



# VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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May 25, 2022

To: Parents and Guardians of our Grade 12 students, the Grads of 2022!



The purpose of this newsletter is to inform students and parents/guardians of the important information regarding the Graduation events including: Graduation School Leaving Ceremony and Dinner/Dance in June. Please read this notice carefully and contact the school office at 604-713-8258 if you have any questions.

Can you believe it... Grad 2022 is rapidly approaching! It is incredible how quickly the years have passed. Every year, the staff of Vancouver Technical sponsor a graduation ceremony and a dinner dance to celebrate the culmination of our students' high school studies. This letter aims to congratulate you as parents and caregivers and provide you with dates, details, and an early estimate of any costs involved with graduation celebrations.

## IMPORTANT EVENTS & DEADLINES:

May 27	Grad Ceremony Message Due
May 30	Grad Ceremony Tickets- "The Extra 4" go on sale
May 31	Grade 8 Letter Opening, Dinner & Karaoke Grad Event
June 14	Grad Gown and Ticket Distribution (Auditorium, Student Choice FIT)
June 15	Literacy 12 Assessment (Make-Up)
June 16	Grad Ceremony Rehearsal #1 (Auditorium, Student Choice FIT) Semester 2 Capstone Presentations are Due Literacy 12 Assessment (Rewrite)
<b>June 17</b>	<b>Graduation Dinner &amp; Dance (Pan Pacific Hotel Vancouver, 6:15 pm)</b>
June 21	French Immersion Graduation Celebration (Library, Student Choice FIT)
June 23	Grad Ceremony Rehearsal #2 (If needed in Auditorium, Student Choice FIT)
<b>June 24</b>	<b>Graduation Ceremony (Orpheum Theatre, 7pm)</b>

**PLEASE NOTE:** These are school-sponsored events. Therefore, all VSB and school rules and policies apply. If it is suspected that any student has consumed **any** drugs or alcohol before any of our graduation events, they will not be allowed access.

## GRADUATION CEREMONY- DETAILS

The staff of Vancouver Technical have traditionally held this celebration for those students who attend regularly and who are achieving success in the courses required for graduation. Students do not need to be scheduled to complete graduation requirements in June 2022 to participate in this celebration of school leaving.

This year's Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Orpheum Theatre (located at 601 Smithe St, Vancouver, <https://vancouvercivictheatres.com/venues/orpheum/>) on **Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. The lobby doors open for guests at 6:00 pm and access to seating will open at 6:30 pm. The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. **Limited pay parking is available, so please plan to arrive early** (or take public transportation). Graduates must be at the theatre by 6:00 pm at the latest. Each student must have their gown and a ticket to get into the theatre.

As this is a formal occasion, we expect everyone to be on their very best behaviour. Applause is appreciated; whistling and shouting are not. Please turn off your cellular phones before you enter the theatre. Grads are to remain seated in their reserved seats throughout the ceremony. Families and guests are asked to remain seated until the ceremony, and the formal recessional from the theatre is complete - this allows all parents and guests to see their graduates. Artona

Studios will take a picture of each graduate as they cross the stage, and these pictures are mailed home in August to the grads.

**GOWNS FOR GRAD CEREMONY:** Grads will be provided with caps and gowns to wear at the ceremony. These gowns were purchased and ordered with Grad Fees and will be distributed during Student Choice FIT time on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> (9:41- 10:31 AM, Auditorium). Grad caps, stoles, and gowns, along with the three complimentary tickets (1 for the student and 2 for guests) will be given to students at this time. After the ceremony, the gowns will belong to the graduating students.

**GRAD CEREMONY REHEARSAL:** Two rehearsals are planned for all grads in our auditorium on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> during Student Choice FIT time (1:16- 2:06 PM, Auditorium) and Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> during Student Choice FIT time (1:16- 2:06 PM, Auditorium) . It is mandatory that all grads attend these events.

**GRADUATION CEREMONY MESSAGE:** Each Graduate is responsible for drafting a SHORT message that will be read as they cross the stage. Some examples of what you may want to include are: "What you will fondly remember, your future plans; Regards to people you may wish to thank; A reflective statement of some kind".

Remember that this will be read by a teacher/administrator, so it must be written in the third person (e.g. Emily is excited to be taking a year off in the fall and travelling around the world. She will miss her friends and family in Vancouver. Your message must be appropriate for a formal occasion, and it must be 30-50 words long maximum and be submitted electronically using the form: [HERE](#) The ceremony messages are due on **Friday May 27, 2022**.

