



April 17^h, 2026

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 & INFORMATION

Dogwood

Information: Only 45 Grade 12s have completed the [following MANDATORY form](#) to ensure the office has accurate information to mail out your Dogwood once it arrives from the ministry. Please complete this ASAP.

Gold Cord Verification

The Preliminary Gold Cord List was posted prior to Spring Break. Students will be notified after Term 3 marks are finalized if they no longer qualify to receive a Gold Cord.

M365 Accounts

The Burnaby School District deactivates student M365 accounts once you graduate. They delete all Grade 12 accounts at maximum 30 days after the last day of the school year. Saying this, Grade 12 students need to ensure that they have saved any and all documents, emails, etc. from their school accounts before this time. There is no way to recover this information once the account has been deleted. Please ensure this is something you plan to complete in June.

School Leaving Ceremony

Date: Saturday, May 23rd, 2026 Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Simon Fraser University

Fee: \$105 (includes Cap/Gown- which graduates get to keep), 2 tickets for School Leaving Ceremony Payments can be made at <http://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com>

**Additional Ticket for School Leaving Ceremony will be on sale from April 10th to May 15th, 2026. (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. Payments can be made at <http://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com>.*

Additional Information: Reminder that [School Leaving Ceremony Form #2](#) is Due April 18th @ 3PM- No late submissions will be accepted. (Graduates complete this form as it includes parts of the script that is read as they cross the stage). ****ONLY 55 Graduates have completed this****

As well, this year, our program will be available as a digital download 2 business days after the Ceremony- with a complimentary printed copy given to Graduates with the printed copy of their Crossing the Stage photo provided by Artona.

School Leaving Ceremony Rehearsal (MANDATORY):

This will take place at Burnaby Central in our Large Gym on Thursday, May 21st, 2026 in the large gym. 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 12:15PM. Graduates who arrive late will not get to process in with the class and run the risk of not being included in the ceremony. 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 NOON on Friday May 15th, 2026.*** 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 22nd, 2026

Doors Open: 6PM

Dinner: 7PM

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel

Fee: \$145.00 – Payment can be made at <http://burnaby.schoolcashionline.com>

Additional Information:

Grads will submit table seating between May 19th – 29th.

Timeline for Monday June 22nd, 2026

5:15 p.m.- Students should arrive at the hotel

5:30 p.m.- Artona Group photo will be taken outside the Pan Pacific

5:45 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.- Parents depart and students head in to sign in line

6:00 p.m.- Doors open, sign in & security check

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

7:00 p.m.- Grad Council 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 and AFTER the group photo at 5:30PM.

Dry Grad

Date: Monday, June 22nd, 2026 Time: 11:30pm – 3:30 am (Leave from the Dinner & Dance)
Location: The Metro

Grad Breakfast

Student Government and Central Admin are happy to announce that the 3rd annual Grad Breakfast will happen on Tuesday June 16th, 2026 in the Commons. Grads are encouraged to RSVP (so we know numbers for food) [HERE](#) before Monday June 9th. Students will receive items from the School Leaving Ceremony that they get to keep, as well as get the yearbook they purchased. Grade 12s not attending the Grad Breakfast will receive their yearbook with the distribution of the rest of the school.

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND GRADE 12 REMINDERS

AP Exams

Reminder that students enrolled in an AP Course have their CollegeBoard Exams the first two weeks of May. Students will be excused by the AP Coordinator from classes that conflict with the writing of the exam ONLY; students are expected to be in their classes at all other times. Students have been sent an email with a form confirming they have completed installing Bluebook on their personal devices PRIOR to entering the examination space.

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 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 February

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.

Presentation

There will be a presentation for the graduation class of 2025. The date is Thursday May 21st, 2026 in the gym. *Attendance is mandatory.*

Numeracy & Literacy Assessments

The next 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. A schedule will be created for those students who have yet to complete this graduation requirement; and communicated to them.

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

As these events approach, please ensure you and your graduate have talked about the importance of being prepared for Graduation. Our goal is to ensure that your child successfully completes their high school requirements while experiencing good memories that they will cherish for a lifetime. More specifics will come in the final newsletter (late April) regarding:

- Finalized information to make sure the School Leaving Ceremony goes off without a hitch!
- The shape of the day and Ceremony on May 23rd
 - Changes being made to this year's School Leaving Ceremony
- The shape of the evening of the Grad Dinner/Dance, as well as expectations

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the school.

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