



February 20, 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians:

It seems like yesterday when we were welcoming students back to school in September, but the year is fast disappearing, especially for our Grade 12 students. As we near the end of our school year, we look forward to celebrating a major milestone in your son/daughter's life. This is an exciting time for our graduates, so to help you plan for the busy months of May and June, please take a note of the following dates:

SCHOOL LEAVING

School Leaving Ceremony Rehearsal and Grad Gown Distribution

- **Friday May 26 Period 3 (12:20 – 1:45 p.m.) at Burnaby Central**
- Students will receive their grad gown and cap
- Students participating should have paid their School Leaving Ceremony fees which includes gown rental
- Gowns are returned immediately following the ceremony; please take pictures with family and friends prior to the ceremony

School Leaving Ceremony

- **Monday May 29th – 7:00 p.m. at Bill Copeland Centre**
3676 Kensington Ave., Burnaby, B.C.
- Please pay for the School Leaving Ceremony and complete the Application to Participate in the School Leaving Ceremony form with gown size (available on website) **by Monday April 3rd**
- The cost is \$80.00 which includes gown, cap, picture and two complimentary tickets.
- Complimentary tickets will be available for pick up at the school office **starting May 15th**.
- Additional tickets may be purchased for \$5.00. Tickets will not be available for sale at the event
- **Graduates should arrive by 6:15 pm** and gather in the marshalling area (arena at south end of Copeland Center)
- Audience seating is first come, first served, so arrive early
- There will be a designated photo area for pictures during the ceremony
- Artona Studios will take a complimentary photo of students as they cross the stage which they will receive with their report card in June

GRADUATION EVENTS

Graduation Dinner and Dance

- **Tuesday June 20th at Four Seasons Hotel**
719 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C.
- **The cost is \$130.00 payable to Burnaby Central. After April 1st, the cost is \$140.00.**
- All students wishing to sit with specific friends at their tables, must submit a seating plan by March 31st. Seating plan forms can be picked up and returned in the Career Programs/Counselling Office. All students submitted on the seating plan **MUST** have paid for their Grad Dinner and Dance ticket or they will not be included on the seating plan.
- **Grad Dinner and Dance fees can be paid online or in the office. Dinner and Dance fees must be paid no later than April 30th.**
- The Graduation Dinner and Dance is an event reserved for 2017 Burnaby Central Grads **ONLY**. Grads may apply to bring a guest to the Dry Grad event only.
- **Doors open at 6 p.m.** Students should arrive at the hotel between **5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**
- Dinner will be served at **7:15 p.m.**

- **Parents / Guardians are welcome to join us between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the first dance and to take pictures. First Parent dance is at 6:45 p.m. Parents will be asked to leave at 7pm so the grads can begin dinner.**
- As we are limited by space, we ask that your extended family see your son/daughter prior to the event **as the picture time at the hotel is for parents/guardians only**
- Two tickets will be made available for each graduate to bring parents or guardians. These tickets will be made available for graduates before the event

Dry Grad

- **Tuesday, June 20th** following the Dinner Dance (Sponsored by PAC)
- **Boat Cruise – MV Queen of Diamonds.** Students board at **11:30 p.m. midnight** and cruise from **12:30 a.m. to 3:30 a.m.**
- **Cost is \$50.00 until March 31 and \$60 starting April 1st. Payments can be made online through Burnaby Central’s School Cash online or in the office.**
- Students who wish to attend the Dry Grad **must attend the Dinner Dance**
- Students are permitted to bring a guest to Dry Grad. Application forms are available in the office. Completed applications are due May 31.
- Invited Guests attending the Dry Grad are to meet at the hotel **at 11:15 p.m.**
- At the conclusion of the Graduation Dinner and Dance, students and guests will be transferred by bus from the Four Seasons Hotel to Vancouver Cruises
- It is mandatory that everyone attending the Dry Grad use the bus service provided. Anyone arriving at the dock independently will not be permitted to participate in the Dry Grad.
- On board, there will be a DJ, mock casino games, a magician, a cartoonist, door prizes as well as food and refreshments
- All Central Grads attending the event are eligible to win the \$1000.00 grand prize
- Concluding the cruise, students and guests **must** return on the chartered bus to Burnaby Central where the expected arrival time is approximately 4:00 a.m. For safety reasons, we do recommend that students arrange to be picked up from school.

YEAR END & PROVINCIAL EXAMS

Grad Breakfast and Year Book Distribution

- **Monday June 19th, 7:30 – 8:30 am in the Student Commons**
- All graduates are invited to breakfast and year books will be distributed to those who have purchased them.
- A limited number of year books are still available and the cost is \$60. Books can be purchased through Burnaby Central’s School Cash online or in the office.

Provincial Exams

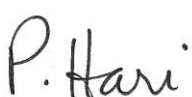
- **English 12 Provincial – June 23rd @ 9 am**
- **Communications 12 Provincial – June 26th @ 9 am**
- Please remind your son / daughter that while May and June are busy and eventful, provincial and school exams demand that time be set aside for preparation and study

Report Card Distribution

- Grade 12 Report Cards will be distributed on June 29th at 11 am.
- Grade 8 to 11 Report Cards will be distributed on June 29th between 10 am – 10:45 am

Graduation is an exciting time for everyone. Our goal is to ensure that your son or daughter experiences good memories that they will cherish for a lifetime. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,



Ms. Hari