



Westsyde Secondary School Grad 2024 Newsletter #3 – May

Message from the Principal:

Graduates of 2024: As we enter the final quarter of school and your final few months here at Westsyde Secondary, now is the time to really focus on your education. There will be other distractions and you will be tempted to put less emphasis on your education. Please don't! It will make a difference for scholarships, post-secondary programs, and your own sense of pride for a job well done. I look forward to seeing you cross the stage in June and embark on your career after high school. Good luck and keep working hard.

Important Dates

May 22 nd	Grad Gown Pick up from Main Office Please Note: Grad Gowns are keepsake gowns and do not need to be returned after the Commencement Ceremony All fees must be paid prior to Grad Gown pickup
May 30 th	District Honours Reception at TRU Grand Hall (Top 5% of each Grad class at each district high school)
June 3 rd	Aboriginal Grad at McArthur Island Sports Centre
June 8 th	Commencement Rehearsal at 9:45 am Banquet at 11:00 am Grad Commencement 2024 at 1:00 pm *There is a soccer tournament on Saturday at McArthur Island. Parking will be limited.

Grad Commencement Schedule: Saturday, June 8th at McArthur Island Sports Centre

Commencement Rehearsal:

Grads should arrive at McArthur Island Sports Centre with everything you need for the day. Rehearsal is at 9:45 am. You are responsible for your own transportation. **Attendance at rehearsal is MANDATORY.**

Banquet:

11:00 am at McArthur Island Sport Centre upstairs in the banquet room. A full brunch will be provided.

Commencement Ceremony:

Ceremony starts at 1:00 pm in the McArthur Island Sports Centre. This is the cap & gown ceremony where students receive their diplomas (approximately 2 hours).

Grand March/Prom and Safe Grad events are being organized by the Parent Safe Grad Committee.

Please contact Kimberly Lomond by Email: kimberlylomond@gmail.com or connect with the WSS Grad 2024 Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1035648074454037/>

Grad Fees

The school grad fee is \$120.00 and covers:

- All commencement costs including your graduation certificate, composite photo and ceremony photo
- Additional commencement costs including decorations, flowers, staging costs, programs and Staff Grad Social
- Grad fees must be paid by cash or cheque in the office or by credit card on SchoolCash online by May 22nd prior to gown pickup.

Graduation Requirements

In order to be eligible to participate in the Commencement Ceremony, a student must complete graduation requirements by the end of their grade 12 year. Letters of concern have been sent home. Students will have until May 31st to improve any failing marks. **Students who are still failing at this time will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.** All decisions regarding a student being removed from the list will include parent consultation.

Requirements to participate in the Commencement Ceremony

- The Graduate must be completing all graduation requirements.
- All outstanding fees must be paid, including Ceremony fee.
- All Library fees must be paid, and library books must be returned.

Baby Photos – Last Chance!

We are putting together a slideshow to use during our Commencement Ceremony, which includes baby photos of our Grads. Please submit your photo (infant to pre-school age) to the main office ASAP (deadline has passed).

Email a digital or scanned photo (minimum size 55px by 500 px, JPEG or PNG file type with the file name: lastname_firstname.jpg) to tparenteau@sd73.bc.ca. If you are unable to scan the image, we can do it for you. Please bring the photo to the main office where we will scan it for you while you wait.