



UNIVERSITY HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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) & səliwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

February 26, 2025



Dear Grade 12 Students and Families,

Please read this notice carefully and contact the school office at 604-713-8258 if you have any questions.

Grade 12 Events and Important Reminders	
Feb 26 Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Ceremony Attendance Confirmation & Grad Gown Height Measurement on-line survey form opens (Feb 26 to March 13) *The link will be posted on the Grade 12 Graduation Teams Channel
March 11 Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 12 Assembly (Re: Capstone) – during FIT in the LLC
March 13 Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Ceremony Confirmation & Grad Gown height measurement on-line survey form response is due by 3:00 pm
April 1 Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Citation Survey Form Opens (April 1 to 17) *The link will be posted on the Grade 12 Graduation Teams Channel
April 4 Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valedictorian Nominations Open (April 4 to 16) – forms are available from the Office
April 7 Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICBC Presentation for Grade 11 and 12's – Period 3 (12:20 -1:40 pm) in the Gym
April 16 Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valedictorian Nomination Forms due to the Office at 10:00 am
April 17 Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Ceremony Citation on-line survey form response is due at 3:00 pm
April 23 Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valedictorian Nomination Video Speeches are due at 10:00 am
April 30 to May 2 Wednesday to Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valedictorian Nominee Video Speeches posted on Gr. 12 Teams Channel & Voting Days
May 12 to June 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Ceremony tickets (2 complimentary and additional \$10 tickets) are available from the Chan Centre website. ** order details will be sent via email in mid to late April
May 20 Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 12 Technical Practice in assigned event rooms (Re: Capstone) – during FIT
May 22 Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capstone Presentations during FIT and Period 4
May 29 Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Assembly and Grad Rehearsal – Period 3 (at 12:20 pm) in the LLC Grad gown package distribution following the Grad Rehearsal
June 4 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 9 Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 12 Yearbook pick up during lunch break (only students with no fees owing)
June 14 Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Dinner and Dance at the Pan Pacific Hotel at 6:00 pm
June 20 Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 12 Yearbook pick up during lunch break
June 30 Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day for MS Teams/Email/Office 365 Account Access
July 31 Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day for MyEd BC Account Access
August 25 to 29 Monday to Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Diploma Pickup dates - from the school office (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at UBC at **4:00 pm on Wednesday, June 4**. 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. All grade 12 students must complete the Grad Ceremony Attendance Confirmation & Grad Gown Height Measurement on-line survey form. The survey form is open **February 26 to March 13 and the link will be posted on the Grade 12 Graduation Teams Channel**.

GRADUATION CEREMONY TICKETS and PARKING

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 from the Chan Centre Website **May 12 to June 4**. Order details will be sent via email by mid to late April.

Pay parking will be available at the Rose Garden Parkade.

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 cost of these grad items are included in the Graduation Fees. Reminder: students must complete the Graduation Ceremony Attendance Confirmation & Grad Gown Height Measurement on-line form to order the gown. The survey form will be open **February 24 to March 13 and the link will be posted on the Grade 12 Graduation Teams Channel.**

The graduation packages will be distributed after the Grade 12 Assembly/Grad Rehearsal on **Thursday, May 29** and students will be keeping their gown, sash and caps as keepsakes of their graduation ceremony.

GRADUATION CEMONY 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 wishes the class of 2025 all the best"). 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 Graduation Channel on or by **Tuesday, April 1** to enter your Graduation Citation Message. The Citation is due on **Thursday, April 17.**

GRADUATION ASSEMBLY and REHEARSALS

The Grade 12 Assembly will be on **Thursday, May 29 Period 3 (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 4** runs smoothly.

Graduation Rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, June 4 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!** Please note that students are not required to wear their graduation items to the rehearsal.

VALEDICTORIAN

The valedictorian for the University Hill Secondary class of 2025 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 at 10:00 am on **Wednesday, April 16.** Nominee Video Speeches are due on **Wednesday, April 23** and then on-line voting will be on Teams **April 30 to May 2.**

GRADUATION DINNER / DANCE

The Dinner/Dance will be held at the Pan Pacific Hotel on **Friday, June 13th 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 at the beginning of February.**
 - Reminder that Grade 12 students should have booked their 30-minute appointment at Artona Studios Location: (353 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver). If anyone has missed the earlier photo session dates, there is still time to book an appointment at artona.com/bookings – Deadline to book is **March 31, 2025.**
 - If you need any assistance with booking an appointment contact Artona's customer service team at artona.com/contact-us
 - This photo is for the Grad Composite.
- **Graduation Capstone projects** and interviews are to be completed, as this course is a graduation requirement. Capstone interviews will be presented on **Thursday, May 22 during FIT and Period 4.** The schedule will be posted for students by Mid-May. A reminder that the Capstone Technical Practice will be on **Tuesday, May 20 during FIT.**
- **Graduation Packages (Diploma and Grad Ceremony Complimentary Photo):** Ministry of Education Dogwood Diploma (if graduation requirements have been met) and Graduation Ceremony photo(s) will be available for pick up from the School Office at the end of August. Pick up dates/times will be **August 25 to 29 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.**
- **Updated contact information:** 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 we have up to date information if we need to reach you after **June 30, 2025.**

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