



GRAD 2020 NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020
Location: Bill Copeland Centre
3676 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby
Time: 6:00 pm: Grads arrive on site
7:00 pm: Ceremony commences

Student cost for School Leaving Ceremony is \$80.00, which covers costs associated with hosting the event and your cap & gown. Graduates will receive 2 complimentary guest tickets to the event. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$5 at the school, or online, from May 4 to 22. Tickets **will be available for pick up from May 11 - May 22 @ lunch in Room A208**. Tickets may also be purchased on May 26 between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the Bill Copeland Arena.

CEREMONY REHEARSAL

Date: Monday, May 25, 2020 @ 12:30 pm

All students who are attending the School Leaving Ceremonies **must** attend Periods 1 and 2 classes. Students must report to the rehearsal at Bill Copeland Centre at **12:30 sharp**.

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: Friday, June 19, 2020
Location: The Vancouver Sheraton Wall Centre
1088 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC
604.331.1000

Itinerary:

5:45 pm Red Carpet 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 **Alpha** grade 12 students. Please note the following:

- Student tickets are \$125.00 each
- Students must be signed in & go through 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 locked 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 finalized and shared with parents soon) 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 lobby 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: Friday, June 19 to Saturday, June 20, 2020
Time: 11:00pm to 3:30am
Location: Metro Hall, New Westminster
Cost: To be announced soon – will depend on amount raised through fundraising

The Party! What to Expect:

- DJ and dancing, casino, and photo booth
- Midnight buffet, dessert table, and mocktails
- Chartered bus transportation from the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre to Metro Club, and back to Alpha Secondary at the end of the event
- Multiple random prizes awarded throughout the night

Important Information:

- Dry Grad Party is for Alpha Grade 12 students and is optional
- Students attending Dry Grad **must return parent signed consent form** – there will be no late additions to the list of attendees!
- 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

GRAD EVENTS TIMELINE

DATE	ITEM	COMMENT
February 10 to 21	Grad Gown Measurements	Room A208 @ lunch
May 4 to 22	School Leaving Ceremony and Dinner/Dance tickets available for online purchase	School Cash Online Ceremony \$5 Dinner/Dance \$125
May 11 to 22	Pick up 2 complimentary School Leaving Ceremony tickets in Room A208	Must show receipt for \$80 (school leaving ceremony fee)
Thursday, May 14	Extra Ceremony tickets continue for sale online and in the Main Office	
	Grade 12 Assembly	Attendance is mandatory
	Dry Grad consent forms due	Hand in to PAC Instructions to follow
Monday, May 25	Ceremony Rehearsal from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm	@Bill Copeland Arena
Tuesday, May 26	Grads arrive at Bill Copeland Arena at 6:00 pm School Leaving Ceremony begins at 7:00 pm	
Friday, June 5	Deadline to submit Grad Dinner/Dance table requests to Ms. Cawker	
Thursday, June 11	Table seating chart posted for Grad Dinner/Dance	
Thursday, June 18	Final table seating chart for Grad Diner/Dance posted	
Friday, June 19	Grad Dinner/Dance at the Vancouver Sheraton Wall Centre, from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm	Please arrive at 5:30 pm for grad group photo
June 19 to 20	Dry Grad at the Metro	11:00 pm to 3:30 am ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED!

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.

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 80 hours of work experience. Please consult with Ms. Gillam or Ms. Tsai 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 2020*

