



Grad Assembly Handout

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Class of 2019 Graduation Dinner and Dance

DATE: **Saturday June 8, 2019**
6:00pm – 11:30pm

LOCATION: **Fairmont Waterfront Hotel**
900 Canada Place Way, Vancouver

TICKETS: ***Ticket price is \$125.00 per grad/ \$150.00 per guest.***



Tickets may be purchased for yourself and one **approved** guest only. You may not purchase tickets for your friends. You will need to take care of any outstanding fees/textbooks and library books/uniforms and Grad Transitions, etc. before you will be allowed to purchase your tickets online.

Starting May 7 at 3:00 PM, students can purchase tickets on the school website under “Student Fees”. If the Grad Dinner Dance fee is not there, it means that you have fees owing or Grad Transitions that are not done. Once you have paid and or completed GT, bring confirmation to the office (in the form of a receipt or teacher’s note) then the Grad Dinner Dance fee will be activated to allow for ticket purchases.

TICKET SALES: **May 7 – 20th, go to the link on the Charles Best website, under “Student Fees”**

GUEST APPROVAL: Guest forms are available at the office. Each member of the **Graduating Class** may invite a maximum of **ONE** guest. Guest forms must be submitted for approval for any guest that meets the following criteria:

- **Students currently enrolled in Grade 11 at Charles Best (2020 grads)**
- **Dr. Charles Best Secondary students who withdrew**
- **All non – Dr. Charles Best Students**
- **Grade 12 students who will not graduate by June 2019**
- **Guests who graduated within the past 2 years**

All students must abide by the school code of conduct. We are guests in the Fairmont facility, they have the right to refuse a student entry because of their behavior and we cannot override their decision. If a guest is asked to leave the Dinner Dance or After Grad, the host graduating student must also leave. If you bring a guest you are responsible for them. If students are asked to leave the event, there are no refunds.

Forms will be available at the Main Office on **April 12, 2019**. **DEADLINE** for submission of guest forms is **3:00 pm, April 25, 2019**. *It will not be possible to buy a ticket for a guest who has not been approved.*



RETURN completed forms to the **Main Office**.

Invitation is subject to approval by the Administration. **If your guest is NOT approved** you will be contacted and an explanation will be provided.

TABLE RESERVATIONS: The Ballroom will be set up with approximately 40 tables, each table seating a maximum of 10 people. **Table Reservations** will be taken **May 27, 28 and 29, 2019** during Block 5 and after school in Room 101 with Ms. Thomas

To make reservations, you must have the names of the grads and guests. Only one person from each table is required to line up for reservations. Tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and small groups may be merged with other small groups, as we have a limited number of tables.

AGENDA:
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Welcome and Check-In
7:30 pm Dinner followed by Dancing and Dessert Buffet

Students are not allowed to leave prior to 11:00 pm

DRESS: **Formal to Semi-Formal**
Dress varies from party dress to formal evening gown and from dress pants, dress shirt and sweater to formal evening tuxedos and suits. Students with financial obstacles should see the counsellors to access community resources. Black and Lee is offering \$20 off coupon catalogues available in the main office and counselling area.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation must be arranged by the students. Some students will get together with a group to hire a bus, limo, taxi or car. Others will arrange for rides to get back to the school. Having your limo wait while you are in the Dinner Dance is very expensive. Buses will be available to bring students back from the hotel to the after-grad for **\$10**. Bus tickets **must** be purchased online (DCBSS website under “Student Fees”). Limited spots available and please note that there will not be any refunds. Online tickets are already available and are going fast

ARRIVAL & Please check in and pick up your place card at the entrance to the Ballroom.

DEPARTURE: There are no in and out privileges. Once you leave the Dinner Dance (after 11pm only) you will not be able to return. There are **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**

DINNER DANCE PHOTOGRAPHS Bring your own camera/phone to take photographs. No professional photographer will be available. Make sure you keep your phones safe during the event.

VAPING/SMOKING: There is a strictly enforced no-smoking/no-vaping bylaw in all Vancouver Hotels. They will confiscate vape paraphernalia and they will not return it.

AFTER GRAD: **Ticket cost \$30.** Tickets are available online (DCBSS website under “Student Fees”). The After Grad check-in will be from 12:00 AM to 1:00 AM at the school.

The After Grad committee has done an amazing job planning your event to ensure the night is a great success! Make sure you thank the parents on this committee.

COMMENCEMENT:

Commencement is on **Thursday, June 13, 2019** at **7:00PM** at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre (649 Cambie Street, Vancouver), **Graduates must arrive at the theatre by 6:15PM.** Please meet at the west entrance doors.

All grads get 4 complementary tickets that will be distributed *May 23, 24 in period 5 and after school in the Conference Room.* Additional tickets can be purchased at that time for \$5.00 per ticket.

There is a **mandatory** Commencement Rehearsal, **Thursday, June 6, 2018** during block 5. During this time caps and gowns will be distributed.

MAY 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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5	6 School Based Pro-D Day	7 Start of online ticket sales for Dinner/Dance	8	9	10 Commencement message due	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Victoria Day</i> End of online ticket sales for Dinner/Dance	21	22	23 Distribution of commencement & dinner/dance tickets	24 Distribution of commencement & dinner/dance tickets	25
26	27 Dinner/Dance table reservation	28 Dinner/Dance table reservation	29 Dinner/Dance table reservation	30	31	

JUNE 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 Year End Music Concert	6 Commencement rehearsal	7	8 Dinner/Dance
9 After Grad	10	11	12	13 Commencement Ceremony	14	15
16	17 Locker clean out	18 Awards Day	19	20 Last day of regular classes	21 French Leaving Ceremony	22
23	24 English 12 Provincial Exam	25 FRAL 12 Provincial Exam	26 Communications 12 Provincial Exam	27 Report Cards Distributed	28	29

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MESSAGE FOR PRESENTATION OF GRADS



Each graduating student will be introduced on stage at the Commencement Ceremonies on **Thursday, June 13, 2019**. We would like to give you the opportunity to write a brief and unique introduction for yourself. The reader will read this introduction as you cross the stage to receive your diploma. You are asked to write **one to two sentences only** that you would like to be said on your behalf.

You may wish to:

- Thank your parents or teachers
- Mention your personal achievements
- Indicate your future goals and plans after Charles Best
- A congratulatory message to the class of 2019
- Your fondest memory at Charles Best

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR WRITING TO 2 BRIEF SENTENCES OR LESS THAN 20 WORDS. IF YOUR MESSAGE IS TOO LONG IT WILL BE EDITED AND SHORTENED.

Submit your message online on the Dr. Charles Best Secondary homepage under “Quick Links” “Gr 12 Commencement Message”

Due by:
Friday, May 10, 2019