LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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welcome

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Agenda

PAC INFO

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Who Can Become a Member of PAC?

- All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are able to participate and are members of the PAC.

How Does A PAC Work?

- Through their elected executives from parents in the school, PACs communicate with their parent community gathering and discussing issues of importance regarding their school in order to adequately advise those that influence their school. In addition to PAC meetings communication may also be done through, newsletters, telephone, email, and websites so that all parents have the opportunity for input. PACs, with strong participation from parents, have an important influence on life at the school and the feelings the community has toward the school and education. There is strong evidence that increased parent involvement in the school results in increased student achievement, accomplishment, satisfaction, and bonding all of which result in decreased dropout rates and better citizen.

Purposes of a PAC

- To advise the school principal and staff on parents' views and feedback about school programs, policies, plans and activities.

- To organize PAC activities and events and endeavour to provide parent education.

- To encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement.

- To communicate with parents, and to promote co-operation between the home and the school in providing support for the education of children.

- To assist parents in accessing the system and to advocate on behalf of parents and students.

- To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by its membership.

- To advise and participate in the activities of the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC).
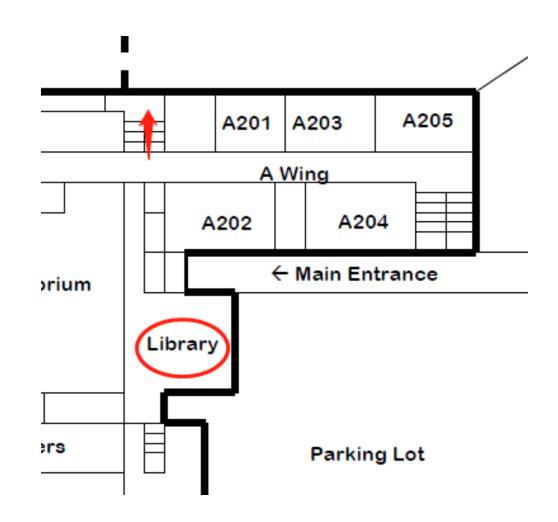
Join us for PAC meetings!

When: Oct. 27 Monday

7:00PM

Where: PW Library

Welcome new members!

IMPORTANT DATES

Individual Grad Photos (Artona)	October 3, 2025- October 5, 2025
Group Grad Photos (Artona)	September 19, 2025- March 29, 2026
Grad Spirit Week	September 22- September 26, 2025
Grade 12 Breakfast	September 24, 2025
Grade 12 Family Info Night	September 24, 2025
Grade 12 Assembly	October 2, 2025 (FIT, Auditorium)
Senior Grad Cruise "Senior Sail"	October 23, 2025 (Tentative)
Post Secondary Event	December 3, 2025
Literacy 12 Assessment	January 22 or 23, 2026
Valedictorian Assembly	May 5, 2026 (FIT, Auditorium)
Capstone Fair	May 27, 2026
Graduation Assembly (Part I)	May 28, 2026 (FIT, Auditorium)
Graduation Assembly (Part II)	June 2, 2026 (FIT, Auditorium)
Graduation Ceremony	June 8, 2025 (1:00 pm, Chan Centre, UBC) Note: Rehearsal for Grads 8:30- 10:00 AM
Graduation Dinner & Dance (PROM)	TBA

GRAD COMMITTEE

Hoodies
- Voting on a design
- Cash school online
- On sale in early Oct
- $45-50

Events
- 1 per month?
- Participate make the most out of the year
- It'll be fun!

Communication
- Instagram @pwgrad2026
- Teams Grade 12 Channel
- Stay updated!!!

