



UNIVERSITY HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

February 2024



Dear Grade 12 Students and Families,

Re: Grade 12 Events and Important Reminders

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform students and parents/guardians of the important information for the remainder of the school year. Please read this notice carefully and contact the school office at 604-713-8258 if you have any questions.

2024	
Feb 20 to 23 Tuesday to Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Ceremony Confirmation & Grad Gown order form (paper) distributed to students
Feb 27 Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICBC Presentation – 1:00 – 2:00 pm (last half of Period 3 and FIT) in the Gym
March 7 Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 12 Assembly (Re: Capstone) – at FIT in the LLC
March 13 Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Ceremony Confirmation & Grad Gown order form due to the Office at 3:00 pm
April 3 Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Citation Survey Form Open (April 3 to 26) ** the link to survey will be posted on the Grade 12 Teams Channel
April 12 Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valedictorian Nominations Open (forms available from the Office)
April 19 Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valedictorian Nomination Forms due to the Office at 10:00 am
April 26 Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valedictorian Nominee Video Speeches are due at 10:00 am Graduation Ceremony Citation due by on-line survey form at 3:00 pm
May 1 Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valedictorian Nominee Video Speeches will be posted on Grade 12 Teams
May 1 to 3 Wednesday to Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valedictorian on-line voting days
May 1 to 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Ceremony (additional) tickets available for purchase on School Cash On-line Note: that the 2 complimentary tickets and any additional purchased tickets will be issued to the Graduates on Thursday, May 30 following the Assembly/Grad Rehearsal
May 21 Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 12 Technical Practice in assigned event rooms (Re Capstone) – at FIT
May 23 Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capstone Presentations during FIT and Period 4
May 30 Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Assembly and Grad Rehearsal at 12:20 pm (for periods 3 and FIT) in the LLC Grad gown package and ticket distribution following the Grad Rehearsal
June 5 Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Rehearsal at Chan Centre at 8:45 am Graduates must arrive at the Chan Centre at 3:00 pm Graduation Ceremony at Chan Centre at 4:00 pm - (Doors open at 3:30)
June 14 Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Dinner and Dance at the Pan Pacific Hotel at 6:00 pm
June 21 <i>*corrected date</i> Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 12 Yearbook pick up during lunch break
June 30 Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day for MS Teams/Email/Office 365 Account Access
July 31 Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day for MyEd BC Account Access
August 23 Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Mailout (Graduation Diploma) mailed to student's home address

GRADUATION CEREMONY and TICKETS

Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at UBC at **4:00 pm on Wednesday, June 5**. The Graduates must arrive by 3:00 pm. The doors will open for guests (to be seated) at 3:30 pm and the Ceremony will start promptly at 4:00 pm.

Each Graduate will receive two tickets to the Graduation Ceremony for their guests. These two tickets are included in the Graduation Fee which is \$100 and is due as soon as possible. Additional tickets (no limits) are \$10 each and will be available for purchase on School Cash-online **May 1 to 24**. Ticket orders will be compiled and then distributed to students on **Thursday, May 30** immediately following the Grad Assembly/1st. Graduates will not require a ticket if they are wearing their Gown upon arrival.

Pay parking will be available at the Rose Garden Parkade.

VALEDICTORIAN

The valedictorian for the University Hill Secondary class of 2024 should be the student who best represents the graduating class. The valedictorian writes and gives a speech at the end of the Graduation Ceremony that captures the spirit of the class, acknowledges the achievements and contributions of the students, staff and parents. The speech should be serious, inspirational, entertaining and look ahead to life beyond high school. Nomination forms are due to the Office on **Friday, April 19**. Nominee Video Speeches are due on **Friday, April 26th** and then on-line voting will be on Teams **May 1 to 3**.

GRADUATION CEREMONY MESSAGE (CITATION)

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

Remember that this will be read out loud by a teacher/administrator as you cross the graduation stage so it must be written in the third person (e.g. *“Emily is excited to be taking a year in the fall and traveling around the world. She will miss her friends and family in Vancouver”*). Your message must be appropriate for a formal occasion, be under 50 words and be submitted electronically. Please watch for the Survey/Form link on the Grade 12 Teams on **Wednesday, April 3** to enter your Graduation Citation Message. The Citation is due on **Friday, April 26**.

GRADUATION GOWN ORDER AND DISTRIBUTION

All students participating in the UHill Graduation Ceremony must wear a gown, grad cap/tassel and a sash. Gowns are ordered by height measurement and the purchase of these grad items are included in the Graduation Fees. Each student’s Grad Gown Order Forms will be distributed to students the **week of Feb 20 to 23** and it is due back to the office by **Wednesday, March 13**.

The graduation packages will be distributed after the Grade 12 Assembly/Grad Rehearsal on **Thursday, May 30** and students will be keeping their gown, sash and caps as keepsakes of their graduation ceremony.

GRADUATION ASSEMBLY and SECOND REHEARSALS

The Grade 12 Assembly will be on **Thursday, May 30 at 12:20 pm** in the LLC. Students **MUST** attend this very important assembly as the counsellors will be reviewing the Ministry of Education Transcript Verification Reports with students and we will be confirming names and other details to ensure our rehearsal at the Chan Centre on **Wednesday, June 5** runs smoothly.

Graduation Rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, June 5 at 8:45 am** at the Chan Centre - Students **MUST** attend the rehearsal and arrive on time **at 8:30 am** if they wish to cross the stage and will be excused from their first period as **attendance is mandatory!**

GRADUATION DINNER / DANCE

The Dinner/Dance will be held at the Pan Pacific Hotel on **Friday, June 14th at 6:00 pm**. More event details to follow. The Dinner / Dance fee is \$150 and is payable on School Cash on-line.

OTHER REMINDERS

- **Graduation Photos Graduation Photo Session Dates were in January.**
 - Reminder that Grade 12 students should have booked their 30 minute appointment at Artona Studios (353 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver). If they missed the January photo session dates, there is still time to book an appointment at <https://artona.com>. Select the Chat feature and make an appointment as soon as possible.
 - If you have any questions in regard to the graduation photos, please contact Artona directly - click on “contact us” on their website <https://artona.com/> or call 604-872-7272.
- **Graduation Capstone projects** and interviews are to be completed as this course is a graduation requirement. Capstone interviews will be presented on **Thursday, May 23rd during FIT and Period 4**. The schedule will be posted for Students by Mid-May.
- **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 University Hill Secondary School.

