

## HERITAGE WOODS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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# GRAD 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

April 16, 2019

This is an exciting time for our graduates and as we near the end of our school year, we look forward to celebrating with your son/daughter as they approach a major milestone. As many activities are taking place, please take note of the following:

### VALEDICTORIAN STUMP SPEECHES AND VOTING

Nominees that were selected by the Gr. 12's will be given an opportunity to make a 2 min speech to the graduating class on Wednesday April 24th in the theatre during Flex. All grade 12's will vote for their choice of 2 valedictorians that will represent them at the commencement ceremony on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### GRADUATION DINNER & DANCE

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, June 8, 2019	<b>Itinerary:</b>	6:00pm Reception (outside SWC)
<b>Location:</b>	Sheraton Wall Centre 1088 Burrard St, Vancouver		6:30pm Check-in and Individual Grads BC Photo 10:30-11pm Departure

The dinner dance is a formal event for grade 12 students. Please note the following:

- *guest forms must be completed for administration approval by May 1st*
- *all fees (books, student fees, athletic fees, library fines, etc...) must be paid before a seat will be assigned for the Dinner/Dance banquet*
- *Grad Transitions paperwork and interviews must be completed before a Dinner/Dance Banquet seat assigned*
- *dinner/dance tickets are available AT THE OFFICE - cash or cheque only – NO debit or credit*
- *May 1<sup>st</sup> Seat/Table Reservation Forms available at the office*
- *May 13<sup>th</sup> Table Reservation Forms DUE (no exceptions)*
- *PHOTO ID must be presented at the door at the dinner dance*
- *students are dropped off at the roundabout on Burrard Street*
- *there are NO in and out privileges during the event*
- *students attending After Grad may leave no earlier than 10:30pm*
- *students must find own transportation from the dinner/dance to the after grad event at HWSS*

### AFTER GRAD EVENT

This event is sponsored by the After Grad Parent Committee and will follow the Dinner and Dance.

<b>Date:</b>	Sat, June 8 to Sun, June 9	<b>Itinerary:</b>	11:30pm Doors open
<b>Location:</b>	HWSS Grand Hall		12:00am Doors close 4:30am Event ends

- *there will be no in and out privileges during the event*
- *students must find own transportation from HWSS back home*

**\*\* As per all school events, consumption of alcohol/drugs before or during the event is strictly prohibited. Any student suspected of being under the influence will be denied entrance or asked to leave.**

## COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL/GRAD GOWN DISTRIBUTION

**Date:** Thurs Jun 20, 2019  
**Location:** HWSS Theatre

**Itinerary:** 12pm Rehearsal  
 (altered bell schedule day)

- *mandatory attendance for all Gr. 12's*
- *grad caps/gowns will be distributed after the rehearsal; students will be keeping their gowns*
- *students will only be able to pick up **their own cap and gown** at the rehearsal*

## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

**Date:** Saturday Jun 22, 2019  
**Location:** SFU Convocation Mall

**Itinerary:** 1pm Arrival of grads  
 2pm Ceremony commences  
 5pm Grad group photo

- *ticket fees were included in grad fees*
- *unlimited seating for guests*

## GRAD EVENTS TIMELINE

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Currently	<b>Grad Guest Forms available</b> <i>Guest Age: Max 1 year younger (Gr. 11) or 2018 Grad</i>	Main Office
Thurs April 18	<b>Formal Report Cards Issued and Grad Newsletter</b>	Advisory
Wed April 24	<b>Grade 12 Assembly</b> <i>Valedictorian Stump Speeches and Votes</i>	HWSS Theatre at Flex
Online closed; Available main office	<b>After Grad Ticket Sales</b> \$85 grad price and guest price	Main Office only
Online closed; Available main office	<b>Dinner/Dance Ticket Sales</b> \$135 grad/guest price	Main Office only
Wed May 1	<b>Grad Guest Forms due by 4pm</b>	Main Office
Wed May 1	<b>Dinner/Dance Seat/Table Reservation Forms Available</b>	Main Office
Mon May 13	<b>Dinner/Dance Seat/Table Reservations DUE – 4 pm</b> - will be posted later that week	Main Office
Sat Jun 8	<b>Dinner/Dance</b>	Sheraton Wall Centre 6:00-11pm
Sat Jun 8	<b>After Grad Event</b>	Grand Hall 11:30-4:30am
Thurs Jun 20	<b>Commencement Rehearsal/ Grad Gown Distribution</b>	HWSS Theatre 12pm altered bell schedule
Sat Jun 22	<b>Commencement Ceremony</b>	SFU Convocation Mall 2-5pm
Thurs Jun 27	<b>Awards Open House</b>	9-11am
Thurs Jun 27	<b>Report Card Pick-up</b>	Advisory 12:15-1pm
Mid-August	<b>Dogwood Diplomas</b> <i>*available for pick-up</i>	Main Office

**Congratulations to the HWSS Class of 2019!** Our goal is to ensure that your son/daughter experiences good memories that they will cherish for a lifetime. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the following people:  
 Grad Dinner/Dance – Jill Reid (jreid@sd43.bc.ca) Vice Principal  
 After Grad Event – Tara McKinley (tdmckinley3@gmail.com ; Audrey Volberg (avolberg@gmail.com) After-Grad Co-Chairs  
 Commencement Ceremony – Manjit Rai (mrai@sd43.bc.ca) Vice Principal