GRAD FEES

Standard Fee:

Valedictory Fee (Gr. 12) $80

- includes: gown, tickets, facility rental, decorations, photographer

Note: Each student will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the graduation ceremony. Additional tickets can be purchased ~$10 (more to come)

Optional Fee:

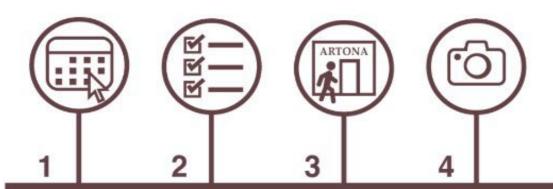**Graduation Dinner & Dance ~$150 (last 2 years $135)**

- includes: tickets, facility rental, decorations, photographer

Grad Photos

Artona Composite & Photo Shoot

- $60 deposit (is refundable)
- Book online https://artona.com/bookings
- Visit Artona for FAQ https://artona.com/faqs

VIEW PHOTOS

You'll be able to see your photos in a private online gallery within about three days.

We'll send another email with the login details when they're ready to view.

SELECT YOUR YB PHOTO AND ORDER

Once the photos are online, you can select your yearbook photo and place an order.

Don't forget — you get to use the $60 deposit like a credit.

We offer both digital image and print packages at a range of prices.

RECEIVE PHOTOS

Print orders take up to 4-6 weeks and digital image orders take up to 2 weeks to receive.

All orders are created locally at our main studio in Vancouver, BC.

SHARE ON SOCIAL

We love seeing your photos on social!

Share your Artonas by tagging us @artonagroup and use the hashtag #myartonas

1 BOOK APPOINTMENT

Head to our website to book your appointment.

We reserve dates for each school so everyone gets photographed in time for the yearbook and composite.

2 PREPARE

Once you book an appointment, we'll send a couple emails with information about how to prepare, including a Covid-19 pre-screening form.

3 COME TO OUR STUDIO

Please arrive on time. If you're late, we may not be able to do the full session.

When you arrive, you'll pay the $60 deposit — this can be applied toward your order later on like a credit.

4 GET PHOTOGRAPHED

For most graduation sessions, we take a mix of formal cap and gown photos, as well as photos in your own outfit.
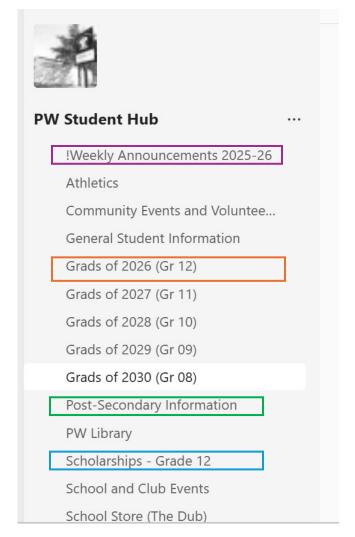
You can bring a prop, pet and up to two parents or guardians to take pictures with, too. We'll provide the cap and gown!

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COMMUNICATION

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You need to CHECK Communications DAILY!!!!!!!!!

PW Student Hub ...

!Weekly Announcements 2025-26

Athletics

Community Events and Voluntee...

General Student Information

Grads of 2026 (Gr 12)

Grads of 2027 (Gr 11)

Grads of 2028 (Gr 10)

Grads of 2029 (Gr 09)

Grads of 2030 (Gr 08)

Post-Secondary Information

PW Library

Scholarships - Grade 12

School and Club Events

School Store (The Dub)

PW STUDENT HUB

INSTAGRAM

EMAIL

PA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grad Requirements

- Students can verify they meet grad requirements by checking their transcript on Student Transcript Service website.

- Check to make sure that all graduation requirements are met (CLE10, Indigenous requirement, etc.) and all courses taken are on transcript.

- I will run a Transcript Verification Report at beginning of October.

The B.C. Certificate of Graduation, or Dogwood Diploma, is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements. To graduate, students require at least 80 credits total. Of these 80 credits:

- 52 credits are required from the following:
  - Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits).
  - Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits).
  - Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits).
  - A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 course (4 credits).
  - A Language Arts 10, 11, and a required 12 course (4 credits required at each Grade, 12 credits total).
  - An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total).
  - Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits).
  - Indigenous-focused (4 credits).
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits.
- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12 course and the Career-Life Connections course.

