



# Graduation 2026

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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 x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam).*

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## Grads of 2026

Grad 2026 is just around the corner. This newsletter contains important information regarding Graduation events, including the School Leaving Ceremony at the Chan Centre on June 5<sup>th</sup> and the Family Dinner Dance on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to our graduates and to those who have supported them. We'd also like to extend a huge thank you to staff on the scholarship committee, and who help organize the ceremony at the Chan Centre, as well as to the students and parents on the respective Grad Committees.

We wish everyone a safe, happy, hopeful graduation season.

Albert, Diane & Krista

## Graduation Family Dinner Dance

On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Grad Committee has organized a Family Dinner Dance at the Westin Bayshore. Tickets have been advertised in the Waag and are still on sale (until May 15<sup>th</sup>) on School Cash Online. The organizers have removed the ticket limit, so if you'd like to purchase additional tickets you may now do so. Seating arrangements at the Family Dinner Dance are also being coordinated by the Grad Committee. Please use this [Google Form](#) to give us the information of 2 students you would like to sit with - each table accommodates 10 people so please bear this in mind when making your requests (students and guests will be seated at the same table). Thank you to the Grad Committee for all of the work they've done to organize this event. It promises to be a wonderful celebration.

## Important Events and Deadlines:

May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Valedictorian Nominations Open
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Ceremony 2 Complimentary + 1 Paid Ticket Booking Opens (Round 1) * <b>Not</b> first-come first-served
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valedictorian Nominations Close
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to purchase tickets for the Family Dinner Dance
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Ceremony Round 1 Ticket Booking Closes
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Grad Citations Due (Grad Ceremony Message)
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Graduation Ceremony Extra 2 Paid Guest Tickets Booking Opens @12pm (Round 2) *First-come, first-served
<b>May 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm</b>	<b>Family Dinner Dance at the Westin Bayshore</b>
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Graduation Ceremony Round 2 Ticket Booking Closes
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> FIT	Mandatory Gr 12 Assembly
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Ceremony Remaining Guest Ticket Booking Opens @12pm *subject to availability, no limits, first-come first-served
June 5 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am	Mandatory Rehearsal for all Grads at the Chan Ctr
<b>June 5<sup>th</sup> 4pm</b>	<b>Graduation Ceremony (Leaving Ceremony/Valedictory) at the Chan Centre</b>
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Return Grad gowns to the office
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pls pay all outstanding school fees if you haven't already

## Graduation Ceremony Details

This year's Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The lobby doors open for guests at 3pm and access to seating will open at 3:30pm. The ceremony will begin promptly at 4pm. There's pay parking in the Rose Garden Parkade, adjacent to the Chan Centre. Graduates must be at the theatre by 3pm at the latest. Each student must have their gown and may enter via the rear of the Chan to go to the Telus Theatre.

As this is a formal occasion, please silence your cell phones before you enter the theatre. Grads are to remain seated in their reserved seats throughout the ceremony. We want to ensure that the experience for students with last names at the end of the alphabet is the same as for those with last names at the beginning of the alphabet. Families and guests are asked to remain seated until the ceremony and the formal recessional from the theatre are complete, allowing 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 may be picked up from the office (often the following week, but we will let Grads know when they arrive). After the ceremony, families often reconnect with their graduate(s) in the Rose Garden for photos.

## School Fees

Please remember to pay any outstanding fees as soon as possible, posted on SchoolCash Online. This includes Valedictory Fees which were posted on SchoolCash Online in September. If you have any questions, please contact the office and speak with our school accountant. Thank you.

# Tickets for the Grad Ceremony

Each Graduate may reserve two complimentary tickets to the ceremony (grads themselves do not need a ticket) and may choose to purchase an additional guest ticket at \$12. In order to receive these tickets, families need to book them through UBC's ticketing system (instructions are below).

[Click here for the Link to Lord Byng Graduation Ceremony Tickets](#)

**First Round:** Friday, May 8, 2026 @ noon until Monday, May 18, 2026 @ 11:59pm. **Please note:** this first round is NOT first-come, first-served - you do not need to book right at noon on May 8. Everyone who logs in during this period will be guaranteed up to three tickets.

No first round tickets are available after May 18. There will be no exceptions for those who miss this reservation window; please complete your guest ticket booking accordingly. Any unclaimed tickets from the first round are transferred to the extra ticket inventory and distributed in the second round (and third round if there are still tickets available). If you run into difficulty booking your tickets, please contact UBC's Ticket Office for assistance well before the deadline of May 18 and during their usual business hours.

## BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Enter your one-time-use access code in the Promotional Code box below the booking instructions.** Your one-time-use access code is **26LBS**, followed by your student number (eg. 26LBS**12345**). Click Go. A blue bar should appear on top of the screen saying that the code has been accepted and your ceremony booking link will appear below.
- 2) Click BUY beside your Ceremony. (You need to scroll down this page to see the Ceremony.)** Select up to 2 Complimentary tickets and one paid \$12 ticket for your guests and click Continue. Check that the tickets in your Shopping Cart are correct then click Next. **The grad does not need to book a ticket for themselves.**
- 3) Create or login to your account.** If you haven't purchased tickets with UBC Tickets previously, you will need to create an account.
- 4) Complete the order.** The order is completed once you receive a six-digit confirmation number from our system. You should receive an email confirmation moments after completing the order. Be sure to check your junk mail or spam folder, as tickets sometimes end up there.

