



# GLADSTONE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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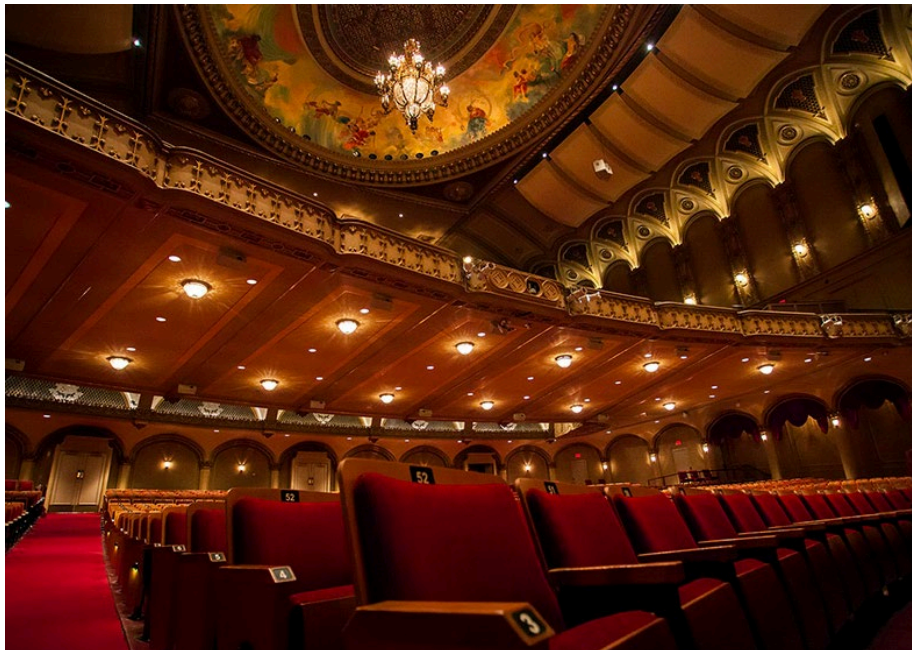
Dear Parents and Guardians of Gladstone Grade 12 students:

As the end of the grade 12 year is fast approaching, we have **important and essential information for the 2022 graduation events and processes.**

## **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

This year's Graduation will be held on **Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Orpheum Theatre**, 601 Smithe Street, Vancouver, BC. **Main doors will open at 6:00 pm** and interior auditorium doors open at 6:30pm. Please allow ample time to find parking and walk to the Orpheum. The area will be very busy and parking in the vicinity will be limited.

All guests must be seated before the Ceremonies begins - promptly at 7:00pm. Late comers will not be seated. This is a formal ceremony. Its purpose is to honour all those Grade 12 students who are leaving Gladstone this year. **Students must be at the Orpheum Theatre by 6:00pm and will need to enter from the Granville Street Entrance (just North of Smithe) – look for Scott Deyell who will be helping with this.**



## **Grad Fees:**

Only students who have paid their grad fees will be able to attend. Please pay your child's fees [online here](#). If students require a financial subsidy for these fees, please see Ms. Phillips to request a subsidy form. Students with questions, should speak to Ms. Taylor in the office.

## One Liners for Grad Ceremony - due May 27

Students must write their grad "one liners" by May 27<sup>th</sup>. This is the message that will be read about them as they cross the stage. **This may not feel important now, but it will matter to students and families when students are crossing the stage.**

Notes about writing the one-liner:

- 25 words max
- Due May 27<sup>th</sup>
- Written in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person "**Abby** wishes to thank **her** family and friends for all their support". NOT "I want to thank **my** family and friends."
- Follow [this link](#) to complete the form and submit your one liner
- If you have any questions, come see Ms. G in the office or you can email Ms. G at [jgutierrez@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jgutierrez@vsb.bc.ca)

## Grad Ceremony Rehearsal and Grad Gown Distribution

The rehearsal will take place on graduation day, **Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am** in the Gladstone Auditorium.

**ALL** Grads must attend this important practice because it is the only meeting before the actual ceremony at the Orpheum Theatre. Caps and gowns will be distributed at the end of the rehearsal on June 16<sup>th</sup>. **Each student must pick up their gown and remember to bring their cap and gown to the ceremony at the Orpheum!** Students are not permitted to pick up gowns for any other student. Gowns and caps do not need to be returned at the end of the night or to the school.

## Tickets for the Grad Ceremony

Each Grade 12 student will receive two complimentary ceremony tickets and two complimentary transit passes, which will be given to them at the Grad Brunch on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Grads do not need a ticket – the grad gown is the entrance ticket. Additional tickets will also be available at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket and can be purchased with cash from the school office. *There is no limit to the number of tickets that can be purchased.* It is our expectation that students will be responsible for the appropriate behaviour of the additional guests and that guests will sit with the family at the Orpheum Theatre.

## Grad Brunch

Courtesy of the staff, a pancake breakfast is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Gladstone Cafeteria. Brunch will be served during FIT. Students will spend social time with staff and fellow students, review pictures from their years in school and receive letters written to themselves in Grade 8. We expect all grads to attend.

## Grad Photos

Grad photos were taken in October by Artona Studios. All students should now have received their orders. Artona photographers will take pictures at the graduation ceremony as students cross the stage. Parents are **NOT** permitted to come up to the stage to take photos during the ceremony. However, many families take pictures outside of the theatre.

## Graduation Dinner/Dance/Dry Grad Punch Party

On **Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**, many Gladstone Grade 12 students will be taking part in a Dinner and Dance/Prom organized by the Grad Committee. This is a school sponsored event and all school expectations for appropriate behaviour apply. Gladstone will host a dry grad “Punch Party” at the school from 3:30 - 5:00 pm that afternoon. This is an opportunity for graduates attending the dinner dance to meet at the school and spend some time with fellow graduates and school staff. Parents of graduates are welcome to drop in to this event to take photographs and talk with the graduates at this time. Graduates then go on to the dinner dance venue, the Royal Banquet Hall at 7845 Edmonds Street, Burnaby. Doors open at 6:30 pm, dinner is at 7:00 pm. The dance ends at 11:30 pm. Late comers will not be admitted. Students choosing to attend this event must make a non-refundable payment for a ticket from Mr. Paley or online at <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>. Tickets go on sale Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> and will be available until Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Regardless of payment method, students need to pick up the physical ticket from Mr. Paley and will need this physical ticket to enter. The price of the Dinner Dance tickets for grads is \$85.00 which includes dinner, dancing, security and music. Outside guests are not permitted – all attendees must be part of the Gladstone graduating class of 2022.

## Provincial Assessments – Essential Graduation Requirements!

This year Grade 12 students are only required to write one provincial assessment: Literacy 12. Most students should have written this assessment in April. **If, however, a student missed the April session, they must write it on June 17th in order to graduate!** Students who wish to re-write this assessment will also have an opportunity to do this on June 17<sup>th</sup> but must speak to Ms. Bell to register.

## Transcripts! – Grads must request through the Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) online

Students can request transcripts from the [Ministry of Education website transcript page](#). If your transcript seems to be incorrect, please feel free to contact the school for assistance.

## Yearbooks

Yearbooks can still be ordered but should be ordered as soon as possible. They cost \$50 each and can be picked up on June 27<sup>th</sup> – pick up details will be announced to students at school.

We are looking forward to celebrating your student. It’s a very special time of year!

*Diane Phillips*

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*I respectfully acknowledge that we work, live, learn and unlearn on the unceded and traditional territory of the Musqueam, salilwatał and Squamish peoples.*

