



Timberline Secondary | Grad 2024 Newsletter

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The countdown is on!

Dear Grads and Families,

It's the final stretch! With only five weeks to Prom and eight to Commencement, this is the time of year when a lot of information starts coming out. This newsletter includes information about commencement, prom, ticket sales, the wrapping up of fundraising, lawn signs, walk-down notes and more...

Parent Volunteers

It's also that time of the year where we look for parent volunteers to help set up and take down for Prom. If you are interested in helping us set up on Friday, May 31st starting at 3pm until approximately 6pm, or at take down on Sunday, June 2nd at 10:00am until 11-11:30am (or help at both!), please reach out to Megara McCormick at megara.mccormick@sd72.bc.ca.



Career-Life Connections 12

CLC12 is a graduation requirement and is completed online in Teams. In fourth quarter, students will be given a couple of short assignments on

Teams, and then a final mark will be posted at the end of June.

Lawn Signs

You may have seen our graduation lawn signs in your neighbourhood the last few years... And we've decided to offer them again. See the link in the email with this newsletter on how to order then make a payment of \$45 by cash, cheque, or card to the Timberline main office, or by e-transfer to timberline.accounting@sd72.bc.ca. Please order by May 15th. Pickup will be in early June.



Grad Photos

Grads should have received a link to access their Grad photo proofs but if you have any issues accessing them please reach out to Ms. McCormick.

Important Dates

Scholarship & Bursary Night

Tuesday, May 28th

Prom 2024

Saturday, June 1st

Indigenous Student Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, June 6th

Commencement

Wednesday, June 26th

Fundraising

Fundraising is a critical part of a successful graduation celebration and we expect all Grads to fundraise at least \$200 in **profit**. We fundraise to pay for all of the Grad events and activities, including prom, yearbook, and more. We have now wrapped up the fundraising year, with the exception of those listed below:

Purdy's Chocolate Bars: Ms. McCormick still has a few boxes left if any Grads want to come pick one up to sell. Once this stock is gone this fundraiser will be closed.

DIY Bottle Drive: We have an account at the Island Return-It Depot at 1580 Willow Street F. Just bring your cans and bottles in, say you'd like to credit Timberline Grad, then bring your receipt to Ms. McCormick. Grads will be credited for the full amount on the receipt.

Pay Out: For those Grads opting to pay out their fundraising (either all or in part), please do so ASAP.

Growing Smiles Spring Plants: Our delivery date has been confirmed as Wednesday, May 8th and we hope to have orders sorted to begin pickup around 2:30-3:00pm. This will be confirmed to Grads on Teams. Grads are responsible for picking up all orders placed under their name on May 8th. Grads who have orders to pickup will be informed by end of day on Monday, May 6th.

Prom & Commencement

Prom is on **Saturday, June 1st**, and starts at the Foreshore (Robert Osler Park) at 4pm with our annual photo event. The Foreshore event is open to all family and friends. Around 6pm Grads will arrive at North Island College for the dinner (catered by Quay West) and dance/activities. ***The event at NIC is only for Grade 12 Timberline students.*** Tickets for Prom will go on sale on May 6th and cost \$50. More information regarding Prom can be found on the next page.

Commencement is on **Wednesday, June 26th**. Doors open at 4pm and commencement starts at 5pm. Grads will receive two tickets with their caps and gowns in June (they do not need a ticket), and may purchase up to five additional tickets starting May 8th (first round tickets) for \$10 each. On June 1st ticket sales will open up on a first-come first-served basis (second round). We recommend Grads not wait to purchase tickets once sales are open. More information regarding commencement can be found on the last page of this newsletter.



Message from Counselling

Ms. Noren and Mr. Berg are working with our Grade 12s to maintain a course load that will enable them to successfully graduate and prepare for post-secondary pursuits. Grade 12 students have been divided as follows:

A – K: Stacey Noren

L – Z: Derek Berg

PLEASE NOTE: Updated Grad letters confirming students' graduation status were mailed out mid-April.

Did you know? Our Grads have access to all current information on anything related to graduation, post-secondary, and more via **TEAMS** and we encourage them to check regularly for information and updates.



If you have any questions or concerns regarding this newsletter, or anything contained within it, please contact Megara McCormick at Megara.McCormick@sd72.bc.ca.



