



# GRAD 2026 COUNTDOWN

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Please ensure you are checking the **Grade 12 TEAM** regularly. Valuable information is shared there including the commencement form, scholarship information, job opportunities, valedictorian, and other important grad updates.

Should you have questions, please reach out to your alpha Vice Principal.

**Ms. Miller:** A to F  
**Mr. Dewinetz:** G to N  
**Mr. Sahota:** O to Z

*Are you locked in?*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Grads!

As you enter the final stretch of your five-year journey at GP, I want to take a moment to say thank you for the contributions you've made to our school, to one another, and to our wider community. You have helped shape the culture of GP, and your impact has mattered.

This is a truly special time, filled with anticipation, excitement, and reflection. I know many of you are looking back on the friendships formed, the challenges overcome, and the memories created since your very first days in Grade 8. At the same time, you're looking ahead; finalizing post-secondary plans and getting ready to make the most of the experiences that will bring this chapter to a close.

As you approach the finish line, my message is simple: **finish strong**. Stay focused, study hard, and continue to act with integrity, both inside and outside the classroom. These final months matter, and how you carry yourselves now reflects the fine young adults you will become. Please know that to participate in our year-end graduation events, you must demonstrate responsible citizenship and follow our school's Code of Conduct.

The celebrations ahead, including the boat cruise, the spring dance, the grad breakfast, your final Sabre Fest, grad dinner dance, and commencement, are more than just events on a calendar. They are moments to pause, celebrate one another, and recognize everything you have accomplished together. Each one represents the connection, pride, and Sabre spirit that define GP.

With just two months to go, embrace every moment. Celebrate safely, enjoy fully, and take time to appreciate just how far you've come. We cannot wait to cheer you on as you cross the finish line with pride.

Let's do this!

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*Once a Sabre, always a Sabre.*

Mrs. Player

Principal, Guildford Park



## IMPORTANT EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT
March 3rd	<b>Commencement Form OPEN on the Grade 12 TEAM</b>
Friday, April 10th	<b>Valedictorian Applications OPEN on the Grade 12 TEAM</b>
Friday, April 24th	<b>Commencement Form DUE</b>
April 27-May 1st	<b>Dinner Dance Tickets on sale ONLINE only</b> <b>School Cash online app</b>
Tuesday, April 28th	<b>Senior Dance \$12</b>
May 4 <sup>th</sup> – May 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dinner Dance Table Selection</b> Please ensure school fees have been taken care of BEFORE you bring Ms. Nielsen the seating plan for you and your friends. 10 students per table. Room C 107
Thursday, May 7th	<b>Grad Boat Cruise in Vancouver \$125</b> 4:00 meet at Guildford Park/ 4:15 Departure 5:30 Boarding busses to head to the boat – No bags allowed. 6 pm-9pm Boat Cruise 9:30 – 9:45 arrive at GP **Parents: Please go to the <b>BACK parking lot</b> for pick up.
Friday, May 8th	<b>Valedictorian Applications DUE to Mr. Dewinetz</b>
Friday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Valedictorian announced</b>
Wednesday, May 27th	<b>Grad Breakfast FREE</b> 7:30-8:15 in the Plaza
Friday, June 5th	<b>Grad Dinner Dance at Newlands Golf and Country Club \$115</b>
Thursday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Commencement Gown Pick Up</b> 2:30-3:30pm in the Community Building
Monday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Extra tickets available for those who applied and were successful in the ticket lottery. @ 10am- Large gym</b> <b>Mandatory Commencement Rehearsal @11am- Large gym</b>
Tuesday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Commencement at Bell Centre</b> 6250 144 St, Surrey, BC V3X 1A2 5pm Grad arrival 5:30pm Doors open; 6:00pm Start

# GRAD DINNER DANCE

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

Newlands Golf & Country Club

21025 48<sup>th</sup> Ave Langley, B.C. V3A 3M3



Dinner Dance tickets go on sale from April 27th to May 1st online only. Pay here <https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>

Dinner Dance **Table Selection** will be the week of **May 4th**. You must have paid your GRAD FEES before you can select a table. Note: 10 students per table.

Doors open at 5:30 and close at 6 pm. \*No bags allowed, only purses and cell phones.

Students are NOT allowed to drive themselves to the venue as a matter of safety. They must be dropped off. **A school bus will bring grads back to GP by 12:30 am.** The back parking lot will be open, and the students will be dropped off there.

PLEASE be on time at the school to pick up your child. Plan to be at GP at 12:20am.



## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

We look forward to honoring the Class of 2026 at this year's commencement ceremony on **Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at The Bell Performing Arts Center**  
**6250 144 St., Surrey, BC V3X 1A2**



Please allow **extra time** for travelling to the Bell Centre **rush hour traffic** increases travel time. **Parking** at the Bell Center is very tight. There is a second parking lot near Goldstone Park Elementary for over-flow parking for those arriving late.

### Grad Gowns:

Your gown pick up is on **Thursday, June 18th**, from 2:30 – 3:30pm in the Community Building. If you cannot make it, please message Mr. Dewinetz on TEAMS.

Please ensure that you have your commencement gown and tickets with you at commencement. You keep the commencement gown, cap, stole and tassel.

### Commencement Tickets:

Each grad will receive **2** tickets to commencement.

Do not misplace your tickets, they cannot be replaced. Please keep them safe.

Should you be successful in the lottery for extra tickets, you will be contacted on TEAMS by Mr. Dewinetz and told to come to the large gym at 10am on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> for pick up. Extra tickets are \$5.00 each. Cash only.

If you are unable to get all the tickets you need – the Bell Centre has a “last-minute line” for guests. As the Commencement Ceremony begins, the Bell Centre staff will allow people in the last-minute line to fill any empty seats in the theatre. Empty seats however are not guaranteed.

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PROCEDURES

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT BELL CENTRE, PLEASE GO DIRECTLY to the LARGE GYM.

## **Please note the following:**

- PLEASE BE ON TIME.
- Grads are asked not to bring purses or jackets as there is no place to put them. Ask a family member to hold them for you.
- The Bell Centre, Sullivan Heights Secondary and the grounds are a non-smoking area.

## **Order of Entry:**

- Grads will meet in the small gym at the Bell Centre. You will be placed in alphabetical order by a staff member. Please stay in alpha order!
- You will then walk to the stage as a group for the start of the Commencement Ceremony.

## **This is a formal event:**

- This is a very proud moment for your parents, family & friends. Please make them proud!
- The ceremony will take approximate 2 ½ hours. Please use the washroom before you line up. Please clap or cheer respectfully for your classmates.
- Your photograph will be taken by Artona Photography while you are backstage. Each student will receive a copy of their picture at no extra cost. You will receive your picture when you pick up your official high school diploma in August.

## **Acknowledging members of the Class of the Grads:**

- As you walk across the stage your student write-ups will be read to the audience and you will shake Ms. Player's hand.
- Walk slowly, enjoy the moment, smile at your people.

## **Reminder:**

- Please be prepared to sit on stage for 2 ½ hours; you will be required to be seated on stage the entire time. Use the washroom before the ceremony begins.
- You will remain on stage until the final moment when you are instructed to do the hat toss, and then you may go meet up with your family in the plaza. Please write your name in your hat – if you can't find it at the end – we will bring it back to the school for you and you can pick it up the next day.