



GRAD 2019 NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY

Date: Sunday, May 26, 2019
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 \$80.00. 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 6 - May 17 @ lunch in Room A101**. 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 24, 2019 @ 12:00pm

All students who are attending the School Leaving Ceremonies **must** attend Periods 1 & 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 gowns** at the rehearsal.

GRADUATION DINNER & DANCE

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Location: The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver
1601 Bayshore Drive
Vancouver, BC
604.682.3377

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 \$115.00 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

GRAD GROUP PHOTO

At approximately 6:00 pm, all grads will be directed to a nearby location (to be confirmed at a later date) 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: Wednesday, June 26 to Thursday, June 27, 2019
Time: 11:30pm to 3:00am
Location: Metro Hall, New Westminster

The Party! What to Expect:

- DJ and dancing, casino, photo booth, and caricaturist
- Midnight buffet, candy bar, and mocktails
- Chartered bus transportation from Westin Bayshore Hotel to Metro Club, and back to Alpha Secondary at the end of the event
- Door prizes
- Prizes drawn throughout the evening

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.)
- 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

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 École Alpha Secondary School.

GRAD EVENTS TIMELINE

DATE	ITEM	COMMENT
February 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 AND March 4 to 8	Return Dry Grad raffle books AND Dry Grad consent forms	Hand in to Dry Grad Parents' Committee in the Alpha Cafeteria
Friday, March 8	Deadline to return Dry Grad raffle books AND Dry Grad consent forms	Hand in to Dry Grad Parents' Committee in the Alpha Cafeteria
Monday, April 8	Dry Grad Raffle draw	
Wednesday, May 1	School Leaving Ceremony and Dinner/Dance tickets available for online purchase	
May 6 to 17	Pick up 2 complimentary Grad Ceremony tickets in Room A101	Must show receipt for \$80 school fee
	Extra Ceremony tickets for sale online and in the Main Office	Cost: \$5 each
Friday, May 24	Grad Assembly and Ceremony Rehearsal from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm	
Sunday, May 26	Grads arrive at Bill Copeland Arena at 1:00 pm School Leaving Ceremony begins at 2:00 pm	
June 4 to 14 at lunch	Students' Dinner/Dance tickets to be picked up in Room A101	Must show receipt for \$115 dinner/dance fee
Wednesday, June 12	Deadline to submit Grad Dinner/Dance table requests to Ms. Gaughan	
Thursday, June 13	Table seating chart posted for Grad Dinner/Dance	
Monday, June 17	Final table seating chart for Grad Diner/Dance posted	
Wednesday, June 26	Grad Dinner/Dance at Westin Bayshore Hotel Vancouver, from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm	Please arrive at 5:30 pm for grad group photo
June 26 to 27	Dry Grad at the Metro	11:30 pm to 3:00 am

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 at Adrienne.McChesney@burnabyschools.ca or in Room A100, 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 Ms. N. Gillam or Ms. V. Lo in 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 2019!*

