



April 17-April 30	Valedictorian and Historian Applications
April 18 - April 21	Grads must clear all debts and return all overdue library materials before they receive their grad gown or purchase dinner dance tickets.
April 18	Guest Pass Applications available (at student window before school, lunch or after school)
April 18 - May 4	Online order form opens for additional Commencement Tickets (up to four per grad) https://forms.office.com
TBD	Dry Grad tickets for sale at lunch in the HUB - Signed parent letter is required. (Guest's signed parent letter and Admin approval must be provided to purchase guest tickets)
Apr 25	Grade 12 Literacy Exam catch-up
May 8 - 12	Payment for additional Commencement tickets during lunch in front of the library. Unpaid tickets will be forfeited
May 12	Grad Dinner Dance tickets open for purchase on School Cash Online for CHS students. https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com
May 18	Grade 12 Assembly in the Theatre - Cap and Gown packages will be handed out at the end of the assembly and will include 2 free Commencement tickets - Grads do not require a ticket.
May 18 - 26	Dinner Dance seat selection room 109 - Receipt of payment required to choose a seat.
May 23	Commencement Ceremony at Bell Centre - Grads arrive at 5:30 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m.
May 24 - 26	Dinner Dance guest pass on sale at lunch in room 109 - cash or cheque only (You must show an approved guest pass letter to purchase tickets)
May 26	Grad Guest Pass applications due (to Mr. Johnston)
May 26	Media release forms due. Students without a completed form will not be included in the Cloverdale Reporter Newspaper grad announcement.
June 14	Athletic awards and BBQ dinner
June 28	Dinner Dance at Newlands and Dry Grad at The Metro
June 30	Final Report Cards available online



September 28, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: Community Youth Activities "Grad Pranks"

As we settle into the new school year, we are reminding parents, guardians, and students of our 2023 graduating class, of the expectations regarding pranks and celebrations.

Celebrating educational milestones is a tradition; however, there have been incidents in the past of unsanctioned activities that have crossed the line from good-natured fun, to criminal activity

This fall, social media trends have also amplified acts of theft and vandalism in schools across the region. We are asking your help to ensure your son or daughter is aware that unsafe or unlawful activities can have serious, lasting, consequences. Youth who participate in criminal activity could face criminal charges or school sanctions. These sanctions may include exclusion from graduation activities such as commencement ceremonies, suspensions, and can affect students' eligibility for scholarships and postsecondary admissions.

It is also important for parents and guardians to know they may be held financially responsible for damage caused by their children. Please see the attached excerpt from the *School Act*.

It is important that we work together to ensure that our young people do not take part in, or condone (provoke, encourage, or support):

- *Bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, threat(s) or intimidation;*
- *Violence of any form;*
- *Verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;*
- *Discrimination in any form;*
- *Theft;*
- *Unsafe or dangerous activities;*
- *Vandalism;*
- *Possession or use of intoxicating or banned substances;*
- *Possession or use of weapons (or replica weapons) and explosives.*

We ask that you understand the position of both the district and all our schools in taking the necessary disciplinary steps where appropriate, to ensure the safety and security of our school community.

Over the years, students from the graduating class have planned unsupervised camping trips or other group activities. Sadly, some of these activities have resulted in injuries and even deaths, due to impaired driving, or misadventure. We support your decision to not permit your son or daughter to attend unsupervised events. If you are uncertain about the status of an event, please give the school administration a call.

This letter may feel like a dire warning, however, it is because we want to keep your children safe and successful, that we take this matter so seriously.