In addition, students must also complete three Provincial Graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Literacy Assessment.
- Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment.
- Grade 12 Literacy Assessment.

Transcripts

- Most post secondary schools do not require a hard copy (paper) of a student's transcript.
- Need a hard copy?
  - Order from Ms. Pooley (records clerk) in the main office.
  - Allow 3-5 school days to process.
  - Transcripts come in a signed and sealed envelope which students cannot open. You are responsible for mailing them.
- Need a transcript with your grade 9 grades or current grade 12 course on it? See Ms. Baerg
- View your official transcript at the Student Transcript Services website.

BRITISH COLUMBIA **StudentTranscripts Service**
Information For Students

StudentTranscripts Service (STS) is an online application for students to view their school marks, transcripts, scholarships and send transcripts electronically to post secondary institutions and employers.

Get Started
To register for STS students will need:
- Personal Education Number (PEN)
- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Email address

Step 1 Go to the Ministry of Education's Transcripts and Certificate website at http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca.

Step 2 You **must sign up** for a BCeID before you can use the StudentTranscripts Service. For BCeID signup, you need to:
- Complete the fields to register for a basic BCeID
- Select your password reset questions and answers (*remember these* as you will need them if you forget your password)
- Follow the system prompts and sign up for StudentTranscripts Service.

Sign Up for a BCeID

Step 3 Log-in to StudentTranscripts Service using your BCeID. When registering for the Student Transcript Service using your BCeID, you will be prompted to:
- Enter your student information used by your school (see **Get Started** information above)
- Read the personal data collection info and complete the process by clicking "submit"
- An email will be sent to the email address provided and must be activated within 24 hours of receipt or you will need to complete the registration process again
- Once activated, you will be able to log onto STS using your BCeID and password.

Log in with BCeID

Step 4 From your STS Dashboard, you can choose your post-secondary institutions (PSIs) selections, preview, send and order transcripts, view exam and assessment results and view scholarship information. Please note that all transcripts previewed in the STS are considered unofficial, but official transcripts will be sent out when ordered.

You will need to consent to the STS privacy notice which enables the ministry to send your transcripts to your selected PSIs by paper or electronically depending on how the PSI is able to receive transcripts. Printed copies of transcripts may take up to 3 weeks for processing and delivery to your selected PSIs.

Troubleshooting:
For BCeID questions: https://www.bceid.ca
For StudentTranscripts questions: servicebc@gov.bc.ca.

Reference Letters

- Reference letters only required for US university applications
- Complete a Reference Letter Request Form for a reference from Ms. Baerg
- Form is on TEAMS (PW Student Hub → Post-Secondary Information)
- **Majority of students will not need a reference letter**.
- Teachers may have a different process – ask early **(3 weeks notice)**

Recommendation

Post-Secondary Reference Letter Request Form:
Help me tell an impressive story about you.

- This form is provided to help process your request efficiently.
- If this request is for a unique program, scholarship or award please attach a description and the criteria of the program, scholarship or award.
- You must submit your request at least 3 school weeks before the application is due.
- Attach your **resume** and any other information you feel is important to this Post-Secondary Reference Letter Request Form. **Submit a hard copy directly to Ms. Baerg** (do not email).

Online Courses

- Verify with online school how to request an interim grade.

- Must complete 50% of course to receive an interim grade.

- UBC example - If you are taking an online learning courses to meet admission requirements for your degree program, please arrange for interim (50% complete) grades to be submitted to UBC by March 15.

- Online courses must be complete by June. Check with online school for their exact deadline.

Post-Secondary Planning

Post-Secondary Research

- Counselling area, post-secondary school websites, post-secondary visits.
- Each post-secondary institute has different entrance requirements.
- Families are responsible for checking the requirements and making sure students meet them.
- See Ms. Baerg if you are confused or have questions.