Prom 2024 – Saturday, June 1

Tickets go on sale on **Thursday, May 9th** and are \$50. Tickets can be purchased from **Ms. McCormick**, hours will be announced daily on Teams. If Grade 12s want to attend Prom, they must purchase a ticket by **May 24th** as we need to confirm numbers with the caterers. *Please note: Students who have raised more than \$300 in fundraising will receive a complimentary Prom ticket.*

At time of purchase, Grade 12s will also receive a **code of conduct** form that must be signed by both the student and a parent/guardian and must be returned by **May 30th**. **This year's prom theme: Enchanted Forest.**

Please read all the information below carefully:

- Our prom event starts at the **foreshore** (Robert Osler Park) **at 4:00pm on June 1st**. Friends and family may gather with our Grade 12s to take photos and we will also have a professional photographer on site to take photos on a first-come first-served basis. These photos will be made available to everyone free of charge.
- At **5:00pm** we will gather Grade 12s for the **group photo at the foreshore**. We ask that all Grade 12s be at the foreshore **by 4:45pm** to ensure easy organization of the photo.
- All Grade 12s should **depart the foreshore by 6:00pm** and head to the main entrance of North Island College where we will be holding prom. **Doors open at 6:00pm and close at 6:30pm.**
- *Families are responsible for transporting Grade 12s to and from Prom. No Grade 12 should drive themselves to the event and must be accompanied by a responsible adult.*
- **Only Timberline Grade 12 students** will attend both the dinner and dance events. Families and friends are welcome at the foreshore, but the rest of the evening is a grad only event.
- **Upon entering, Grade 12s may be searched.** If they are found to have banned substances, and/or are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, they will be denied entry to prom. This is also a no smoking event, which includes vaping and e-cigarettes.
- Dinner will be a buffet catered by **Quay West Catering** and will have both meat, vegetarian, and gluten free options. Students should check with Ms. McCormick regarding any **dietary restrictions**. They will also have an opportunity to pre-select seating arrangements sometime in May.
- After dinner we will hold a dance with **live DJ** and there will also be poker/blackjack tables and games tables available, as well as a photobooth and mocktail bar. The dance will **begin at approximately 8pm and run until midnight**.
- At the end of the event Grade 12s **must be picked up by a member of their family or other designated responsible adult** from the NIC main entrance. Administrators will be coordinating this process. *Grade 12s may choose to leave prom at any point but once they leave the event they cannot re-enter.*
- If Grade 12s fail to comply with school and prom regulations, they will be *asked to leave the prom and may lose the privilege to participate in commencement on June 26th.*

Commencement 2024

Wednesday, June 26



How to purchase Commencement tickets:

1. Each Grad will receive **TWO (2) tickets** as part of their commencement fees. These tickets will be given to Grads with their cap and gown in June. Grads who have still not paid their commencement fee of \$75 will not receive their cap and gown until the fee is paid. *Please note: Grads do not require a ticket to commencement.*
2. Each Grad may purchase up to **FIVE (5)** additional tickets in May. Tickets go on sale on **Wednesday, May 8th** and can be purchased for \$10 each from the main office. We recommend that Grads purchase these tickets in May if required.
3. On **June 1st** we will open sales for any remaining commencement tickets on a “first-come first-served” basis. *For those with large groups attending:* We have never run out of tickets for commencement so if you are relying on the open ticket sales because of your numbers, you have a very high likelihood of getting them.
4. For attendees who require accessible seating we ask that you reach out to Ms. McCormick by email.

Please read all the information below carefully:

Commencement is held at Strathcona Gardens at 225 South Dogwood Street on **Wednesday, June 26th at 5:00pm**. Family and friends enter the Rod Brind’Amour Arena (arena #1) from the south parking lot doors (the right-hand side of the building when entering off Dogwood). *Doors to the arena will open at 4:00pm.* All family and friends attending must have a ticket to enter the event. Babies on laps do not require a ticket.

We will also hold a mandatory rehearsal for graduates only, at noon (12:00pm) on June 26th, that graduates are required to attend. Information regarding this rehearsal will be posted to Teams mid-June. Graduates will also be required to return to the arena by 4:00pm and enter from the Pinecrest Road entrance.

Commencement is a formal event, and graduates will be required to wear their cap and gown for the occasion. These will be given to graduates in June to allow for time to hang the gowns up. It is generally warm in the arena, and we recommend grads and families take this into consideration when getting ready on the day. *Graduates may personalize their caps but not the gown.*

Outstanding fees:

Please note: Outstanding fees and fines will need to be settled before cap and gown are distributed to graduates in June. This includes commencement fees, fundraising profit, and library/textbook fines.