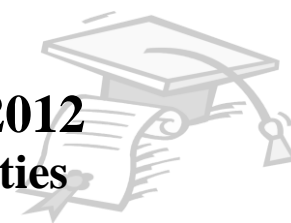


# Riverside Secondary Class of 2012

## Timeline for Grad Related Activities



ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Grad Transition Deadline	April 13th		See your counselor
Grad Commentaries	April 16- April 27th		By computer- see instruction sheet
Grade 12 Assembly- Guest forms available	April 18th	10:15am	Gym
Valedictorian Speeches in assembly	April 18th	10:15am	Gym
Dinner Dance Guest applications due	April 25th	School aged guests must be in grade 11 or 12. Maximum age of guests is 21	Mr. Roos' office
Interviews for external guests	May 1-3	3:00-5:00	Sign up at your VP's office
Local Scholarship Applications due	May 10	4:00	Mrs. Simpson
Make sure you have no books or fees or other amounts outstanding by this date	May 10	3:00pm	See Ms. Yee in Office See Ms. Kilpatrick in Library
Ticket Sales for Grad Dinner Dance	April 30-May 4		Online
Extra Commencement Tickets	May 7-9	Lunch	Front Foyer
Dinner Dance Table Reservation	May 8-10	8:00- 8:45 3:15-4:00	Cafeteria *Maximum 10 <i>per table</i>
Ticket Sales for After Grad	April 30-May18		Online
Grade 12 marks checked for Commencement eligibility	May 22		
Commencement and Dinner Dance Tickets distributed in RAP	June 6		RAP
Grad Dinner Dance	June 16	6:00pm – Midnight Dinner at 7:00	Renaissance Hotel
Grad Dinner Dance Portraits	June 16	Pricing ranges from \$15 to \$25 per 5x7 photo	Renaissance Hotel Mountain West
After Grad Hyde Creek Community Center	June 16-17	11:45 Check in Begins	Hyde Creek Community Center
Commencement Rehearsal & Cap and Gown Distribution (Attendance is MANDATORY make sure your schedule is cleared)	June 22	1:00-3:00	Gym
Commencement Ceremonies	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	2:00-4:30	SFU

# Riverside Secondary Class of 2012 Dinner Dance



**DATE:** Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm – Midnight

**LOCATION:** Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel  
1133 West Hastings Street · Vancouver

**TICKETS:** Ticket price is \$125.00 per grad/ \$125.00 per guest and includes coat check, reception, dinner, dessert, coffee, tea and unlimited soft drink bar and dancing.

Tickets may be purchased for yourself and/or your guest. You cannot buy tickets for your friends. You will need to take care of any outstanding fees, Library books, and Grad Transitions assignments, before you will be allowed to purchase your ticket.

Payment through Karelo online, from the Riverside home page or follow



the link by clicking on the button:

**TICKET SALES:** April 30- April 4

**GUEST APPROVAL:** All **Non-Riverside** Students and any grade 11 Riverside Student Guest must be approved as a **guest before** purchasing tickets. School aged guests must be in grade 11 or 12. Maximum age of guests is 21  
*Tickets purchased for a guest who has not been approved will not be refunded.*

**TABLE RESERVATIONS:** The Ballroom will be set up with approximately 35 tables, each table seating a maximum of 10 people. **Reservations** for tables will be taken May 8-10 in the cafeteria from 8:00-8:45 and from 3:15-4:00.

You may reserve from 1-10 seats at a table. Your entire group must be present when selecting your table. You cannot buy tickets for another student, nor can you reserve a spot at a table for someone other than your approved guest.

All tables in the Ballroom are numbered. You must sit at your assigned table during dinner, so remember your table number.

**AGENDA:** 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Reception in the Park Ballroom  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Dinner in the Park Ballroom  
8:00 pm – 12:00 am Dancing

- Doors close at 7:00- no entry after that time

**DRESS:** *Formal to Semi-Formal*  
Dress varies from party dress to formal evening gown for the ladies and from slacks, dress shirt and sweater to formal evening tuxedos and suits for the men.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation must be arranged by the students. Some students will get together with a group to hire a bus, limo, tax or car. Others will arrange for rides to get to the Renaissance Hotel.

Pay parking is available in the parking lot attached to the Renaissance Hotel.

**ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE:** Tickets will be collected at the entrance to the Ballroom. Students and guests may leave at any time throughout the evening, however, once you leave the Ballroom you will not be allowed to return. So remember to bring a camera and your money for your formal pictures! There are **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**DINNER DANCE PHOTOGRAPHS:** A photographer will be present in the Ballroom foyer from 6:00 until 7:00 for individual or group photographs if you desire. Students are advised that photo packages start at \$20.00.

**SMOKING:** There is a strictly enforced no-smoking bylaw in all Vancouver Hotels. Staff and students will not be able to smoke. There is a \$2500 fine for breaking this law.

**AFTERGRAD:** Ticket costs are \$10 for early birds, \$10 for guests. There will be more information regarding ticket availability closer to the date of the sales.



# COMMENCEMENT @ SFU

## Sunday, June 24th 2:00pm

### MESSAGE FOR PRESENTATION OF GRADS

(to be read during the Commencement Ceremony as you cross the stage)

The commentaries for the Grad Commencement Ceremony must be completed using the school's computers. Follow the instructions below to create your personal commentary.

