



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADS

### Dinner / Dance & Dry Grad

Sunday, May 27, 2018

- 5:00 pm Students & Parents arrive at the Cascades Casino Resort in Langley
- 5:30 - 7:00 Parent Reception
- 5:30 Grad Group Photo - don't be late!
- 6:30 Speeches / Toasts  
Parent / Grad Dance
- 7:00 Parents Depart
- 7:15 Dinner
- 8:00 Dancing & Dessert
- 11:00 - 11:45 Begin boarding busses for trip to Cloverdale Rec Centre for Dry Grad.  
All Dry grad attendees must take the bus and have attended the Grad Dinner / Dance

### Dry Grad Information

Dry Grad is a social event for the graduating students that is held directly after the grad dinner and dance, which will be held **on Sunday, May 27th, 2018**. This year, the Dry Grad event will be held at the **Cloverdale Rec Centre from 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 27th to 4:30 a.m. on Monday, May 28th**. Activities at Dry Grad will include a hypnotist show, a casino, a magician, and interactive units such as obstacle courses, gladiator joust, and bungee runs. Food and prizes are also included. The idea is to provide a safe, alcohol free, celebration for the graduates after their hard earned twelve-year journey.

This year **ALL** grads with a wristband to the after party (dry grad) must board a bus from Cascades Casino and be taken directly to the **Cloverdale Recreation Centre**.

Private transportation may not be used to get to this event. At Cloverdale Rec Centre, our grads will embark on an evening of fun and games, music, dancing, and entertainment, with great food, and great door prizes.

**Note:** students must take the bus provided, and will need to arrange a ride home at the end of the Dry Grad at 4:30 am.

In a true Dragon style, parents have been hard at work to raise the funds budgeted for this once in a lifetime Dry Grad event.

Tickets: \$20 until May 11  
\$30 after May 11

Deadline to purchase tickets is May 22

### Grad Dinner and Dance

The 2018 Dinner/Dance will be held on **Sunday, May 27, 2018** at **Cascades Casino Resort** in Langley. Students will select a table for the banquet when they purchase tickets. Ticket sales will take place from **Monday, May 7 to Friday, May 11**.

The cost of the Dinner/Dance will be \$80.00 per ticket. Due to limited seating grads will only be able to purchase a ticket for themselves and one student guest. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 18.

Students must clear all outstanding debts and not be on academic probation (must be in good standing in all classes) in order to purchase tickets. Students must also have completed their Grad Transition Plan prior to ticket purchase.

Students are asked to arrive by 5:00 pm for the group photo at 5:30. Parents are welcome to attend the dessert reception from 5:30 -7:00. Parents may purchase tickets for \$10 which will allow entry to the event, dessert, coffee, tea, and an opportunity to hear the grad toasts. Tickets should be purchased when students purchase their Dinner/Dance tickets. All attendees must have a ticket. Parent reception ends at 7:00 pm.

Transportation to Cascades Casino Resort is not provided by the school. Students usually arrange limousines, buses or drive with parents. Transportation will, however, be provided from Cascades to the Dry Grad Celebration at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre.

**Students and guests going to Dry Grad are required to ride these busses, and must have attended Dinner / Dance.**

### Grad Expectations

We want everyone to have a great time at the Dinner/Dance so here are a few reminders:

1. School rules are in effect.
2. No re-admittance for parents, students, or guests. Once you have left the banquet area, you will not be permitted to re-enter.
3. No smoking, alcohol, drugs, or inappropriate behaviour. Security will not admit anyone suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Anyone suspected, once inside, will be removed by security staff. Suspension from school may result.
4. Full security measures will be in place as part of the venue and school security.
5. Students assume full responsibility for THEIR GUESTS.
6. No refunds will be given if you are denied entrance or are asked to leave.

**\*\*This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and students are reminded that the dinner/dance is a school sponsored event. All school rules apply - use of alcohol or drugs before or during these events will result in removal from the dance and disciplinary action.\*\***



## **Commencement**

A **mandatory rehearsal will take place on Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:50 pm in the plaza.** All grads must attend this practice where they will receive important information about procedures for the Commencement Ceremony and **pick up their cap, gowns and tickets.**

The Commencement Ceremony will be held on **Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Bell Centre for Performing Arts, located at 6250 - 144 Street, Surrey, BC.** Students should arrive at 6:00 pm to prepare for the processional and ceremony.

The Commencement Ceremony for families and friends of grade 12 students will start at 7:00 pm with doors opening at 6:15 pm. Tickets must be presented at the door. Grads do not need tickets but all family/guests must have tickets. Please note that the ceremony will be 2 ½ - 3 hours long with no intermission. Guests are requested to stay seated for the entire ceremony. This is a formal ceremony and may not be suitable for small children who have difficulties sitting quietly.

At this time, we anticipate that each grad will receive three (3) Commencement tickets. These tickets will be **distributed on June 6<sup>th</sup>** with the gowns. Only students who have paid the grade 12 graduation fee, cleared outstanding debts and are not on academic probation will be issued tickets. Grads who would like more than 3 tickets may put their names on a waitlist at the office by May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Any extra tickets will be distributed to grads for \$5 a ticket by June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Expectations for Commencement for Audience and Grads**

We want everyone to have a great time at this milestone event so here are a few expectations and reminders to make the day special for everyone.

1. School rules are in effect.
2. Guests are asked to please remain in their seats for the duration of the event; it is disruptive for other guests if people get up in the middle of the event.
3. Please turn off electronic devices, as they are not appropriate for the venue.
4. All guests must have tickets at the door.
5. The event is a long one; small children may have difficulty sitting through the entire evening.
6. No food or beverages are allowed in the auditorium.
7. Grads should be at the Bell Centre no later than 6 pm. Families are encouraged to carpool as parking is limited.
8. There is nowhere for grads to leave their personal belongings like coats and purses while on stage. Please leave items with your families. The school and the Bell Centre of Performing Arts are not responsible for any lost

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR GRADS**

May 7 - May 11	Grad Dinner/Dance Ticket Sales
Monday, May 14	Grad Transition Interviews
May 22 - May 23	Grad Clothing Drop 3 - 5 pm
Thursday, May 24	Commencement Ticket Request due
Sunday, May 27	Grad Dinner Dance & Dry Grad
Monday, June 4	Athletic Banquet
Wednesday, June 6	Commencement Rehearsal, Ticket & Gown Distribution
Friday, June 8	Commencement Ceremony
Wednesday, June 20	Awards Ceremony
Monday, June 25	English 12 Exam
Wednesday, June 27	Communications 12 Exam