



WESTVIEW SECONDARY GRADUATION NEWSLETTER #2

DRY GRAD

Our Dry Grad celebrations will be held at Westview Secondary. Your ticket includes all of the food, games, prizes, and the hypnotist that make Dry Grad fun. This event ends around 4:30am. Most students live close enough that they can walk home but Translink does provide Grad Passes for those taking the bus. These will be handed out at our next assembly in May.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

At our grad parent meeting in November, several committees were formed to help with both the Dinner & Dance and Dry Grad Celebrations. The Grad Committee is looking for parents to volunteer to help at the Dry Grad Event on June 8th - 9th, 2024. There are numerous activities that require parental support. If you are able to help out, please send an email to: westviewgrad2024@gmail.com

CEREMONY TICKETS

Westview's Graduation Ceremony will take place at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium in Surrey. Each graduate will receive four guest tickets for the Graduation Ceremony.

Initially, from May 1st - 15th, each grad will have the opportunity to purchase up to six additional tickets at a cost of \$10 each. Then, from May 16th to 31st, any remaining tickets will be released for purchase. These tickets can be purchased from the Westview Office.

Tickets to the ceremony will be available for pick-up by parents at the Dinner & Dance at Meadow Gardens Golf Course from 4:30-6:00pm on June 8th. After this date, tickets will be available for pick up at the Westview Office.

THE GRAD LIST

In an effort to keep parents informed about the progress of their student in their final year of high school, a "Grad List" is posted in the counselling area. The Grad List indicates which students are in a position to successfully graduate in June 2024.

Students at risk of not graduating because of course credit issues, will first meet with the Principal, Mrs. Blanco and subsequent to this meeting, a letter will be sent home to parents.

If a student is not currently on the Grad List, they are encouraged to speak to either of our counsellors, Mrs. Sharpe or Mrs. O'Leary, and, where applicable, their subject teachers.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

There is a MANDATORY Grad Rehearsal on Friday, June 7th from 3:00-6:00pm at Westview Secondary School. At the rehearsal, we will rehearse the Processional (walking in to the theatre), determine the seating plan for the stage, and learn the route for moving around the stage.

At the end of the rehearsal, students will be given their grad gown and stole to take home with them for the weekend. Please use this time for photographs with as grad gowns are collected immediately following the Graduation Ceremony.



GRADUATION DINNER & DANCE

WHERE	Meadow Gardens Golf Course 19675 Meadow Gardens Way Pitt Meadows, BC	WHEN	Saturday, June 8th, 2024 Reception 4:30pm-6:00pm Dinner/Dance 6:00pm - 10:30pm
DETAILS	The Graduation Dinner & Dance will be held for STUDENTS ONLY. Parents are welcome to attend the venue 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. Students wishing to bring a guest to the Dinner & Dance must have approval of the school administration by Wednesday, May 1st. Guest tickets will be available for \$115.		

DRY GRAD CELEBRATIONS

WHERE	Westview Secondary School 20905 Wicklund Avenue Maple Ridge, BC	WHEN	Saturday, June 8th - Sunday, June 9th, 2024 11:30pm-4:30am
DETAILS	This event occurs immediately following the Dinner/Dance. Should students wish to bring a guest to the Dry Grad Celebration must submit their Guest Application Form to the school administration by Wednesday, May 1st. Guest tickets will be available for \$115. Entrance to the Dry Grad events includes a bag and coat inspection, and can include RCMP 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. Tickets are required and will be scanned at the door. There are no in-and-out privileges. The Chandos Pattison limits noise making devices (air horns), and will hold their own standards for guest admission. Alcohol is not served at this event.		



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

From April through June, graduates will attend a series of assemblies to familiarize them with details and protocols for the upcoming Graduation Events:

- Selecting a Valedictorian
- Dinner Seating Arrangements
- Cap & Gown Distribution
- Dinner & Dance Guest Ticket Sales
- Dinners & Dance Guest Protocols
- Graduation Ceremony Expectations