## **Second Round: Up to Two Extra Paid Guest Tickets – opens Tuesday, May 21, 2026 @ noon to June 1 @ 11:59pm**

Second Round sales begin online on Thursday, May 21 at NOON. Any unclaimed tickets from the previous round will be available for purchase. Families will be able to book up to 2 additional paid tickets at \$12 each using your unique promo code (26LBSX followed by your student number—all one word). Please note this round is first-come, first-served, until available seats are all booked. We cannot guarantee everyone will get additional tickets in this round.

## **Third Round: Remaining Paid Guest Tickets – begins Thursday, June 4 @ noon.**

Subject to availability. Any unclaimed tickets from the previous rounds will become available with no promo codes or limits, on a first-come, first-served basis for \$12 each. Once tickets are sold out, there will be a Standby line set up one hour prior to the ceremony, in case any further seats become available. Your best chance is to act promptly at NOON, but there are absolutely no guarantees that any additional tickets will be available at this time.

## Expectations for Graduation Events

A reminder of the general expectations that are in place across the district to make Grad 2026 events safe, welcoming, and respectful for everyone. Our **School Code of Conduct** and the **VSB District Code of Conduct** include several key points that apply to all students at all times. The School Code of Conduct

- applies at school and during school-organized or sponsored activities, even if outside of school or school hours, (including on-line).
- addresses behaviour that negatively impacts the safe, caring, or orderly environment of the school, and/or student learning.
- promotes clear behavioural expectations of respectful and responsible citizenship.

The school also has a very clear expectation on drugs and alcohol use:

- No student may be in possession of or under the influence of illegal or non-prescribed drugs or alcohol in the school, in the vicinity of the school, or at school-sponsored functions. Any infraction will be considered serious and will result in the implementation of school and Board policies dealing with student discipline.

If any of these expectations are unclear, please reach out to Ms. Ediger, Mr. Mann, or Ms. Phillips directly.

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## Gowns for the Graduation Ceremony

Grads will be provided with caps and rented gowns to wear at the ceremony. Grad caps and gowns will be distributed at the rehearsal at the Chan Ctr on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Please return all gowns on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> to the office. This process allows families to take as many pictures with their grads following the ceremony and over the weekend as they choose. Students will be charged if the grad gown is not returned.

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## Grad Ceremony Rehearsal

There will be a mandatory Grad Assembly during FIT on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is another mandatory rehearsal at the Chan Centre on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Please be on time. Grads will pick up their gowns at this rehearsal.

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## Grad Ceremony Message (Citation)

Each Graduate is responsible for drafting a short, personal message that will be read as they cross the stage. Some examples of what you may want to include: what you will fondly remember, your future plans, people you'd like to thank. Remember that this will be read by a teacher or administrator, so please write in the third person (eg Emily is excited to be taking a year off in the fall to travel. She will miss her friends and family in Vancouver.) Your message must be appropriate for a formal occasion, and no more than 25 words long. Please note that all citations will be proofread by the scholarship committee. The ceremony messages are due on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. [Please use this link](#). If you do not submit this in time, or if your citation message is not approved, we will include a generic message on your behalf. If you are waiting to hear from the University of your choice and would like to include this detail in your citation, please do the write up now, and we will edit it once you have your confirmed acceptance. Please send your edits to Ms. L at [slambrinoudis@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:slambrinoudis@vsb.bc.ca).

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## Valedictorian Update

Valedictorian Nomination Forms will be available on May 7<sup>th</sup> (posted in the Grade 12 channel where you found the scholarship application form) and are due May 14<sup>th</sup>. The valedictorian will be announced on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## Graduation Assessments

All students are required to write the Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and Literacy 12 assessments for graduation. Most students have completed these already. If you are unsure, please check with your counsellor. There is another session in June where students can write any assessment they may be missing.

For students who want to access their assessment results and a personalized performance report, go to the [Student Transcripts Service website](#) and register for a BCeID. Once you've created an account to access this site, click on Graduation Assessment/Provincial Exam Results to view the results. Note, this site is where you can also "View Your Transcript" or "Send/Order Your Transcript". The Ministry transcript contains only your completed courses, not in-progress courses.

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## Summer Mailout: Dogwood Diplomas

If the graduation requirements are met, the Ministry of Education Dogwood Diplomas will be mailed home at the end of August. 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 you receive your graduation document.

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## Scholarship Thank Yous and Cheques

If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive a letter outlining the process to send a thank you to the donor. Your cheque will be mailed to your home address with your Dogwood Certificate. Please deposit your cheque promptly. Again, do ensure your address is correct in MyEd and if it's not, please advise Ms. Tichelman in the office.

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## Summer School/Adult Education

If your post-secondary planning includes summer school for the summer of 2026, please see your counsellor. Likewise, if you have questions about Adult Education, May is a good time to connect with your counsellor if you haven't already to plan for next year.