

## JOHN OLIVER SECONDARY SCHOOL

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### Graduation Bulletin: February 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 12 Students:

As Grade 12 students head into their final months of secondary school, I feel that it is important to update you regarding the Graduation Ceremony and Dry Grad/Prom for our graduating class of 2026. The Graduation Ceremony and Dry Grad/Prom are the only official, school sanctioned, graduation events hosted by John Oliver Secondary.

Our **Graduation Ceremony** is at the **Chan Centre**, 6265 Crescent Road on the UBC Endowment lands, beginning at **2:00 pm on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Guests should be seated by 1:50pm, as the grad processional begins promptly at 2:00 pm; doors open at 1:30pm. The ceremony takes approximately two-and-a-half hours. A professional photographer is contracted to document your child's receipt of their Certificate of Secondary School Graduation.

All Grade 12 students are required to attend a **mandatory grad rehearsal on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**, beginning promptly at 1:45 pm in John Oliver's auditorium. Graduation caps, gowns and stoles will be distributed to graduates at the end of the rehearsal.

Each Grade 12 student will receive three ceremony tickets. Graduates do not need a ticket for entry; parents, family members and guests, however, do require a ticket for entrance to the ceremony. Tickets will not be available at the door on June 16<sup>th</sup>: Safety regulations are a preeminent concern, and we adhere to venue capacity regulations, hence entry is controlled by ticket presentation. Tickets are distributed at the end of May; additional tickets are available for purchase (at a cost of \$10.00 per ticket)- please contact the school if needed.

Seating at the ceremony is on a first come first served basis. Guests should allow time to walk from the parking lots to the Chan Centre: the closest pay parking is available at the Rose Garden Parkade (6278 NW Marine Drive). The Chan Centre is fully wheelchair accessible; a demarcated area for wheelchair seating is reserved in the theatre. Water stations are available at the event, but guests might want to bring your own water bottle, if needed.

Although the ceremony begins at 2:00 pm on June 16<sup>th</sup>, **Graduates are required to be at the Chan no later than 1:00 pm, wearing their caps, gowns and stoles for a class group photo**. All Graduates are asked to participate in the group photo.

John Oliver's **Dry Grad/Prom** is on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Vancouver Club. From 7:00 pm, Graduates will have one final opportunity to be together as the Class of 2026. Parents, school administration, staff, and hired security personnel jointly supervise this event. Only members of the Class of 2026 can attend the Dry Grad/Prom celebration.

School sanctioned Dry Grad/Prom activities provide a safe, supervised environment for our students to celebrate their high school graduation. All members of the Class of 2026 are

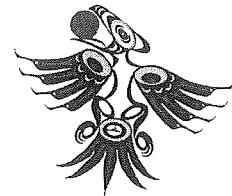
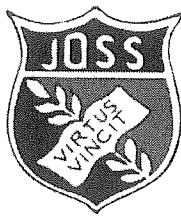
encouraged to participate in the Dry Grad/Prom and remain at the Vancouver Club for its entirety. Should it become necessary for a student to leave during the evening, a parent/guardian will be contacted and will be responsible for ensuring the safe pick-up of their child. Once students leave Dry Grad, they are unable to return. All school rules apply at school sanctioned events, and our students follow established and widely held codes of conduct. No other school sanctioned Graduation events occur.

We are anticipating two wonderful evenings to celebrate the achievements of our John Oliver Graduates. I look forward to welcoming you to the ceremony!

Yours truly,

ANDREW SCHOFIELD

Andrew Schofield  
Principal



## Summarized Schedule of Events. 2026 Graduation Ceremonies.

**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Period 4: Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal; Cap, Gown and Stole distribution**

Students who are attending the Chan Graduation ceremony must attend the rehearsal and pick up their Cap, Gown, and Stole. At the Rehearsal students will:

- Receive detailed information about the grad ceremony.
- Learn about lining up and proceeding into the ceremony venue.
- Get their Cap, gown and stole

### **Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>: Chan Graduation Ceremony**

1:00 pm	Grads assemble at the Chan, main entrance, for a group photo. Don't be late!
1:30 pm	Grads report to marshaling point. Venue doors open.
2:00 pm	Graduation ceremony begins.
5:00 pm	Mingling in UBC's Rose Garden following graduation ceremony, for grads, parents, and guests.

### **Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>: Dry Grad/Prom**

From 6:30 pm	Grads enter Vancouver Club foyer from street or underground parking (via elevator). Ushers direct students to first floor.
7:00 – 11:30	Dry Grad/Prom. Dinner and Dancing.

