

Lord Tweedsmuir Grad Edition Newsletter 2024

Important Dates April, May & June



April

April 7 Partners36 Scholarship Deadline - Must email Ms. Kermode (kermode_a@surreyschools.ca¹) the Partners36 scholarship application. Partners36 Scholarship Direct Link: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/page/11480/post-secondary-scholarships>

April 8 Dinner dance tickets go on sale **\$125**

April 8 Table selection form available at the office

April 8 Guest pass request forms available

April 16 Valedictorian applications available at the office

April 26 Valedictorian applications due by 12:00pm

April 21 In House Online Scholarship Application Due Class of 2024 In House Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary School Scholarships (office.com)²

¹mailto:kermode_a@surreyschools.ca

²<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=z-m0CBOBDUK6B1L31N-KzUHdOUriGHpBgCv4wF4O5bJUMk1PTk4wUFpRWEFVODBIT1pGVVZZSVVNM4u>

April 21 Ministry Authority Online Scholarship Application Due Class of 2024 Lord Tweedsmuir - Ministry District Authority Scholarships (office.com)³

Grade 12 Literacy/Numeracy Assessments for any Grade 12's missing assessments

May

May 2 Guest pass request form deadline for dinner dance

May 2 Table selection form due for dinner dance

May 2 Dinner dance ticket sales close at 9:00pm

May 10 Dry grad ticket sale deadline

May 13-17 Dinner dance ticket distribution

May 14 Grade 12 ICBC Road Safety Presentation

May 14 Valedictorian announcement

May 25 Dinner dance at Newlands

May 25 Dry grad event at the Rec Room

June

June 3 Application for extra commencement tickets available

June 10 Application deadline for extra commencement tickets by 12:00pm

June 12-14 Successful applicants notified for extra commencement tickets

June 14-20 Payment for extra commencement tickets through school cash online

Grade 12 Literacy/Numeracy Assessment for any Grade 12's missing assessments

June 25 Commencement ticket/gown distribution and rehearsal, 10:30am in the gymnasium

June 27 Commencement at the Bell Centre, 7:00pm

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gendarmerie royale du Canada

September 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we settle into this new school year, the Surrey School District and the Surrey RCMP want to reaffirm our shared commitment to student safety and wellbeing. Both of our organizations are committed to supporting students and their families, and ensuring that every student has a safe, fun and productive school year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and guardians that safety is a shared responsibility. We encourage you to talk to your child about safety and their responsibilities at home, at school and in the community. Unsafe or illegal activities have no place on or off school grounds. This includes:

- Bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, threat(s) or intimidation
- Unsafe or dangerous activities
- Violence or discrimination of any form
- Verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse
- Theft or vandalism
- Possession or use of intoxicating or banned substances
- Possession or use of weapons (or replica weapons like air soft or BB guns) and explosives

We know that these conversations can be difficult, but they are critical. Please reach out to your school if you need any support. We have also compiled some additional resources that you may find helpful:

- [PSST \(Protecting Surrey Schools Together\)](#): PSST (psst-bc.ca) is a district resource where school safety concerns can be reported confidentially by anyone in our school communities.
- There are a number of youth programs and initiatives to facilitate positive connections between youth, their family, school and the community, including [Code Blue/Mini Blue](#), [Project Lavender](#), [Shattering the Image](#) and the [Wrap Program](#).
- The [Surrey RCMP Parent Helpline](#) (604-599-7800) provides guidance for parents and guardians who believe their child is involved or at risk of becoming involved in criminal activity.
- The Surrey RCMP [Family & Youth Resource Support Team](#) (FYRST) works with youth when they first start to exhibit signs of poor decision-making and need to find attachment to other resources and supports.

We hope you find these resources helpful, and we encourage you to reach out to your school, the district's Safe Schools department or any of the resources above if you need any support or more information.

Sincerely,

Mark Pearmain
Superintendent of Schools | CEO
Surrey Schools

Brian Edwards
Assistant Commissioner, Officer in Charge
Surrey RCMP

Provincial Assessments

Students in British Columbia are required to complete three provincial assessments in order to graduate. As of February 2024, the vast majority of Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary's grade 12 students have completed these assessments (Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and Literacy 12). The school has coordinated a number of "make-up" provincial assessment sessions to grade 12 students to ensure they had opportunities to complete their assessments.

If your grade 12 student is missing any of the provincial assessments, they will receive a letter from the school with information and dates to complete them. The remaining provincial assessments sessions take place in April and June. If you have any questions or concerns about Provincial Assessments, please contact Mr. Kirincic (kirincic_n@surreyschools.ca⁴).

Valedictorian


Valedictorian processes and application forms will be available at the office Tuesday, April 16th and need to be returned no later than Friday, April 26th at 12:00 noon.

Valedictorian

Every year, one Tweedsmuir Graduate is selected to speak as the Valedictorian at the Commencement Ceremony on behalf of the graduating students.

Graduating Class of 2024

VALEDICTORIAN APPLICATIONS
Available Tuesday, April 16th, 2024



Does the following description sound like you?

