



WESTVIEW SECONDARY GRADUATION NEWSLETTER #1

Graduation Dinner & Dance

WHERE	Meadow Gardens Golf Course 19675 Meadow Gardens Way Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 1Z2	WHEN	Saturday, June 8th, 2024 4:30pm - 6:00pm - Reception 6:00pm - 10:30pm - Dinner & Dance
DETAILS	The Graduation Dinner & Dance will be held for students and their invited guests. Students wishing to bring a guest to the Dinner & Dance must submit a guest form to the school administration for approval. Further details will be communicated in April 2024. Parents are welcome to attend the reception from 4:30-6:00pm for photos before the Dinner & Dance. Parents are reminded that the The Wedge Bar & Grill and The Loft Lounge & Restaurant are off limits to grads during the event.		

Dry Grad Celebrations

WHERE	Westview Secondary School 20905 Wicklund Avenue Maple Ridge, BC V2X 8E8	WHEN	Saturday, June 8th - Sunday, June 9th, 2024 11:30pm - 5:00am - Games, Food, & Prizes 3:30am - Hypnotist Show
DETAILS	This event occurs immediately following the Dinner/Dance. Students wishing to bring a guest to the Dry Grad Celebration must submit a guest form to the school administration for approval. Further details will be communicated in April 2024. Entrance to the Dry Grad events includes a bag and coat inspection, and can include breathalyzers. This is a "dry" event for all.		

Graduation Ceremony

WHERE	Chandos Pattison Auditorium 10238 168th Street Surrey, BC V4N 1Z4	WHEN	Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 Grads arrive at 5:00pm for a walk through Doors for Guests open at 6:00pm Ceremony starts at 7:00pm
DETAILS	Each grad will receive four tickets for their family and friends to attend the Graduation Ceremony. There will be a lottery held for extra grad ceremony tickets in May. The theatre limits noise making devices and will hold to their own standards for guest admission. Alcohol is not served at this event. Accessible seating is available and will be coordinated the Westview office. Further details will be communicated in April 2024.		

GRADUATION FEES AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

The *Application for Participation in Graduation Events* form must be completed by the Parent or Guardian of each graduate. This form is available for download both on the Parent Portal and in Google Classroom. Paper copies are also available in the WSS Office. The completed form along with the graduation fee are due by November 30th, 2023. The form should be returned to the main office at Westview Secondary School. Payment may be made online through the parent portal or in-person at Westview Secondary School.

These graduation fees include the cost of the following:

- Rental of all facilities
- 4 guest tickets for the Graduation Ceremony
- 1 Formal Grad Folder
- 1 Graduation Rose
- 1 Grad Composite photo
- Gown and Stole Rental
- “Keeper” grad cap
- 1 Dinner & Dance ticket
- 1 Dry Grad ticket

If you require additional tickets these will go on sale at a later date should we have additional tickets available. Details will be shared at the April 2024 Grad Assembly.

GRAD WEAR

Grads will have the opportunity to order grad wear to commemorate their high school graduation. Hoodies, sweatpants, and t-shirts will be available. Order forms are included in this package. Payment is via cash or cheque. There will be two opportunities to order grad wear - early November and mid January.



GRADUATION GOWN SIZING

At the Graduation Ceremony, graduates will be wearing navy blue gowns with white stoles. The graduation gowns are custom ordered for each student and it will not be possible to make changes at the last minute.

To ensure the correct fit, the students' height and, sometimes, their weight is taken into account. When measuring your height, please consider the shoes you will be wearing at the ceremony. Please indicate if a full fit gown is required. The table to the right will help you determine your correct graduation gown size.

Height (with shoes)	Gown Size	Full Fit Suggested
4'9" - 4'11"	42	140 lbs. +
5'0" - 5'2"	45	165 lbs. +
5'3" - 5'5"	48	190 lbs. +
5'6" - 5'8"	51	215 lbs. +
5'9" - 5'11"	54	240 lbs. +
6'0" - 6'2"	57	265 lbs. +
6'3" - 6'5"	60	290 lbs. +
6'6" - 6'8"	63	300 lbs. +

GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Plans for Dry Grad are underway! The parent volunteers are still looking to fill some positions on various committees as they begin to make organize this event. Please reach out to the Dry Grad Committee Chair Becky Walker and Vice-chair Sharmaen Seekins at westviewgrad2024@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out in any capacity.

Fundraising is a necessary part of Dry Grad and already, the committee have accounts set up at the Maple Ridge Liquor Store (20690 Lougheed Hwy) and at the Haney Bottle Depot (20475 Lougheed Hwy). Both accounts are under the name "Westview Grad 2024". Stay tuned for more details about a Craft Fair in November and Meridian Meats fundraiser.