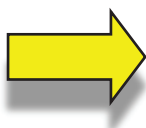


Clayton Heights Secondary School **Graduation 2023**

Commencement

“The Big Show” of Caps and Gowns at the Bell Theatre **Tuesday May 23**

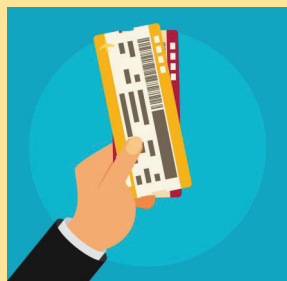
We are looking forward to celebrating Graduation with our Grade 12s and their families in May. We will be hosting a traditional Commencement Ceremony for our entire Grad 2023 class at the Bell Theatre on May 23rd. The Ceremony will also be available via live stream for family members unable to attend. Watch for more information.



Mandatory Rehearsal: May 18, 2023 in the Theatre at 1:40 p.m.
Gown and Commencement ticket distribution to follow.

Commencement Schedule

5:30 **Check in**
6:45 **Doors open**
7:00 **Ceremony starts**



TICKETS

**2 Free guest tickets
per graduate**

See the online form to request
up to 4 additional guest tickets
per graduate. Cost is **\$5** each.
Payment due by May 12, 2023.

<https://forms.office.com>

Commencement

The Commencement Ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** at **The Bell Performing Arts Centre** (6248 144 Street, Surrey). Students need to arrive **no later than 5:30 p.m.** to prepare for the processional and ceremony. The Commencement Ceremony will start at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre with doors opening at 6:45 p.m. Tickets **must** be presented at the door. Grads do not need a ticket, however, all family and guests must have tickets.

Each grad will receive two (2) **Commencement tickets** free of charge. These tickets will be distributed with their Grad Gowns on **Thursday, May 18** in the HUB following the mandatory rehearsal in the theatre. Only students who have paid the grade 12 graduation fee of \$60.00, student fee of \$25.00 and all other debts will be issued tickets.

An online form for additional tickets (at a cost of \$5.00) will be open on, **Tuesday, April 18**. You may request up to four (4) additional tickets per student. Payment for additional tickets available in front of the Library May 8th to 12th during lunch. Unpaid tickets will be forfeited. After all additional tickets have been distributed there may be additional tickets available on a first come first served basis (at a cost of \$5.00). Families should also be aware that this formal ceremony often lasts three hours or longer and is not suitable for small children. If you choose to bring a child they will also require a ticket.

Grad gowns will be distributed Thursday, May 18th following the mandatory assembly and rehearsal. All grads must attend the mandatory rehearsal in the Theatre. This rehearsal will provide important information regarding procedures for the Commencement Ceremony and Dinner Dance.

Valedictorian & Historian

At Clayton Heights Secondary we value academic success, extra-curricular involvement and student leadership. The ideal **Valedictorian** is an academic student who has been actively involved in one or more areas of our school community and is seen as a strong leader amongst their peers.

- Students can be nominated by or apply for themselves (Use the QR codes posted around the school to apply or make a nomination)
- Student gives a speech at the Commencement ceremony (farewell address) and Dinner Dance
- Student must be able to write and deliver a thoughtful, well-organized and well-presented address
- A Committee of teachers will make the final decision on this years selection.

The ideal **Historian** has been a member of Clayton Heights since Grade 8 and displays a strong relationship with the staff and with their peers. This person should demonstrate positive leadership within the school and the Clayton community.

- Students can be nominated by or apply for themselves (Use the QR codes posted to apply or nominate)
- Student gives a speech only at the Dinner Dance
- Student must be able to write and deliver a thoughtful, well-organized and well-presented address
- A Committee of teachers will make the final decision on this years selection.

Nominations for Valedictorian and Historian are due Sunday, April 30, 2023 by 12:00 midnight.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES? TO BE CHS VALEDICTORIAN?

- DEMONSTRATES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
- HAS A MINIMUM GPA OF 86%
- IS ENROLLED IN AT LEAST 3 ACADEMIC COURSES IN THEIR GRADE 12 YEAR
- IS A WELL ROUNDED, MODEL STUDENT AND INVOLVED WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY
- IS ABLE TO WRITE AND DELIVER A QUALITY SPEECH
- IS ABLE TO PROVIDE THE NAME OF 2 TEACHERS WHO WOULD SUPPORT THEIR APPLICATION AS VALEDICTORIAN



APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY APRIL 30TH AT MIDNIGHT

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES? TO BE CHS HISTORIAN?

