1:00 pm	
	School Leaving Ceremony begins at 2:00 pm	
June 4 to 15 at lunch	Students' Dinner/Dance tickets to be picked up in Room 102	Must show receipt for \$110
Wednesday, June 13	Deadline to submit Grad Dinner/Dance table requests to Mr. Berkbigler	
Thursday, June 14	Table seating chart posted for Grad Dinner/Dance	
Monday, June 18	Final table seating chart for Grad Diner/Dance posted	
Thursday, June 28	Grad Dinner/Dance at Pinnacle Hotel Vancouver Harbourfront, from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm	Please arrive at 5:30 pm for grad group photo
June 28 to 29	Dry Grad at the Metro	11:30 pm to 3:30 am

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The School Leaving Ceremony and the Graduation Dinner/Dance are school sponsored events. The Dry Grad is sponsored by the Parents' Advisory Council. No other events have been planned, supported, or endorsed by the École Alpha Secondary School.

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

The names of scholarships and awards recipients will be printed on an insert that will be distributed with the composites that grads receive when they walk across the stage. Please check behind the composite for the insert. **If you have been offered a scholarship, award, and/or bursary, please notify Ms. McChesney, so that you can be included on the insert.**

## TEXTBOOK RETURNS

Grade 12s are asked to return all textbooks immediately after their courses are completed.

## 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 that you have fulfilled these requirements.

## GRAD BUS PASS

TransLink provides a complimentary 2 day transit pass for all Grade 12 students to assist with Grad activities and travel. The transit pass will be distributed with the composites that grads receive when they walk across the stage. Please check behind the composite for the transit pass.

*Congratulations, École  
Alpha Secondary School  
Class of 2018!*



# JUNE 2018

## Important Dates for Grade 12s

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Day 2	
3	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Spring Concert - Band Day 1	7 Day 2	8 7:00 pm - Dance Extravaganza Day 1	
10	11 Day 2	12 Day 1	13 6:00 pm - Honouring Our Youth Ceremony @ Bby. Central Student Commons Day 2	14 7:00 pm - Cabaret Night Day 1	15 Day 2	
17	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 1	21 Last Day of Classes 12:20 - Grad Luncheon Recognition Assemblies in Large Gym – Altered Bell Schedule Final Locker Cleanout Day 2	22 Last Day of Instruction (Tutorial and “I” Day) Semester 2 Ends	
24	25 <b>Provincial Exam:</b> 9:00-11:00 am - English 12  Term 4 Marks available (Portal)	26 <b>Provincial Exam:</b> 1:00-3:00 pm - Français language 12	27 <b>Provincial Exam:</b> 9:00-11:00am - Comm 12	28 <b>Last Day of School</b> 6:00pm—Grad Dinner Dance 11:30pm – Dry Grad  Term 4 Report Cards available through MyEd Family Portal	29 <b>ADMINISTRATIVE DAY –</b> Students do not attend	