



April 30th, 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians:

As the School Leaving Ceremony is just under one month away, this is an exciting time for all graduates! To help you plan for the busy months of May and June, here's one final letter we will be outlining all the important dates coming up, as well as giving more insight into what these events entail.

CELEBRATIONS

School Leaving Ceremony

Date: Thursday May 23rd, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Convocation Mall @ Simon Fraser University

Fee: \$80

Payments can be made at <http://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com>

**Additional Ticket for School Leaving Ceremony will be on sale from April 11th to May 14th, 2024. (while quantities last). Cost is \$5.00 each. You can purchase these on School Cash Online. Additional tickets will be handed out with your TWO complimentary tickets.*

Additional Information:

School Leaving Ceremony Rehearsal (MANDATORY):

This will take place at Burnaby Central in our Commons on Tuesday, May 21st @12:45pm. Students will receive their grad caps & gowns, as well as their ceremony tickets.

GRADUATES: Need to be lined up for the processional in the AQ (Academic Quadrangle) no later than 6:00PM. Graduates who arrive late will not get to process in with the class. It is recommended that Graduates wear comfortable shoes, as there is lots of walking to do during the Processional. Similarly, Graduates should not have bags or other personal belongings, as they will not necessarily be seated in the same chair from the start of the ceremony to its completion.

Please review the following [video](#) to help familiarize yourselves with where you need to be when you arrive at SFU.

AUDIENCE: Parking is limited. Please arrive early. Seating is first come, first served. Arrive early to ensure you have a good seat. [HERE is a MAP of SFU](#) for Parking and the path to Convocation Mall. If you or your guests require special accommodations due to specific physical challenges (i.e.: hearing, mobility, etc) please complete the form attached [HERE](#). ***Please complete this form no later than Friday May 17th, 2024.*** An additional reminder, as this is an outdoor ceremony, please make sure that everyone in your group addresses accordingly.

Please feel free to watch this [quick video](#) about how to get to the Halpern Centre (where Grads will need to meet to get in order for the ceremony) from the North Parking lot- just steps away from the Ceremony's location in the Convocation Mall.

Graduation Dinner and Dance

Date: Monday June 24th, 2024

Time: 6PM

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel

Fee: \$140.00 – Can make payment on <http://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com>

Payment Deadline: May 17th, 2024

Additional Information:

Grads will submit table seating between May 20th – 31st.

Timeline for Monday June 24th, 2024

5:30 p.m.- Students should arrive at the hotel

6:00 p.m.- Artona Group photo will be taken outside the Pan Pacific

6:15 p.m.- Doors open, sign in & security check.

7:00 p.m. - Buffet Dinner will be served

7:00 p.m.- Grad Council Chairs Welcome Speech

9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.- Grad Video & Dance

- There will be no in and out privileges.
- ****NOTE TO PARENTS: Only Burnaby Central graduates and staff** will be allowed inside the ballroom. Parents are welcome to take pictures with their child in and around the Pan Pacific Hotel prior to the group photo at 6:00PM.

Dry Grad

Please see [HERE](#) the Dry Grad newsletter that was sent out earlier in 2024. If you're interested in helping organize Dry Grad, please reach out to the contact on the letter.

****Sunday May 5th** from 11:30 am – 4:30 pm @ Save On Foods Highgate location will have a Cinco de Mayo celebration to raise funds for Dry Grad celebrations.

Gold Cord Verification

Today at noon is the deadline – as it was emailed out last week, and posted on Instagram & TEAMS- for Grade 12s to check to make sure their name was on the list for students who will receive a Gold Cord this year.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & DATES OF IMPORTANCE

Career Life Connections 12 (CLC 12)

All grade 12 students graduating with a Dogwood Diploma must complete CLE 10, CLC 11 and CLC 12 to graduate. Ms. Eng, Ms Neves and Ms. Morabito are the CLC 12 advisors and can be reached via email, Teams or in person in A233. All Grade 12 students should have completed this requirement during Semester 1.

Core Competency

Assignment #1: Due November

Assignment #2: Due April

Assignment #3: Due May

Additional Information: Assignments will be automatically loaded into student Microsoft 365 accounts. Be sure to check TEAMS for these mandatory assessment pieces.

ICBC Presentation

There will be a presentation for the graduation class of 2024. The date is Wednesday May 15th, 2024, 9AM in the gym. Attendance is mandatory.

Numeracy & Literacy Assessments

The last opportunity to write any of the Provincial Assessments (Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 or Literacy 12) for Grade 12 students who have not completed this **Graduation Requirement** will be in June. An email will be sent to any graduates and their parent/guardians should they be in jeopardy of not completing this requirement from their school counsellor.

Scholarships & Bursaries

Available scholarships and bursaries will be posted on the Scholarship Team on Microsoft 365. Students should be actively looking and applying for scholarships now. Check out where to look for scholarships on the Team. Students can reach out to Ms. Morabito via email, on Teams or in person in A233 if they have any questions about scholarships and bursaries.

Transcripts

For Post-Secondary Applications:

Students must order transcripts via www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca

For Scholarship Applications:

Students can scan the QR code at the Main Office. Requests will be completed by the end of the next business day.

Yearbooks

Cost: \$65. Remaining quantities are limited, so buy your yearbook ASAP so as not to miss out!

As these events approach, please ensure you and your graduate have talked about the importance of being prepared for Graduation. We look forward to celebrating this major milestone in your child's life.

Sincerely,
Burnaby Central Administrative Team