



# WESTVIEW SECONDARY GRADUATION NEWSLETTER #1

## Graduation Dinner & Dance

<b>WHERE</b>	<b>Meadow Gardens Golf Course</b> 19675 Meadow Gardens Way Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 1Z2	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>Saturday, June 7th, 2025</b> 4:45pm - 6:15pm - Reception 6:15pm - 10:30pm - Dinner & Dance
<b>DETAILS</b>	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 2025.  Parents are welcome to attend the reception from 4:45-6:15pm 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

<b>WHERE</b>	<b>Westview Secondary School</b> 20905 Wicklund Avenue Maple Ridge, BC V2X 8E8	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>Saturday, June 7th - Sunday, June 8th, 2025</b> 11:30pm - 4:30am - Games, Food, & Prizes 3:00am - Hypnotist Show
<b>DETAILS</b>	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 2025.  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

<b>WHERE</b>	<b>Chandos Pattison Auditorium</b> 10238 168th Street Surrey, BC V4N 1Z4	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 10th, 2025</b> Grads arrive at 5:00pm for a walk through Doors for Guests open at 6:00pm Ceremony starts at 7:00pm
<b>DETAILS</b>	Each grad will receive four tickets for their family and friends to attend the Graduation Ceremony. 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. If available, additional tickets will go on sale at a later date. Details will be shared at the April 2025 Grad Assembly.		

# 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 29th, 2024. 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 2025 Grad Assembly.

## GRAD WEAR

Grads will have the opportunity to order grad wear to commemorate their high school graduation. Hoodies and crew neck sweatshirts will be available. Order forms are included in this package. Payment is via cash or cheque. Grad wear ordered by October 31st will be ready for pick-up before Winter Break.



# GRADUATION GOWN SIZING

At the Graduation Ceremony, graduates will be wearing navy blue gowns with white and grey stoles. The graduation gowns are custom ordered for each student and it is not 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. Size verification will occur in January.

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! Please join us on October 22nd at 7:00pm in the WSS Library for our first (official) DryGrad meeting. This is a pivotal meeting as we will be able to gauge the type of DryGrad we want to give our class of 2025!

Are you a planner, fundraiser, decorator, canvasser, or a foodie! Sign up for 1 or 4, up to you! Every little bit helps! If you are unable to make the meeting and want to be involved, please reach out to the DryGrad Committee Co-Chairs Sabrina Harker and Danielle Murphy-Clare via email at:

[westviewdrygrad2025@gmail.com](mailto:westviewdrygrad2025@gmail.com)

We hope to see you all on October 22nd! Thank-you for all your support of the grad class.

## 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 4th to 6th** from **2:30-8:30pm** and on **November 7th** from **2:30-6:30pm**. There is a sitting fee of \$25 payable online when booking your appointment. On **November 7th, 2024** from **6:30-8:00pm** there will be an opportunity for grads to have group photos taken. There is a maximum of 10 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](http://www.mountainwest.ca)

If required, re-takes for Grad Photos have been scheduled for December 16th, 2024.

## POST-SECONDARY INFO & TIMELINE

For those students interested in attending a post-secondary institution in September 2025, 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](http://www.educationplannerbc.ca)) as well as the Post Secondary BC website ([www.postsecondarybc.ca](http://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 ([www.bceid.ca](http://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 School District Scholarship Package will be available. Students should start preparing their applications which are due to the Career Centre by 3:00pm on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

For more information, students are asked to contact either their counsellor (Mrs. Sharpe or Mrs. O'Leary) or Mrs. McArdle in the Career Centre (Monday/Wednesday and every second Friday) or send Mrs. McArdle a Teams message. All relevant information is communicated through Teams so please make sure you are receiving messages from the WSS Grade 12 Team. If not, please let Mrs. McArdle know.