- HAS DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP IN THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
- HAS STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHS STUDENTS AND STAFF
- HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF CHS SINCE GRADE 8
- CAN ARTICULATE A POSITIVE REFLECTIVE MESSAGE OF THE PAST, AND HAS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE HIGH SCHOOL JOURNEY AND HOW THAT RELATES TO THE FUTURE
- IS ABLE TO PROVIDE THE NAME OF 2 TEACHERS WHO WOULD SUPPORT THEIR APPLICATION AS HISTORIAN



APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY APRIL 30TH AT MIDNIGHT



Clayton Heights Secondary School Graduation 2023

Important Graduation Dates & Fees

Dates to Remember

Monday	April 17	Valedictorian/Historian Applications
Tuesday	April 18 - May 4	Commencement Ticket sales online https://forms.office.com
Tuesday	April 25	Grade 12 Literacy Exam catch-up
Friday	May 12	Dinner Dance Tickets on sale at https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com
Thursday	May 18	Grade 12 Assembly & Rehearsal
Tuesday	May 23	Commencement Ceremony
Wednesday	May 24 - 26	Dinner Dance Guest Tickets Rm 109
Wednesday	June 14	Athletic BBQ and Awards
Wednesday	June 28	Dinner Dance and Dry Grad
Friday	June 30	Report Cards available online



Celebration Fees & Costs

Grad Fee	\$ 60.00 ** NOW DUE Includes: Venue rental, cap & gown, composite grad photo, decor, etc.
Yearbook	\$ 60.00 (optional)
Student Fees	All school years must be cleared
Dinner - Dance Ticket	\$90.00
Dry Grad Ticket	\$80.00

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School photos, clubs, sports,
teachers, embarrassing moments,
student life and more!

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sold out.



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ONLINE: Visit <https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/>



Order your yearbook online at:



<https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/>

Grad Dinner Dance and Dry Grad Festivities



Any guest invited to the CHS Grad Dinner Dance and Dry Grad festivities, **who are not members of the Clayton Heights Graduating Class of 2023,** must receive official written approval from Clayton Heights Administration. This includes grade 11 guests from CHS. Guests can be grade 11 students from CHS or grade 12 students from another school or graduates from June 2022.

Students who would like to bring a guest can pick up a Guest Pass Application form from the student window before school, during lunch or after school. Please fill out the application (completely) and return it to the office **ASAP.**

Both students and guests should note that **all school rules apply at both events.** Students are advised that use of alcohol, drugs, vapes, cigarettes, cigars before or during these events will result in removal from the festivities and consequent disciplinary action (and ticket costs will NOT be refunded).

Late “guest applications” will not be accepted.

Grads will be advised if their guest application is approved. Once approved, **Dinner/Dance tickets** can be purchased in person. Approval letter must be presented at the time of purchase, payments must be made in cash or cheque (**made payable to Clayton Heights Secondary**). Your guest, once approved, will also be approved to attend Clayton Heights Dry Grad. The CHS Grad will be required to purchase guest tickets in person during Dry Grad ticket sales. Approval letter and Dry Grad Emergency Contact Form must be presented at time of purchase. Emergency contact form must be completed for guests tickets as well. \$80 cash or cheque **payable to Clayton Heights Dry Grad.**

Dry Grad Ticket sales in the HUB at lunch - Dates TBD

contact Dry Grad Committee via email

claytondrygrad2023@gmail.com

Grad Dinner Dance

Newlands Golf and Country Club

21025 48th Avenue, Langley, BC

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

5:30 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.

