



GRAD 2017 NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY

Date: Friday, May 26, 2017
Location: Bill Copeland Center
 3676 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby
Time: 6:00 pm Grads arrive on site
 7:00 pm Ceremony commences

Student cost for School Leaving Ceremony is \$80.00. Graduates will receive 2 guest tickets to the event. Extra tickets may be purchased for \$5 at the school, or online, starting May 2nd. Tickets **will be available for pick up on May 3rd - May 17th @ lunch in Room 102**. Tickets may also be purchased at the event on May 26th between 6:00 and 7:00pm at the Copeland Arena.

Ceremony Rehearsal

Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 @ 12:00pm

All students who are attending the School Leaving Ceremonies **must** attend Period 1 and 2 classes and the rehearsal at Bill Copeland Centre.

Distribution of Grad Gowns

Grad gowns will be distributed after the rehearsal at the Copeland Arena. Students will be keeping their gowns. Students will only be able to pick up their own gown at the rehearsal.

GRADUATION DINNER AND DANCE

Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017
Location: Pinnacle Hotel Vancouver Harbourfront
 1133 West Hastings Street,
 Vancouver
 Phone 604-689-9211

Itinerary:

5:30pm..... Arrival
 6:00pm..... Grad group photo
 6:30pm..... Ballroom opens
 7:00pm..... Dinner and welcome
 8:30pm-10:30pm..... Dance

The Dinner and Dance is a formal event for grade 12 students and their parents. Please note the following:

- Student tickets are \$110.00 each.
- Tickets must be presented for sign-in and security check
- Students can be dropped off in front of the hotel by limousines, drivers or pay to park in the underground facility
- A room will be provided for coat check/bags and no access to this monitored room will be given until the end of the night
- There will be **no** in and out privileges during the event.

Parent Tickets for the Dinner and Dance

As is Alpha's tradition, parents of our grads are welcome to attend the Grad Dinner and Dance evening. Parent tickets are \$110 each and will be sold online (<https://burnaby.schoolcashionline.com/>) until Friday, June 9th. Tickets will be available for pick-up in Room 102 from June 1st to June 14th. Parent seating is in tables of ten; therefore, it is recommended that seating groups be formed when tickets are purchased. Please inform Mr. Berkbigler of seating arrangements. All parents will have the opportunity to have the "First Dance" with their child at 8:30pm.

GRAD GROUP PHOTO

At approximately 6:00pm, all grads will be directed up the street to Jack Poole Plaza where our professional photographer will take a class photo. Parents may also take photos but the photographer's shots take precedence. After the photo, all grads will return to the hotel and enter the dining room. Only ticket holders will proceed to the dining room.

DRY GRAD EVENT

This event is sponsored by the Alpha Dry Grad Parent Committee and will follow the Dinner and Dance

Date: Thursday June 29, 2017
Time: 11:30pm to 3:30am
Location: Metro Hall, New Westminster

The Party! What to Expect

- DJ and dancing, casino, photo booth and a money booth to win prizes
- Midnight buffet, dessert table and mocktails
- Chartered bus transportation from Pinnacle Hotel to Metro Club and back to Alpha Secondary at the end of the event
- Door prizes
- Grand prize draw of \$1,000 draw at 3:00am

Important Information

- Dry Grad Party is for Alpha Grade 12 students and is optional
- Sell one book of raffle tickets to earn your admission to Dry Grad (or buy the book yourself for 20 chances to win great prizes. First prize \$1500 cash)
- Cash draw for students selling extra books of tickets and cash prizes for top three sellers
- Students attending Dry Grad must return parent signed consent form
- No consumption of alcohol/drugs before or during the event, strictly enforced
- No in and out privileges

For more information or questions contact
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GRAD EVENTS TIMELINE

DATE	ITEM	COMMENT
Wednesday, April 26th	Deadline to return Dry Grad raffle books	Cafeteria at lunch
Monday, May 1st	Dry Grad raffle draw	At PAC Meeting
Wednesday May 2 nd	School Leaving Ceremony & Dinner and Dance tickets available for online purchase	
May 3 rd - 17 th	Pick up 2 complimentary Grad Ceremony tickets at lunch in Room 102	Must show receipt for \$80
	Extra Ceremony tickets for sale on-line or at the office	Cost: \$5
Monday, May 15th	Dry Grad consent forms due	To Mr. Berkbigler
Friday, May 26 th	Ceremony Rehearsal at 12:00pm	12:00pm
Friday, May 26 th	Grads arrive at Bill Copeland arena at 6:00pm	
	Grade ceremony begins at 7:00pm	
June 1 st - 14 th at lunch	Student and Parent Dinner and Dance tickets to be picked up in Room 102	Must show receipt for \$110
Friday, June 9 th	Last day to purchase Parent Dinner and Dance tickets on-line	
Wednesday, June 14 th	Deadline to submit Grad Dinner and Dance table requests to Mr. Berkbigler	
Thursday, June 15 th	Seating charts will be posted for Grad Dinner and Dance	
Monday, June 19 th	Final table seating chart for Grad Dinner and Dance posted	
Thursday, June 29 th	Grad Dinner and Dance at Pinnacle Hotel. 6:30pm to 10:30pm	Please arrive at 5:30pm for grad group photo.

Thursday, June 29 th	Dry Grad at the Metro	11:30pm to 3:30am
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PLEASE NOTE

The School Leaving Ceremony and the Graduation Dinner and Dance are school sponsored events. The Dry Grad is sponsored by the Parent Committee. No other events have been planned, supported or endorsed by the school.

TEXTBOOK RETURN

Grade12's are asked to return all textbooks immediately after their course are completed.

WORK EXPERIENCE COMPLETION

The Ministry of Education will allow students to graduate, only after they complete a minimum of 30 or 90 hours of Work Experience. Please consult with the Career Centre to ensure you have fulfilled these requirements

GRAD BUS PASS

In the past, TransLink has provided a 2 day transit pass for all grade 12 students to assist with Grad activities and travel. We have not received information from TransLink as yet but will send out a list serve notification to parents if information becomes available.

Congratulations

Alpha Class of 2017!

Best Wishes &

Success in your

future endeavours!