WESTVIEW SECONDARY
GRADUATION NEWSLETTER #1

Graduation Dinner & Dance

WHERE	**Meadow Gardens Golf Course** 19675 Meadow Gardens Way Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 1Z2	**WHEN**	**Friday, June 4th, 2027** 4:45pm - 6:15pm - Reception 6:15pm - 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 2027. 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

WHERE	**Westview Secondary School** 20905 Wicklund Avenue Maple Ridge, BC V2X 8E8	**WHEN**	**Friday, June 4th - Saturday, June 5th, 2027** 11:30pm - 4:00am - Games, Food, & Prizes 2:30am - 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 2027. Entrance to the Dry Grad events includes a bag and coat inspection, and can include breathalyzers. This is a “dry” event for all.		

School Leaving Ceremony

WHERE	**Chandos Pattison Auditorium** 10238 168th Street Surrey, BC V4N 1Z4	**WHEN**	**Tuesday, June 8th, 2027** 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. The theatre limits noise making devices and will hold to their own standards for guest admission. Alcohol is not served at this event. If available, additional tickets will go on sale at a later date. Details will be shared at the April 2027 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 on the Parent Portal and on the Grad Teams Page. Copies are also available in the WSS Office. The completed form along with the graduation fee(s) are due by November 30th, 2026. The form must 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:**

Graduation Ceremony - $100

- Rental of all facilities
- Graduation Gown and Stole Rental
- "Keeper" grad cap and tassel
- four guest tickets for the Ceremony
- Formal Grad Folder and Composite Photo
- Graduation Rose

Graduation Dinner & Dance - $130

- Rental of all facilities and DJ services
- 1 Dinner & Dance ticket

Dry Grad Celebration - $115

- Rental of all equipment and games
- Hypnotist Show
- 1 Dry Grad ticket

Extra tickets for the Graduation Ceremony will go on sale at a later date should additional tickets be available. Guest Tickets for the Dinner & Dance and Dry Grad will also be available. Details will be shared at the next graduation assembly in April 2027.

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. Payment is via cash or cheque. The first two orders have been completed. The final opportunity to order Grad Wear will be offered in January for pick-up in the March.



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 2027 are underway and we would love your help! If you would like to be a part of planning an amazing Dry Grad celebration for our students, there are plenty of ways to get involved. Whether it be planning, fundraising, decorating, canvassing, or organizing food, there is a job for everyone.

Please join us for our next meeting on Monday, November 16th at 7:00pm in the Westview Library. If you are unable to make the meeting but you would like to be involved, please reach out to the Dry Grad Committee via email at:

westviewdrygradfundraising@gmail.com

GRAD PHOTOS

Darby Photos will be at Westview to take Formal Graduation Photos in November. Appointments are available on:

Tuesday, November 10th (9:30am - 4:00pm)
Thursday, November 12th (11:30am - 6:30pm)
Friday, November 13th (1:00pm - 8:00pm)

Students who would like photos with their friends are encouraged to book back-to-back appointment times.

There is a sitting fee of $35 payable online when booking your appointment. (There is no sitting fee for students only wanting a Yearbook Photo.) Students can book their appointments online at: https://www.darbyphotos.app/public/grad-portal/westview-secondary-school-2025-falcon

If required, re-takes for Grad Photos have been scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th, 2026.

POST-SECONDARY INFO & TIMELINE

For those students interested in attending a post-secondary institution in September 2027, the research and application process should be well underway.

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), the Post Secondary BC website (www.postsecondarybc.ca), and have created their BCeID (www.bceid.ca) which is required to access the Student Transcript Services (www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca) the platform used to forward your transcripts to post-secondary institutions you apply to.

In **October**, students are encouraged to apply early to secure an early registration date.

Any Westview students, along with their parents/guardians, are invited to the Pitt Meadows Secondary mini fair evening to be held TONIGHT - Thursday, October 29 from 5:30-7:00 pm. Information on this event has been shared on the parent portal.

In **November**, students interested in an early entrance scholarship from the larger institutions (i.e. SFU, UVic, UBC) should make their applications before December – check each institution's website for specific deadline dates.

If you wish to be considered as Westview's BC Excellence Scholarship nominee, your one page essay is due to Mr. Elphick by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, November 25. Details are posted outside the Career Centre as well as on the WSS Grad Teams page.

Student's wishing to apply for the $1,250 District Authority Award must attend our information meeting at flex in the Library on Monday, November 16.

In **December**, students should begin researching scholarships, working on their personal statements and gathering reference letters as the SD42 Scholarship Booklet comes out mid-January. Miss McRae has offered to assist students with their personal statements.

In **January**, application deadline dates occur at some institutions. Make sure to check each the institution's website so you don't miss the date!

The SD42 District Scholarship Booklet will be available mid-January with application packages due to the Career Centre by 9:30 am on Monday, March 1, 2027. Late packages will not be accepted. Plan ahead.

For more information, students are asked to contact either Mrs Sharpe, Mrs. McArdle in the Career Centre (Monday and Wednesday) or via 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.

DARBY PHOTOS

(604) 274 0306 www.darbyphotos.com

Photographers from Darby Photos will be on-site at the Westview Secondary School to take Graduation Portraits of Westview Graduates. All photos will take place in the library on the following dates:

Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 - 9:30am - 4:00pm
Thursday, November 12th, 2026 - 11:30am - 6:30pm
Friday, November 13th, 2026 - 1:00pm - 8:00pm

Each graduate will have two portrait session options to choose from:

Full Darby Photos Graduation Experience - $35

This is a private 15-minute session with one of our photographers. We capture a variety of portraits, from casual images to full cap-and-gown portraits. Darby Photos provides the regalia and any school-specific props. Students will receive a gallery code to view their portraits and order any products they choose. We will also share an appropriate image with the school for the yearbook, graduation hallway composite, and diploma folder composite. There is a small sitting fee for this session, which is fully credited back to the family with the purchase of any package from the gallery.

Yearbook Only Sitting - Complimentary

This complimentary session is for students who require an image for the yearbook and school-wide composite products only. The image will be shared with the school's yearbook provider and used for the graduation hallway and diploma folder composites. Please note that no online gallery is created for a Yearbook Only Sitting, and there is no opportunity for families to purchase the image.

To Book Your Graduation Portrait Session:

Please use this booking link to access the graduation portrait booking page...

https://www.darbyphotos.app/public/grad-portal/westview-secondary-school-2025-falcon

Read the instructions carefully and click the blue "Book Your Photo Session" button to continue. Enter your student number, which can be found on your student ID card.
Once you enter your student number, you will have access to the booking portal, where you can select your preferred date and time. If you choose the Full Darby Photos Graduation Experience, the $35 sitting fee will be charged at the time of booking. This fee will be credited toward your purchase when you place an order from your gallery. Please be sure to select the portrait option that best meets your needs when booking your session.