Write a commentary of approximately 25 words or less about yourself in the third person. You may use a quote. Remember that the comment will be read to approximately 1200 people. It must be in good taste. No profanity or suggestive dialogue will be allowed. Inappropriate comments **will be** deleted.

***Be advised that if a commentary is not provided by the deadline or if it is deemed inappropriate, only your name will be read as you cross the stage at the graduation ceremonies - absolutely no exceptions.***

Start April 16<sup>th</sup>

Due date – April 27<sup>th</sup>

1. Login to the computer using your username and password provided by the school. You **must** login using YOUR ACCOUNT! You can attain your password in Room 225 during lunch or after school if you do not have it already.
2. Go to the **START** menu and select **Word**.
3. Begin your commentary by entering your full name. This will not count towards your 25-word limit. X  
**Example: First name Last name,**
4. If your name has an unusual pronunciation, write it phonetically as well, so the reader will pronounce it correctly. When you save your document, you **must** save it under your **LAST NAME**.
5. Using the default font and text size (Calibri, 11 pt), prepare your commentary of a maximum of 25 words.
6. Once completed, proceed to save your document from the **File** menu. (Short cut: **Ctrl + S**) You must save it on the **SCHOOL BASED APPLICATIONS** drive (drive R) in the **Grad Commencement Comment** directory. (You may need to go to My Computer first.)  
**(R:\Grad Commencement Comment\)**  
Find the alphabetical folder with the letter of the first initial of your last name and open it. Save your commentary in this folder as: Last name, First name.  
**example: Smith, Robert**
7. Only you have access to read and edit you commentary. Feel free to return to it as many times as you wish prior to the deadline to make changes  
**NO CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE!**
8. If you have any problems entering your commentary on the computer, please see Ms. Kilpatrick in the Library or see Mr. Haselhan in Room 225.

April 2012

Dear Grade 12 Students and Parent/Guardians of Grade 12 Students:

**CHAIR:**

Melissa Hyndes

Over the past few years, our secondary school principals and our RCMP police liaison officers /Port Moody Police liaison officers have noticed an increase in acts of vandalism carried out by some of our graduating students. I write this letter to our graduating students and families to bring further attention to this problem and ask for your assistance in changing the type of graduating student behavior that I describe below. I asked for the cooperation of graduating students and their families last year and was pleased that there was improvement in the conduct of our graduating students. Having said this, most high school principals and the high school staffs still had to be extremely vigilant with regard to supervision of a few graduating students. We ask graduating students and their families to improve this situation – to ensure that the final few days of high school are safe, focused and productive school days for all students and staff.

**VICE-CHAIR:**

Judy Shirra

**TRUSTEES:**

Gail Alty

Holly Butterfield

John J. Keryluk

Brian Robinson

Diane Sowden

Gerri Wallis

Keith Watkins

Last June, many of our secondary school principals, along with the police liaison officers, were faced with resolving disciplinary situations after some grade 12 students committed offenses such as damaging the school building by applying graffiti on school walls, breaching school security systems by breaking doors and damaging lock mechanisms, mistreating animals in pranks meant to disrupt the school environment and involvement in dangerous pranks after school hours on school property while under the influence of alcohol. Frequently, secondary school principals have noted that the response of the students involved in these negative actions, and the comments of their parents/guardians in follow-up meetings, tended to minimize the impact of these actions on the overall school environment. Secondary school principals are concerned that some of our graduating students and their parents/guardians view the damage created during the last week of classes as a “rite of passage” for graduating students. We hope that this letter helps to change this attitude. The Board of Education has had to support the imposition of student discipline as a result of graduating student behavior over the past few years. This discipline is avoidable and, sadly, often impacts not only the graduating student, but also the involvement of that student and family in year-end activities.

Additionally, while the cost of repairs as a result of the vandalism undertaken by graduating students last year in a time of dwindling resources was problematic, it was the lingering and highly negative effect of the acts of vandalism and misbehaviour which was most troubling to the staff and the overall student population at many of our secondary schools. Last year, despite the high level of vigilance by our school staffs and the police liaison officers both during the school day and throughout the evening hours, the staff and students in our secondary schools were unsettled and disrupted by the conduct of a few grade 12 students in the final days of the classes. Last year, some of the acts of vandalism, in particular those which involved the cruel mistreatment of animals, attracted very negative publicity for some schools – publicity which was neither typical nor representative of the very fine students graduating from our schools. Vandalism and cruelty to animals will never have an accepted place in our schools. The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that our schools are respectful, safe and orderly places for all students and our school staffs.

The Board of Education expects that each of our graduating classes of 2012 will commit to year-end celebrations which truly reflect the positive accomplishments of the Grads of 2012. We completely support secondary school principals and each school staff in their ongoing efforts to ensure that graduation celebrations are positive and that graduating students are respectful of the school environment. We are sure that we will have the support of graduating students and their families in making the Grad 2011 safe, enjoyable for all, and a true celebration of the talents and achievements of our 2012 grads.

Yours truly

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 43 (COQUITLAM)

Melissa Hyndes, Chair  
Board of Education