



## SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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### GRAD EVENTS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 12 STUDENTS

**Congratulations, Grad 2024 is just around the corner!** I would like to take this opportunity to provide an overview of the off-site school-sponsored grad events that students leaving Grade 12 this year are invited to attend. (Anything not mentioned below is not sponsored, supervised, nor sanctioned by the school.) Please note that students who have not been attending school and/or respecting our school Code of Conduct may not be invited to participate in these school events.

**NOTE: To participate in Churchill's graduation events, all school fees must be up to date. Please contact Mr. Johnston or Ms. Haveman to discuss fees if there are financial concerns.**

#### GRADUATION CEREMONY

- **Friday, June 14, 7:00 pm, Queen Elizabeth Theatre, 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver**
- Theatre doors open at 6:00 pm, auditorium seating is available at 6:30 pm and the Ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.
- **Grads are to arrive at 6:00 pm and assemble in alphabetical order in the designated area upstairs.**
- Please take into consideration parking and traffic downtown – plan to arrive early.
- **Cell phones – please turn off cell phones and electronic devices before you enter the theatre.**
- Do not bring bags to the ceremony; instead, leave your valuables with family members/friends.
- Grads are to remain seated in their reserved area throughout the ceremony.
- Families and friends of grads are asked to remain seated until the entire ceremony is complete.
- A photographer from Artona Studios will be taking a photo of each graduate as they cross the stage and again if they are presented an award. These photos can be picked up from the school later in June.
- We wish for all family members to be able to attend the ceremony. If a family member requires special seating, (for example those using wheelchairs) please email the school ([churchill@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:churchill@vsb.bc.ca)) by Friday, May 3 as there is limited accessible spots/seats available.

**“One Liners”** are written by students and read as they cross the stage at the Grad Ceremony. These are to be one line, appropriate for the audience, thoughtful, and representative of how each of our graduates would like to be remembered by our school and community. Students who do not submit or who submit something inappropriate will have prewritten statements read at the ceremony. **Please submit the one-liner using the online form by May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

#### GRADUATION CEREMONY REHEARSAL FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS

- The rehearsal will be on Wednesday, June 5 at 1:00 pm (running through 2-4 and collab) in the new gym.
- It is critical that all grads attend the rehearsal to ensure that the formal ceremony runs smoothly and to obtain their grad gown package and ceremony tickets.

#### GRADUATION CEREMONY TICKETS

- Each student will be given two (2) complimentary Ceremony tickets in their grad package at Grad Rehearsal; Grads do not need a ticket. Everyone attending the Ceremony is required to have a ticket, regardless of age.
- Additional tickets (\$10 each) may be purchased in the office starting May 21, 2024.
- ALL school fees must be paid through SchoolCash by Wednesday, May 1. The Grad Valedictory Fee covers the cost of the gown, tickets, facility rental, diplomas, photographs, etc....

#### GRADUATION GOWNS FOR CEREMONY

- Gowns and stoles, caps, and tassels will be provided to each grad to wear for the Ceremony and will be distributed at the Grad Rehearsal on June 5 in the afternoon. Gowns will be collected at the end of the ceremony.
- Graduation regalia is not to be embellished nor altered. Steaming the gown and sash is recommended, as is pinning the sash in place (at the back) prior to the Ceremony.

#### GRADUATION DINNER & DANCE

- **Wednesday, June 19 at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, 900 Canada Place, Vancouver, 6:00 - 11:00 pm** (entrance/security check opens at 5:45 pm).
- Dinner & Dance tickets cost \$165 and must be purchased by Wednesday, May 1 online through SchoolCash.
- There will be security bag and coat checks at this event. Outside food and beverages are not allowed. All school rules and the SWC Code of Conduct apply - use of drugs or alcohol before or during this event is prohibited, as are vaping and smoking. There are no in and out privileges.
- Due to the size of our graduating class, we will not be including guests from outside the school in this year's Dinner & Dance.

Thank you!  
SWC Admin Team