



SENTINEL SECONDARY SCHOOL

Graduation Newsletter

Includes important information about both events.

Graduation Banquet & Dance

Sunday, June 16th, 2019

5:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Vancouver Convention Center

West Ballroom C&D

1055 Canada Place, Vancouver

Commencement Ceremonies

Saturday, June 22nd, 2019

1:00 p.m.

The Centre In Vancouver for Performing Arts

777 Homer St., Vancouver



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Graduation Banquet Dinner and Dance

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Ticket Sales:

- Parents and friends are welcome to attend but priority is given to graduates.
- Tickets are \$130.00 per person (including graduates).
- Several requirements must be fulfilled before tickets can be purchased:
 - All outstanding school and library fees of the graduate must be paid before any member of his or her party may book a ticket.
 - Students must submit a grad “write-up” online by Friday, May 3rd, 2019.
- All tables seat 10, so you may need to sit with another party. Please plan accordingly.
- Payment may be made by credit card (Mastercard, Visa), cash or cheque.
- Cheques should be made payable to “Sentinel Secondary School”.
- Ticket sales and seat selection will take place at lunch and after school until 3:30 p.m., from May 22nd to May 24th.
- Students wishing to sit together need to purchase their tickets together.
- Seats may not be reserved at tables for parties who have not purchased their tickets.

Pre-Dinner Reception

- A reception is scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Grads and guests will have an opportunity to mix and mingle and take pictures.

The Banquet

- Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for the reception.
- Soft drinks and appetizers will be available.
- Guests should be seated by 6:30 p.m. for the presentation of the Grads.
- Everyone must pass through security and check in before entering the ballroom area.
- The guest lists will be checked at this time.
- It is a beautiful venue, please arrive early if you wish to socialize and take photos before dinner.

Dinner

- Dinner is a buffet.
- After the head table, table order for the buffet will be selected at random by the Banquet Manager.

Dance

- Grads and guests are encouraged to stay for the post dinner dance.
- A DJ will play dance music from approx. 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Convention Centre Policy

- There are no “in and out” privileges for all guests.
- This is a school function; drugs and alcohol are prohibited.
- Students under the influence will be asked to leave.

Dress Code

- This is a formal event.
- “*Black tie optional*” for grads and guests.
- While students dress in black tie or long gowns, most parents opt for business or cocktail wear.
- If you wish to make a clothing change after the banquet, there are several washrooms available at the Convention Centre outside the venue.

After Grad

- Please be advised that **After Grad** is **NOT** a school sponsored event.
- The school is not involved in organizing or chaperoning any “After Grad” activities.
- If there is an After Grad party, it has been organized without school involvement.
- The school assumes no responsibility for After Grad events.
- Students, please do not spoil the banquet by leaving early for any After Grad parties.

Commencement Ceremonies

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Ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. Grads arrive at 12:00 p.m.

Doors open for guests at 12:30 p.m.

Estimated Length approximately 2.5 hours

Grad Write-Ups

- Students must submit a Grad “write-up” by Friday, May 3rd. This can be on-line. You must login to the Google form with your student login and password to submit your write-up. The link can be found in your grad trans Google website.
- ➔ Tickets may not be purchased unless the write-up has been submitted.

Grad Gown Information

- Grad gowns will be handed out on **Wednesday, June 12th, at 3:00 p.m.**
- All grads must attend a **mandatory** rehearsal for Commencement during lunchtime on **Friday, June 14th** in the Sentinel Gym. Attendance is crucial. Do not bring your gown to the rehearsal.
- You may take the gown home for pictures but be sure to wear it on Saturday.
- Wear dress shoes, dark dress pants or skirts underneath your gown.
- This is a formal occasion. Jeans, flip flops, sandals or runners are not appropriate.
- It can be very hot under the stage lights however – dress lightly.
- After the ceremony, grads will keep their caps, but they must return their gowns at the Centre. Gowns will not be permitted to leave the Centre following the event for any reason. Please make sure you take your outdoor photos before the ceremony. If you do not return a gown, a fee will be assessed.
- On the day of Commencement **all grads MUST be at the Centre by noon WEARING THEIR GOWNS.**
- Grads must line up in alphabetical order, in their gowns on the top two floors of the theatre.
- The Commencement fee of **\$50.00** covers the cost of the event including gown rental, caps (which the students keep), gold cords, picture portfolios, theatre rental etc. Since this is a ceremony to honour graduates, and not a requirement for graduation, a fee is permissible. This fee appeared on all graduating students’ fee statement at the beginning of the year. Please check with Ms. Allison Carruthers and make sure it has been paid.

Photo Information

- Gowns are given out on Wednesday so families may take pictures at home.
- Professional photographs will be taken of each grad receiving graduation certificates and awards. These will be available free of charge. As a courtesy to the audience and in order to ensure unrestricted viewing of the occasion, parents are requested to refrain from using film equipment during the ceremony.

Audience Tickets & Seating Information

- There is room for a large number of family members, relatives or friends to attend.
- Audience tickets for Commencement are \$15.00
- **Tickets must be purchased in advance. See attached order form for more information.**
- **Graduates do not require a ticket.**
- Every audience member must have a ticket and bring it to the theatre.
- Audience seating is on a **first-come first-serve basis**.
- Audience seats will not be reserved or assigned in advance.
- The theatre will open at 12:30 p.m.
- Do not sit in the seats reserved for staff or scholarship presenters.
- Wheelchair access is available.