**Photo of the “Class of 2023” will be taken at 6:00 p.m.
at Newlands Golf and Country Club.**

Doors at Newlands Golf and Country Club open at 6:00 p.m. (after class photo)

Students and Guests will pass through a security check upon entry

Dinner for grads at 7:00 p.m.

All school rules apply:

Possession or use of alcohol, drugs, vapes, cigarettes or cigars is not permitted.

Ticket Sales

Begin online at School Cash Online Friday, May 12

<https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com>

Dinner/Dance tickets - \$90.00

Purchase your Dinner/Dance tickets online at cash online prior to choosing a table. Bring your receipt to table selection.

Table Selection at Lunch with Mrs. Daniwall Room 109

- Choose your tables in Room 109.
- Come with your group of people you want to sit with.
- NO reserving for grads that have not paid.
- NO switching.
- If you wish to bring a guest, you **must** present an approved guest application to **hold** their seat.
- Guest ticket sales are May 24 - 26 in room 109. A receipt must be provided to **confirm** guest seat
- Payment Methods – School Cash Online Only (bring your receipt)

Transportation

- **To the Dinner/Dance at Newlands**
Student responsible for their own ride
- **To Dry Grad from Newlands**
Charter bus included in Dry Grad ticket
- **To home following Dinner/Dance**
Student responsibility
(if not attending Dry Grad)
- **To home following Dry Grad bus to CHS**
Student responsibility

Dinner/Dance 5:30 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.



Dry Grad—11:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m.

Reminder: All grads and their guests will return to Clayton Heights via bus following Dry Grad.



Clayton Heights Secondary School Graduation 2023

Grad Dinner & Dance Newlands Golf & Country Club Wednesday June 28



Schedule

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| 5:30 | Grads and Parents arrive at
Newlands Golf Course
21025 48 Ave, Langley |
| 6:00 | Grad Group Photo |
| 6:00 | Security check and Doors
open |
| 7:00 | Dinner |
| 8:00 | Dancing |
| 11:15 | Formal clothing pick up for
students attending Dry Grad |
| 11:15 | Board Buses to Dry Grad
Event at The Metro |



Dry Grad

Organized by our parent community
Wednesday, June 28, 11:30 p.m. - 4:30 a.m.

Want to stay in the know?

Parents: We need your email! Please contact the Dry Grad committee at claytondrygrad2023@gmail.com to get updates about your Dry Grad events. Information is also available on the school App and CHS website: surreyschools.ca/clyhts.

Dry Grad **meets** regularly in the CHS library to discuss, plan, and organize the year-end event. All parents of graduating students are **welcome** to join! Next Dry Grad meeting is on April 18th, 7:00 pm in the library.

An event like this takes a lot of **help**. If you or your company can support the CHS Dry Grad with a **prize or donation**, a financial contribution or time, please contact the CHS Dry Grad at claytondrygrad2023@gmail.com. Thank you for your kind consideration of this worthwhile event for our graduates on their special night.

SO, WHAT IS DRY GRAD ANYWAY? ...

Dry Grad is a **longstanding tradition at Clayton Heights** that is organized each year for the graduating class by a volunteer committee. The purpose of Dry Grad is to provide a **safe, inclusive, fun, and an alcohol and drug-free event** for all grads immediately after their formal Dinner Dance to celebrate their graduation.

It is a **parent supervised all-night** fun event and includes magical decorations, a music DJ, photo booth, large inflatable games, karaoke, and more! Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks are available throughout the party. To encourage grads to stay until the end, special **door prizes** are drawn as the festivities draw to a close.

Grads should change out of their formal party wear into casual clothing that is more comfortable for the Dry Grad activities. Therefore, students are asked to arrange a parent or person on their behalf to pick up all formal wear and belongings between 11:00 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. at Newlands. No bags will be permitted into the venue and Newlands is unable to store belongings. Students board a school bus immediately after the Dinner Dance at Newlands and go to **The Metro** in New Westminster for an exciting and entertaining variety of activities as well as music, dancing, food, and lots of photo opportunities with friends. Transportation will be provided back to the school arriving around 5:00 a.m. where students can walk home, drive home or be picked up.