Career and Post-Secondary Exploration

www.myblueprint.ca
www.educationplannerbc.ca/

Applying to Post-Secondary

You can start preparing now! (some schools registration opens October 1)
- BC - Universities & Colleges - apply through Education Planner BC: https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/
- Ontario - Universities Application Center: http://www.ouac.on.ca/
- Ontario - College Application Services: https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/home
- Alberta - Post-Secondary Application System: https://applyalberta.ca/pub/
- USA - create an account at: https://www.commonapp.org/
- Other schools, visit their website

Application Deadlines (Varies from school to school)
U of T - Early admissions Nov 7, Regular admissions Jan 15
UBC - rolling admission opens early October
SFU - January 31
UVIC – January 31
Langara - rolling admissions opens October 1

Application Process

1. Create a profile, apply, share your marks and transcripts.

2. Self reporting marks. Use grades from transcript or latest report card. Update grades as they come in.

3. Wait, wait, and wait some more.

   - Carefully monitor emails and read thoroughly from start to finish.

   - Most decisions are made in March.

   - Many colleges are first come; first qualified; first admitted. Other college programs are highly competitive (i.e. nursing).

4. Decide which offer to accept (usually by the end of April).

5. Apply for residence, if needed.

6. Choose your courses, if applicable (normally the end of June/start of July).

Application Process

- Universities rank completed Grade 12 courses above anything else. Where there is no Grade 12 completed requirement, they will use a Grade 11 equivalent.

- Grade 12 Semester 1 and 2 courses are considered.

- Universities have been clear… Semester systems will NOT hurt applications.

- Should I apply early? With rolling admissions, it is better to apply earlier than later.

- Some schools like Langara will ask you to commit early but committing just saves your spot.

- Leave yourself time to do your applications. Start your profile(s) early and have someone you trust read over your responses.

Post-Secondary Applications

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- Personal Profiles or supplementary applications are an opportunity to share who you are and go beyond grades. When answering questions try to show your thinking process, what were your feelings, what actions you took, what you might do different next time. It's not so much about what you've done, but what you've learned from what you've done.

- UBC has good info on personal profiles, applicable to writing any application.

  https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/how-to-apply/

Scholarships, Loans & Bursaries

- PW will announce scholarship and bursaries info via TEAMs

- Individual post-secondary institutions have scholarships and bursaries. Bursaries available based on financial need.

- Often you need to apply to these separately and early, so do your research.

- The BC Government operates a Student Loan program: https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships

Post-Secondary Visits

University	Date	Time
University of Alberta	September 18	1:20
UWO Ivey School of Business	October 8	11:35
UVIC	October 16	11:35
University of Calgary	October 22	11:35
Queen's	October 24	11:35
Waterloo	November 4	1:20
UWO (Western)	November 5	11:35
Dalhousie	November 6	11:35
SFU (Beedie)	November 18	11:35
PSBC Day	December 3	9:00 – 11:00
U of T	TBA	
McMaster	TBA	
McGill	TBA	
UBC (Sauder)	TBA	
Corpus Christi	TBA	

CLC & CAPSTONE

- REMINDER: this course is a GRAD REQUIREMENT for all Grade 12 students in the province of BC, meaning **YOU** need to successfully pass this course to graduate with your Dogwood Diploma.

- Some new components have been added to this course, including a Capstone Showcase on May 27 and a Capstone Award will be presented at Graduation in June. Exciting!!

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- Have you checked your TEAMS?
  - Your CLC12 is an **off-timetable course!**

- By this point you should have met or should be looking to meet for your first seminar of the course.

- All info has been posted by your section teacher. If you are not on a TEAM check your timetable and inform your teacher or counsellor ASAP!

FIT SIGN UP

- Starting **September 29**, students are expected to sign up for FIT

- This system will help keep our school community organized for what students plan to do with their time during FIT including when there are assemblies, guest speakers, or workshops.

Website: https://fitplanner.vsb.bc.ca

Sign in with VSB credentials

Note: Attendance is communicated with parents (different from MyEd)

QUESTIONS