- ◆ You are a strong representative of your grad class.
- ◆ You have solid academic marks with a minimum 90% average.
- ◆ You are committed to your school and community.
- ◆ You have demonstrated your leadership abilities.
- ◆ You are a confident public speaker who looks forward to writing and giving a live 5-minute speech for your Commencement.

*If this describes you, please complete the Valedictorian Application package (see attached) and submit to the office **no later than 12:00 pm on Friday, April 26th.***

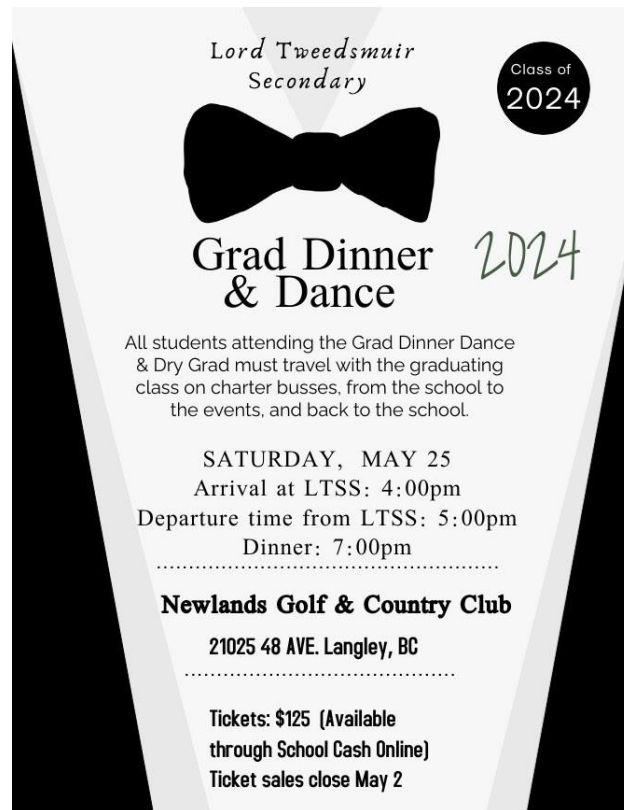
No late or incomplete applications will be considered.

Grad Fees

All grad fees must be paid before purchasing a ticket for dinner dance. Grad fees are \$50 and can be paid on school cash online or by cash/cheque at the office.

⁴mailto:kirincic_n@surreyschools.ca

Grad Dinner Dance



Tickets go on sale **Monday, April 8**. Guest pass request forms will be available at the office. Due date for completed forms is **Thursday, May 2**. Please note that ticket distribution will be **May 13-17**. Tickets can be purchased (**\$125**) on school cash online or by cash/cheque at the office before **May 2 at 9:00pm**.

All students attending the Grad Dinner Dance & Dry Grad must travel with the graduating class on charter busses, from the school to the events, and back to the school. Student arrival at LTSS and photo opportunity at 4:00pm.

GUEST PASS POLICY - Grad Dinner Dance is a celebratory event for grade 12 LTSS students. We do make exceptions for guests who have exceptional behavioral and academic standing. Guest passes are reviewed by the administration and are not guaranteed. Guests must be between grade 10 and 18 years of age. Picture ID must be included.

Dry Grad Event

The Dry Grad Event will be held at the Rec Room in Burnaby. Cost of the event is **\$100** per ticket.

Buses will take students from Newlands following the formal dinner dance to the Rec Room and then buses will bring students back to Lord Tweedsmuir at the end of the event. Bag checks will occur before students get on the bus and no one is allowed to drive themselves. There are no in and out privileges. Deadline for purchasing Dry Grad tickets will be **May 10th**.

*Please note there will be no tickets issued separately for the dry grad event, grad names will be on a list. Please keep and bring your receipt, or photo of your receipt, for this event in the case of a discrepancy. This event is planned and supervised by the LTSS Dry Grad 2024 Committee of parents/guardians.



Commencement Rehearsal

Commencement ticket/gown distribution and rehearsal will be at **10:30am on Tuesday, June 25** in the gymnasium.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.

There will be a Grad BBQ social to take place in conjunction with the commencement rehearsal.



Commencement

Commencement tickets will be distributed to Grade 12 students the day of the rehearsal which will be **Tuesday, June 25** with their grad gowns. Each graduating student will receive two tickets.

There will be a limited number of extra tickets. If you require an extra ticket, application forms will be available **June 3 - June 10** and names will be drawn at random. The cost of an extra ticket is \$5 and all

proceeds will go into a scholarship fund. If you are successful in obtaining an extra ticket, payment will be attached to your school cash online account **June 14-20**.

Grad 2024 Scholarship Legacy

Hello Class of 2024!

The information gathered from the link below will be used to create your Grad 2024 Scholarship Legacy as you walk the stage at your commencement. Fill out the link for each scholarship or bursary you have won. All accepted scholarships/bursaries will be announced at your graduation ceremony. We never announce the amount of the award, just the scholarship/bursary name. You can also email Ms. Kermode directly at kermode_a@surreyschools.ca⁵

2024 Grad Scholarship Legacy (office.com)⁶

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