A high school **graduation party is an important rite** of passage culminating years of hard work. The convocation, the banquet, and the dance are the social events that define where high school ends and “the rest of life” begins. It is a time to celebrate, a time to say goodbye to childhood, and a time to look to the future. The aim of Dry Grad is to reduce the risk of harm to the grads, and the community at large, on a night when risk is unusually high. It is an event where grads can have the time of their lives without risking their lives — and without breaking the law. The size and scope of the party is intended to reflect the grads’ achievement and acknowledge the years of hard work they put into completing their high school education. **The party runs straight through until the next morning** to ensure that graduates do not leave to go to another party. Because grads are kept occupied until the early hours of the morning, they are more inclined to “call it a night” by the time the party ends—and go home safe and sober. If a student chooses to leave before the end of the event, a parent or guardian will have to pick them up directly from the Dry Grad venue.

DRY GRAD

2023

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER AT...

the
Metro

June 28th 11:30 p.m.
to
June 29th 4:30 a.m.

DJ
Glow paint
Lounge booths
Over-sized games
Airbrush Tattoo
Karaoke
Photo Booth
Cartoonist
Food & drink
Transportation
Prizes

TICKETS ON SALE
(at lunch, in the Hub)

Tues, April 11
Wed, April 12
Mon, April 17

\$80

Dry Grad Details @ The Metro

Wednesday, June 28th – Thursday, June 29th

11:30 p.m. - 4:30 a.m.

Tickets for the Dinner/Dance will be sold separately by the school, as that is a school sponsored event. Information to come from school will be sent home soon.

On Wednesday, June 28th the students will be picked up from Newlands Golf & Country Club (21025 48th Avenue) between 11:15 p.m.- 12:00 a.m. on charter buses to get to the dry grad location – The Metro in New Westminster.

With the location logistics of The Metro, we will require all the students and plus-one's to change before the bus pick up at Newland's and no bags will be permitted. **Therefore please arrange a parent or arrange a person on your behalf to pick up your formal wear (dress, suit, tux, etc) between 11:00 p.m. - 11:15 p.m. as we will have no area to store them in.**

Admin will be searching the students before they get on the bus to ensure there is no alcohol, drugs, vapes, etc. The only access to Dry Grad will be if the students arrive on the chartered buses from Newlands with a Dry Grad Ticket.

We do require all students to stay until the end of the event. If a student chooses to leave, a parent or guardian will have to come and pick up directly from The Metro.

Students will be bused back to Clayton Heights Secondary School where they can walk home, drive home or be picked up. We will be arriving between 4:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.

There are no in and out privileges at Dry Grad and there is a NO TOLERANCE policy with alcohol, drugs, smoking or vaping. If any issues arise parents will be called immediately to pick up after first occurrence.

For any emergency reasons, please give parent/guardian name and phone number below for each person (graduate and plus one's).

Please let us know if you have any questions by emailing us at claytondrygrad2023@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and we hope that all the Grads will enjoy the fun evening we have been planning all year long!

Sarah MacLeod
Dry Grad Chair 2023

Submit Signed for Ticket Purchase

Student Name

Parent Name

Parent Phone Number

Parent Signature



Paying for Fees: SchoolCashOnline

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What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online allows parents to easily make online payments for the school fees available to their children.

- ✓ Pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever.
- ✓ Stay connected and informed of all school activities
- ✓ Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more
- ✓ Say hello to smart online forms, and goodbye to cumbersome paper based forms for data submissions

How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

- 1 **Create Your Profile:**
Go to your School's Website and click on the Parents tab, and select Pay Fees Online from the drop down menu, and click on "Register".
- 2 **Confirm Your Email:**
Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
- 3 **Add a Student**
Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.