



# VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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March 12, 2024

To: The Caregivers of our Grade 12 students, the Grads of 2024!

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.

Grad 2024 is rapidly approaching! It is incredible how quickly the years have passed. Every year, the staff of Vancouver Technical sponsors 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:

March 12	Grade 12 Assembly during FIT
March 15	Valedictorian Applications are available
March 15	Grad Dinner Dance Deposit (\$30) Due
April 1	Grad Gown Sizing Order Due
April 2	Scholarship Applications are available
April 17	Graduation Assessments – LTE 12 make-up date
April 19	Valedictorian Nominations Submitted
April 19	Scholarship Applications are due
April 23	Valedictorian Preview Speeches and Votes
April 25	Valedictorian Interviews
April 26	Valedictorian Announced
May 10	Grad Ceremony Message Due
May 16	Grad Dinner Dance Ticket Payment Due ( less \$30 Deposit) Table Seating Arrangements Due (to Ms. Bighorn) for students that have paid in full
May 27	Grad Ceremony Tickets- Extra Tickets go on sale until June 10 (school cash online)
May 31	French Immersion Graduation Celebration (Library) <i>(tentative)</i>
June 4	Dinner/Dance Ticket Distribution (FIT Assembly)
June 5	Graduation Assessments :Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde-immersion (LTF12) Final make-up date - Oral
June 6	Grad Gown Distribution & Grad Rehearsal #1 (FIT Assembly)
June 6	Grad Fees (\$85) Due
<b>June 7</b> 🎓	<b>Graduation Dinner &amp; Dance (Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, 6:15 pm)</b>
June 10	Graduation Assessments – (NME 10, LTE 10, LTE 12), Final make-up date
June 11	Grad Rehearsal #2 (FIT Assembly)
June 11	Graduation Assessments :Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde-immersion (LTF12) Final make-up date - Written
<b>June 12</b> 🎓	<b>Graduation Ceremony (Orpheum Theatre, 7pm)</b>
June 19	Grade 8 Letter Opening Evening Event
June 24	Grad Cap Toss and Final Countdown (Front steps, 2:55pm)

**PLEASE NOTE:** The above 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**

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The staff of Vancouver Technical have traditionally held this celebration for those students who attend regularly and are achieving success in the courses required for graduation. This year's Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Orpheum Theatre - located at 601 Smithe St, Vancouver, <https://vancouvercivictheatres.com/venues/orpheum/> on **Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. 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 enter the theatre; please enter off the Granville Street Entrance.

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 are 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. Grad caps, stoles, and gowns, along with the three complimentary tickets (1 for the student and 2 for guests) will be distributed during the FIT Assembly on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. After the ceremony, the gowns will belong to the graduating students. Students are asked to choose their gown size by **April 1, 2024**. Link available with the QR code:



**GRAD CEREMONY REHEARSAL:** Two rehearsals are planned for all grads in our auditorium on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, during FIT time. It is mandatory that all grads attend these events, and students will be signed up on their behalf via myweeklyplanner.

**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 30-40 words long. The ceremony messages are due on **Friday, May 10, 2024**. A link will be provided in April.

**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. Families can purchase additional tickets for \$10.00 each starting May 27<sup>th</sup> until June 10<sup>th</sup> on school cash online (<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>). Students will receive additional purchased and complimentary tickets with their gown at the FIT assembly on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets purchased after June 6<sup>th</sup> can be picked up in the office.

**VALEDICTORIAN UPDATE:** Valedictorian Nomination Forms will be available on March 15<sup>th</sup> and due April 19<sup>th</sup>. Valedictorian preview speeches will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and announced on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **GRADUATION DINNER & DANCE**

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**GRAD DINNER & DANCE:** On Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, beginning at 6:15 pm, Van Tech graduates will participate in a dinner and dance sponsored by the school and organized by the Grad Committee. The event is tentatively booked at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, but the definitive location will be announced later in April.

The Grad Committee has been fundraising to assist with lowering costs as they have done each year. The final ticket price will be announced once the location is booked. Only Van Tech Grad 2024 class members in **good standing** can attend this event. In order to get an estimate of how many students plan to attend, students are asked to pay a \$30 deposit by **March 15<sup>th</sup>**

- For students who have paid the \$30 deposit, please go to School Cash Online to pay the remaining balance, which will be announced by May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Students who have not paid the deposit can purchase a ticket in the office, in cash or by cheque, by May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Students are asked to create a table arrangement in groups of 10 once dinner dance tickets are paid in full.

**Grad Dinner & Dance Tickets will be distributed at a FIT assembly on June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS- CLC & CAPSTONE, GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS**

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**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?”

**GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS:** Students are required to write the Literacy 10, Numeracy 10 and Literary 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 the Literacy 12 Assessment can write it on April 17. Any of the Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 Assessment or the Literacy 12 Assessment will have another opportunity on Monday, June 10, 2024 to meet this graduation requirement. Your counsellor will contact you with a reminder, time, and room number.

Results should be posted for students who wrote the Literacy 12 assessment. If a grade 12 student would like to rewrite their Literacy 12 assessment, there will be an opportunity on Monday, June 10, 2024—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 the results. Note, this site is where you can also “View Your Transcript,” “Send/Order Your Transcript” as well as other options. The Ministry transcript contains only your completed courses, not in-progress courses.

**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 Counsellor, Mr. Waisberg.

I want to thank all of the student members of our Grad Committee, along with their sponsor, Ms. Bighorn, for all of the work, time and care invested in these events, and thank you, parents and guardians, for your support of our graduates!

Sincerely,



Roberto Moro  
Principal