

Grad Update - Friday, May 20th, 2022

Happy Long Weekend upcoming to all! Here are a few important reminders and updates related to Graduation as we head into the last week of May next week and with June right around the corner:

Full Grad Rehearsal at UVIC: all grads are expected to attend a *mandatory* ceremony rehearsal on Tuesday May 24th: grads are expected to be in our Ridge Theatre by 8:45am where they will be given a brief overview of the morning and will be assigned a bus according to their seating arrangement at UVIC. Buses will leave Claremont at 9am and will return the Grads to school by 12 noon; grads are expected to attend their afternoon classes. **NOTE:** we will be providing a lunchtime meeting for students who are not able to attend the rehearsal to become familiar with the details of the event. The date of this meeting will be on the announcements in early June.

Grad 2022 Overview:

Mon June 27th	Tues June 28th	Wed June 29th	Thurs, June 30th	Fri, July 1st
Scavenger Hunt 9am - 11am Dinner & Dance 6pm - 1am	Awards Ceremony 1pm - 3pm	Grad Walk-Through 12:30pm / 1:00pm / 1:30pm (sign-up time) Grad Ceremony 4:30pm - 8:00pm	Report Card Pickup	Summer Vacation!!

1) **Scavenger Hunt:** grads will be able to sign up in teams of up to five (a Google Sign Up will go live in the second week of June) and compete in challenges placed in different locations including at/around Claremont, the Reservoir, Doris Page park, and Cordova Bay Beach. Team captains will be expected to download a scavenger hunt app on their cell phones that will organize the route/challenges that each team will face. Parent volunteer opportunities are available, please see 'Volunteer Opportunities' below for positions available and how to sign-up.

2) **Dinner & Dance:**

Tickets/Fees for Dates: all grads who were hoping to bring a date now have the official go-ahead: all dates, including those on the waitlist, have officially been cleared to attend! Please ensure that the \$140 has been paid with Mrs. Waller or by way of our fees online option by May 30th. All fees for approved guests have been added to the online accounts for each corresponding grad.

Important Reminders: all grads and their dates must be dropped off at the Grand Pacific no later than 5:45pm. Grads are not allowed to drive themselves/others down to the hotel for a variety of reasons: parking will be an issue, we do not want students driving home at 1am, and we expect all grads to be present for the entirety of the event. Similarly, we are asking that students / families **do not** rent hotel rooms at the Grand Pacific for the overall safety and the success of the event.

3) **Grad Walk Through:** grads will sign-up for one of three time slots (12:30, 1:00, or 1:30) to get the chance to walk through the halls of Claremont one final time, say their good-byes to our Claremont staff, and take photos with friends! A Google sign-up will be available in the second week of June for all grads to sign up on their own or in groups based on the timeslot of their choosing.

4) UVic Ceremony Overview:

Tickets: tickets will be processed next week and emailed to the grads school district email account. As soon as we know if or how many tickets remain, we will work with UVic on the plan for the sale of any extra tickets based on how many may be available. This will occur in the second week of June with information posted on the Claremont website.

Returning tickets: tickets are very limited. If you have a ticket that you will not be using please return to the UVic box office for redistribution. If any become available on the day of Grad they will be distributed on a 1st come 1st served basis starting at 4:30pm from the box office at UVic on Graduation day. Any updates on tickets prior to June 29th will be posted on the Claremont website. There will be no refunds for tickets returned to the box office.

GRAD ITINERARY FOR JUNE 29, 2022:

4:45pm: all students have arrived at University Centre Farquhar Auditorium in preparation for class photograph. Please remember this is rush hour on McKenzie Ave, allow for enough travel time.

5:00pm (sharp): professional grad class photograph taken by Lifetouch. All students must be in the photo area where the line up occurs. At this time guests will proceed to their seats.

5:30pm: convocation/Grad ceremony begins. No latecomers allowed to enter during the ceremony. See UVic ushers for help if you arrive late; the ceremony will be broadcast in the lobby on the TV's.

7:30pm: photo opportunity for parents to take pictures of Grads once they have exited the auditorium.

Volunteer Opportunities: a successful Grad requires many hands! If you are interested in volunteering for any of the events listed above, please use this [LINK](#) to browse the many opportunities that are available. Please check with our Grad Parent Executive team with any questions.

This is a very important memo to keep on hand, you may wish to print and stick this on the fridge. We hope that everyone gets a chance to rest, relax, and recharge this weekend - we'll be into the 'final stretch' to the end of June when we return next Tuesday!

Pete, Meaghan, Aaron and Christine