**TICKETS FOR GRAD CEREMONY:** Each graduate will receive three complimentary tickets (one for the student and two for the student's guests). There are a limited number of additional tickets available. Extra tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 each starting May 30<sup>th</sup> on School Cash Online (<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>)

**All pickup and in-person purchases will occur from 3 pm to 4 pm Monday – Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Purchasing up to 4 additional tickets online using School Cash Online:**

- Purchases made May 30<sup>th</sup> up to and including June 1<sup>st</sup> – pickup in the school office June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Purchases made June 2<sup>nd</sup> up to and including June 8<sup>th</sup> – pickup in the school office June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Purchases made June 9<sup>th</sup> up to and including June 15<sup>th</sup> – pickup in the school office June 16<sup>th</sup>
- Purchases made June 16<sup>th</sup> up to and including June 21<sup>st</sup> – pickup in the school office June 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Purchasing up to 4 additional tickets in person:**

- Tickets will be available for sale in person in the school office starting May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>

If you require more than 4 additional tickets, additional tickets (if available) can be purchased in the school office June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**VALEDICTORIAN UPDATE:** We would like to congratulate Quincy Johnson on being selected by their peers as the valedictorian for the class of 2022!

## **GRADUATION DINNER & DANCE**

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**GRAD DINNER & DANCE:** On Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, beginning at 6:15 pm, Van Tech's graduates will participate in a dinner and dance sponsored by the school and organized by the Grad Committee. The event will be held at the Pan Pacific Vancouver located at 999 Canada Pl #300, Vancouver <https://www.panpacific.com/en/hotels-and-resorts/pp-vancouver.html> Tickets will be sold starting May 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Grad Committee has been fundraising to assist with lowering costs as they have done each year. The final ticket prices is \$125.00. Only Van Tech Grad 2022 class members in **good standing** can attend this event. Please note that per hotel policy, students may **not rent rooms** at the Pan Pacific Vancouver or have others rent rooms on their behalf.

- For students who have paid the \$50 deposit, starting May 30, please go on School Cash Online to pay the remaining balance of \$75.00 by June 12<sup>th</sup> .
- For students who have not paid the deposit, they can purchase a ticket in the office-cash or cheque by June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Grad Dinner & Dance Tickets will be distributed with the cap and gowns on June 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS- CLC & CAPSTONE, GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

**CLC & CAPSTONE:** All grade 12 students will create a Capstone Project as part of their graduation requirements in their Career Life Connection 12 (CLC) Class. A Capstone is a multi-faceted project that encourages both research and experience as part of the student's exploration. Students have spent more than 30 hours delving into their interests, passions and possible future paths in these culminating projects and shared the story of these explorations in their Capstone. These Capstone projects might explore something the student is passionate about, an area that interests them deeply, or is the student's attempt to answer, "Who am I and what is the best path for me in the future?" **Note: SEMESTER 2 STUDENTS' CAPSTONE PROJECTS ARE DUE JUNE 16 .** We will be adding these projects to the Digital Capstone Fair that will be shared with students, teachers and parents.

**GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS:** Students are required to write the Literacy 10, Numeracy 10 and Literacy 12 assessments for graduation. Most students have completed these requirements, please check with your counsellor if you are unsure.

Grade 12 students who have not completed any of the Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 Assessment or Grade 12 students who have not completed the Literacy 12 Assessment will have another opportunity on Wednesday June 15, 2022 during Period 3 and 4 to meet this graduation requirement. Your counsellor will contact you with a reminder and the time and room number.

Students who wrote the Literacy 12 assessment in April 2022, results should be posted by June 13, 2022. If a grade 12 student would like to rewrite their Literacy 12 assessment, there will be an opportunity on Thursday June 16, 2022. Details to follow.

For students who want to access their assessment results and a personalized performance report, go to [Student Transcripts Service](#) website and register for a BCeID . Once you have created an account to access the site, click on "Graduation Assessment/Provincial Exam Results" to view results. Note, this site is where you are also able to "View Your Transcript," "Send/Order Your Transcript" as well as other options. The Ministry transcript contains only your completed courses, not in-progress courses.

Please note,

**SUMMER MAILOUT:** The Ministry of Education Dogwood Diploma will be mailed home at the end of August, if the graduation requirements are met. If you have recently moved or will be moving at the end of the school year, please remember to inform the office. This will ensure that you receive this document from Vancouver Technical Secondary School.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this letter, our Graduation (School Leaving) Ceremonies celebrate the completion of our students' secondary schooling. It is a privilege they have earned by attending regularly and by putting their best effort into their programs, especially the courses necessary for graduation. If you have concerns about your son or daughter's participation, please contact our Grade 12 Counsellors, Mr. Cuerrier or Ms. Tanabe. I would like to thank all of the student members of our Grad Committee along with their sponsor, Ms. Bighorn for all of the work, time and caring invested in these events, and thank you, parents and guardians, for your support of our graduates!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberto Moro".

Roberto Moro  
Principal