GRAD PHOTOS

Mountain West Studios will be at Westview for Graduation Photos in just a few weeks. Appointments for Formal Graduation Portraits will be from **November 14th and 15th from 8:00-3:00pm** and on **November 16th, 2023 from 1:00-9:00pm**. There is a sitting fee of \$35 payable online when booking your appointment. On **November 17th, 2023 from 8:00-3:00pm** there will be an opportunity for grads to have group photos taken. There is a maximum of 8 people allowed in the group photo and there is a sitting fee of \$10 per person which includes a 5'x7' photo.

Students can book their appointments online at www.mountainwest.ca

If required, re-takes for Grad Photos have been scheduled for December 19th, 2023.

POST-SECONDARY INFO & TIMELINE

For those students interested in attending a post-secondary institution in September 2024, the research and application process has begun.

By the end of **September**, students should have begun to identify programs of interest, become familiar with the Education Planner BC website (www.educationplannerbc.ca) as well as the Post Secondary BC website (www.postsecondarybc.ca).

In **October**, students should be booking appointments with Mrs. McArdle in the WSS Career Center to discuss their post-secondary plans. Students should have also created their BCeID (<https://www.bceid.ca/>) which is required to access the Student Transcript Service and apply to post-secondary institutions. Some colleges and universities will open for applications. Students are encouraged to apply early to secure an early course registration date.

In **November**, students interested in an early entrance scholarship from the larger institutions (i.e. SFU, UVic, UBC) should make their applications before December.

In **December**, general admission to post-secondary institutions opens to students. As well, students should begin researching scholarships and gathering reference letters.

In **January**, most post secondary institutions will close for applications. The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows District Scholarship Package will be available. Students should start preparing their applications.

For more information, students are asked to contact their counsellor (Mrs. Sharpe or Mrs. O'Leary) or Mrs. McArdle in the Career Centre.



APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION 2024 EVENTS

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name
Student's Cell Phone Number	Date of Application

All secondary schools in School District #42 adhere to a practice of allowing students to participate in the Graduation Ceremonies under the following conditions:

- 1) The student must be eligible to graduate by having 80 credits for graduation including at least 16 credits at the Grade 12 level, a Grade 12 Language Arts course and 12 other credits. These may be from Required Courses or Elective Credits. Students must have written all of their Graduation Assessments including Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12.
- 2) The student is in "good standing" with the school. Students under suspension are not permitted to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.
- 3) The student must not owe any outstanding fees to the school.
- 4) The student must have signed this application form and returned it to the office.
- 5) The student must have paid their \$330.00 graduation fee.
- 6) Parents of a student in danger of losing this privilege will be informed in writing. Final decisions may not be made until early in June, and may be appealed to the Principal.

If for some reason your student does not meet the graduation criteria, the only function they will not be able to participate in will be the Graduation Ceremonies at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium. You will be entitled to a refund for this function only. All students in good standing are still welcome to attend the Dinner & Dance and Dry Grad.

I am aware of the school's student expectations for participation in Westview's Graduation Ceremony 2024.

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent

Graduation Gown Sizing			Height (with shoes)	Gown Size	Full Fit Suggested
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Height of Student	Gown Size	Full fit required? (YES or NO)	6'3" - 6'5"	60	290 lbs. +
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Graduation Fees may be paid on-line through the Parent Portal or in-person at Westview Secondary.

- On-line** - payment in full in the amount of \$330 through the Parent Portal.
- In-Person** - payment in full by cash or cheque (made out to "Westview Secondary School") in the amount of \$330; payable at the WSS Office.



Hello Westview Secondary School Grads and Families!

Exciting News! Grad Cap and Gown and Fashion Photos are coming up soon! Sessions will take place on November 14th - 17th, 2023 at the school, buddy sessions will be held on November 17th. This environment allows us to provide quality portrait sessions within a safe and comfortable location. Our goal is to provide portraits that CELEBRATE you and your 13 years of academic achievement. In order to appear in your school yearbook, it is important that you have your graduation photo taken by Mountain West Studios. We are your official graduation photographer.

Your Sitting Fee (\$35) pays for the following:

- 18-24 pose session with our professional Photography Team
- Grad Ceremony Crossing the Stage Photo
- Grad Class Group Photo
- Diploma folder
- Mini Grad Composite

To book your preferred session time, please visit this link:

<https://app.squarespacescheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=26596311&appointmentType=37916141>

If you have any questions after reviewing our sign up page, please contact our service team

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca