



CALENDAR of EVENTS

- April 16th
PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. Library
- April 17th
Grad Assembly
- April 17th
Spring Festival 4-6:30 p.m.
- April 19th
Professional Day (District)
- April 24th
Rapid Change—Fashion Show
- April 30th
"Spring Fling" Dance for
Grades 9 & 10
- May 2nd
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Report Cards distributed
Early dismissal
- May 9th
Talent Show
- May 14th
After-Grad Meeting
7:00 p.m. Library
- May 17th
Professional Day (school-based)

Instead of my Principal's Message in the newsletter, parents can now link to my blog, "The Pulse". The link is: <http://aciolfitto.wordpress.com/>



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PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher conferences will take place on **Thursday, May 2nd from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m.** in the gym. All parents are invited to meet with their child's teacher(s) to discuss progress to date. Report cards will be available for pick-up in the hallway outside the gymnasium during the conferences. Please note that the format is carousel style, no appointment required, and there may be some line ups for some teachers. In those cases in which a lineup has formed, interviews will be kept to no more than ten minutes to keep line ups moving. If your son or daughter received two or more "not meeting expectations" on the interim report prior to Spring Break, we encourage you to meet with all teachers. **Please note that all students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on this day.**

SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES

Riverside students planning on registering for summer school are urged to meet with their counsellor prior to registration to discuss their course plans. Counsellors will assist students in making course choices that meet their educational goals. As well, counsellors need to review how summer school choices affect next year's course selections which have already been made. There is no guarantee that, if there is a change from requests made in March, there will be room in a new course selection. Once this process is complete, students may proceed with on-line registration beginning at the end of April. Students are advised to set up a "summer school account" as soon as possible so that they can sign up for courses as soon as registration begins. More details can be found at: online.sd43.bc.ca

Note: Both paper application and counsellor approval are required for International Summer School courses and for remedial summer school courses. Contact the school counsellor for more information.

"S - TRIPS"

Each year, an outside company approaches secondary school students about spring break trips known as "S-Trip" to various locations. **These trips are not authorized by the school or the school district and we do not, in any way, endorse our students participating in them.** Parents considering letting their child go on a trip sponsored by this organization may wish to ask questions about adult supervision, access to alcohol during the trip, and school time that may or may not be missed. As in the past, we are including this information in our newsletter for information purposes for parents. Ultimately, it is up to parents to decide whether they wish to have their child participate, with the understanding that the school and district are not responsible in any way for these trips.

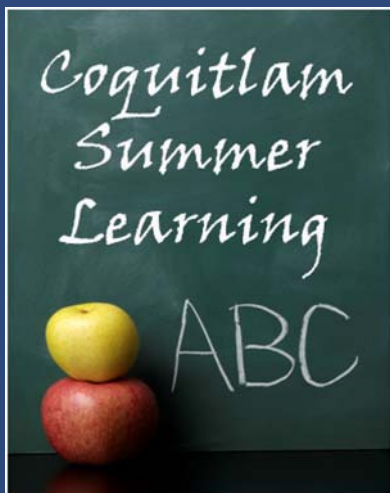


SUMMER LEARNING

Summer Learning 2013
ONLINE Registration
Dates (Start @ 6:00 a.m.)
Grade 10 Credit Courses:
May 7th to June 28th
Grade 11/12 Credit Courses:
May 9th to June 28th
Grade 9/10 Remedial: May
21th to June 28th (Access
code from counsellor re-
quired)
Grade 8-10 Skill Building:
May 28th to June 28th

You must have an account with our online system **BEFORE** registering for courses. Please visit our website and create/update your account **now**.

Visit
www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca for more information.



TUITION-FREE SUMMER LEARNING

If you are interested in **our tuition-free* SD43 Summer Learning Program**, please visit www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca for information on how to create or update your online account.

The student PEN number is required to create the account - please visit the school office for the number. You will need to create your account as soon as possible to make sure your account is approved before course registration opens. **Registration Dates (All start times at 6:00 a.m.)**

Elementary & Middle: May 28th to July 5th
Secondary Remedial: May 21th to June 28th
Secondary Skill Building: May 28th to June 28th
Grade 10 Credit Courses: May 7th to June 28th
Grade 11/12 Credit Courses: May 9th to June 28th

Visit www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca to create/update your online account now.

RIVERS EDGE THEATRE TO PERFORM

As some of you know, River's Edge Theatre has been invited to perform our Fall show "Grim" at the Sears BC Drama Festival, May 2-5 at Douglas College. We are remounting the goblin show in rehearsals now and we are booked in to participate fully at the festival with casts from all over the province. Since the delegate fees are high, we are going to present our show at school for one night only as a fundraiser: Wednesday, May 1st at 7:30pm. Please join us if you can!

You'll start to see hilarious posters all over the school in the next two days. Tickets are only \$10, only available at the door and all proceeds go towards getting our kids to this prestigious invite-only event. Also, we are running an Indiegogo crowd-sourcing campaign to raise funds. Check out our link: <http://igg.me/at/riversedgetheatre/x/877466>

HEADS UP!

Body image continues to pressure teenagers as media overwhelm us with visions of perfection and medical experts issue repeated warnings of obesity. Parents may be pleased to see their children motivated to cut back on the fries, pop and donuts -- but, for some, a goal of healthy eating can become a downward slide into an eating disorder. The lack of proper nutrition caused by food restriction or binge eating can be a trigger for the illness to start.

Eating disorders are not a choice, but a disease no different from cancer or diabetes. Anorexia, bulimia and binge eating are very serious brain-based illnesses that have the highest death rate of any mental illness. Like any disease, early intervention is critical to the success of the appropriate treatment.

To learn more about eating disorders and their treatment, visit <http://www.wicholaspsychiatry.com/eating-disorders/> where you will find helpful, accurate information from the psychiatrist who established the day program for adolescent anorexia at BC Children's Hospital. If you are concerned about your son or daughter, a good place to start is with the school's counsellors or your family physician.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADS

Attention Graduates:

Create an account with the Ministry (if you haven't already done so) by logging onto to <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/students.htm>

You'll need your PEN number which can be found on your report card or from your counsellor. Through your account, you can check your Provincial exam marks, the exam schedule, your credits, etc. Once you graduate you can also request transcripts from this site.

Your **Dogwood Certificate (diploma)** will be sent to you in the summer. Your **Official Transcript** will be mailed to you and one will be kept on file at the school. You should keep your original copy. If you need additional copies to send to post-secondary institutions you can request these from the school.

Address and other personal information: It is very important that the school have current, updated addresses and phone numbers on file for you. There are a number of reasons for this including having a correct address to send transcripts to.

Post-Secondary Institution Choice Form (PSI): Student who plan to attend any post-secondary institution in September need to complete this form on-line at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams via the Student Secure Web. You will need to use the account you set up in #1 above. This on-line form must be completed by April 30th in order to allow the Ministry to release your marks to post-secondary institutions. More detailed information can be found on the counselling department web page.

Transcript Verification: It is vital that you review your "transcript verification report" on the Student Secure Web-site at the end of May. If there are any errors (legal name, birth date, address) these must be reported to your counsellor as soon as possible. As well, any errors in your courses or marks should be reported to and corrected by your counsellor before the end of the school year. The **TVR** is a preview of what your transcript will look like.

Local and District Dogwood Scholarships: Grade 12 students should plan to attend the last scholarship information session. Local scholarships are restricted to Riverside students and in some cases students in SD 43. **All** students are eligible to win some scholarship money.

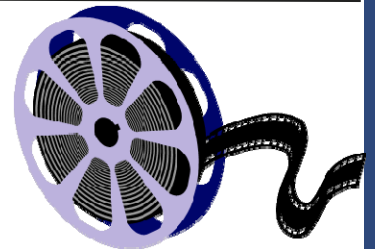
Students must apply and the application process will be explained at the information session. The criteria for the Local Scholarships vary from top student, to students with community service and leadership, to students who excel in the technologies or the arts or languages or physical activity or business education classes, for example.

Students should sign up with Ms. Chittenden to attend one of the sessions at lunch in room 213 on April 16th, 17th and 18th.

Completed applications are due to Ms. Chittenden May 10 2013, 4:00 pm...NO exceptions.

YOU ARE INVITED!

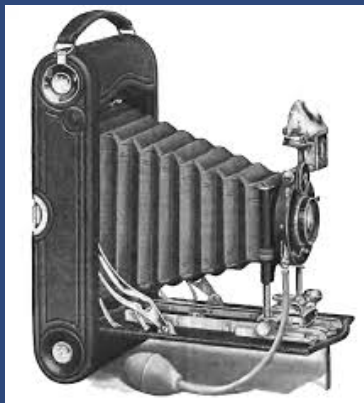
What: Riverside Rapid Change's annual **fashion show, "Reel Change"**.
When: Wednesday, April 24th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7.00 p.m.
Where: Riverside Secondary



This enjoyable night of fashion, food, and fundraising is put on by Rapid Change, a group of globally conscious students with a passion for creating positive change. Tickets can be purchased at lunch time at Riverside for \$10 or at the door for \$12. All proceeds go to building a school in Ecuador through Free the Children's "Adopt a Village" program. We'd love to see you there!

WE WANT YOUR OLD PHOTO EQUIPMENT

If you have any old photography equipment that you no longer need, Riverside's Photo



Department can put it to good use. Any type of equipment film or digital could be used for our program. We still have a darkroom running and can use enlargers and related equipment and supplies. If you have questions don't hesitate to contact Kelly Selden (kselden@sd43.bc.ca)

SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2013** the Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

This year, the survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. All that is required is a logon number that the school will provide to participants. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site, without a logon number.

The e-survey site is open until April 30th. If you are a parent of a child in grades 10 or 12 and wish to participate in the survey please contact Mr. Roos by email at sroos@sd43.bc.ca to receive a login code.

SAVE THE DATE



TRI-CITIES RIDGE MEADOWS WALK FOR ALS

Sunday, June 16th, 2013

Riverside Secondary School, Port Coquitlam

Registration: 9:00 am Walk starts at: 10:00 am

For more information contact the

Tri-Cities Ridge Meadows Walk for ALS Coordinator:

Christine Hilliard—604-788-5568

tricitieridgemedowswalk@alsbc.ca

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Join thousands of Canadians across the country for a day of fitness & fun for a great cause. Proceeds go toward funding research and providing support services for those living with ALS.

Register Today | www.walkforals.ca

MULTI-CULTURAL LEADERSHIP

Wed. April 17 - Spring Festival 4:00 – 6:30 River's Edge Cafeteria theatre. \$1 admission for family/friends/non-Riverside students . Performances, games, Cosplay café for light refreshments

Mon. May 6th – Children's Day festival – 9:00a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Annual Japanese Children's Day celebration with school tour and activity stations in cafeteria for feeder school kindergarten classes.

Friday, May 10th - Fundraiser badminton tournament. Recreational and competitive categories, open to members of the community. Please contact Ms. Yamamoto at cyamamoto@sd43.bc.ca if interested in participating.

Wed. May 22nd – Multicultural Fashion Show 7:00 – 9:30 River's Edge Cafeteria theatre. Traditional costumes of various ethnic communities in Port Coquitlam will be highlighted along with First Nations honouring, student performances, and modern day fashions from recycled materials and anime cartoon costumes. Tickets are \$10 which includes a dessert buffet and door prizes. "Tickets for fashion show will be available at The Gathering Place, Hyde Creek Rec Centre and Po Co Rec Centre ticket offices."

Donations of baked goods for the dessert buffet would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ms. Yamamoto at cyamamoto@sd43.bc.ca if you would be interested in contributing. Thank you!"

FRENCH QUARTER

Congratulations to French Immersion students **Celina Sewlochan, Sofia Santos, Sarah Rajani and Petal Vitis** who represented Riverside in the finals of the District *Concours Oratoire* on April 10.

On May 1st, which is May Day in France, **La Crêperie Bohème** will be parking its funky caravan in front of the school again to serve up delicious crêpes to all our language students. This is a unique opportunity for students to order their crêpes in French and Spanish in a mini-field trip!

The second semester sitting of the **DELF** exam will take place April 22-25. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Grade 12 students to earn the *Diplôme d'études en langue française* which is recognized worldwide as the standard for French language proficiency.

The French department is in the early stages of planning the new annual **Grade 11 French trip to France in May 2014**. Next year, this will be open to French Immersion students in Grades 11 and 12. If you have any questions, please contact **Elizabeth Bancroft**, Languages Dept. Head.

Core French 11 student, **Tyson Chan**, will attend the annual French for the Future *Français pour l'avenir* conference at SFU on April 24th. Tyson will join 175 Lower Mainland francophone students for a day *en français* at this forum that highlights how students can use their bilingualism for future study, employment and travel. There will be a keynote speaker as well as displays and workshops throughout the day for students to interact with other Francophones and Francophiles alike. Bravo, Tyson!

Riverside Secondary Europe Exchange Program
Fall, 2013- Austrian Student Visitors

Host Families Needed!!!

The tradition continues as Riverside plays host to twenty-five visiting Austrian students this September for ten days. We are in need of host families for visiting students from our sister school in Vienna, Austria from Thursday, Sept. 12th through to Monday, September 23rd, 2013. Obligations of host families include providing a bed for visiting students, meals for the duration of the stay, a packed daily snack or lunch and making the visiting students feel as much a part of a typical Canadian family, as possible. It would not be unusual for a host family to ask a visiting student to help with meal preparation or basic chores.

Families who host a visiting student are eligible to complete the exchange by travelling to Europe at a reduced rate. Riverside normally travels to Europe for two weeks at Spring break.

If you are willing to host a student, Host family application forms can be picked up on the bulletin board outside Room 121 or printed from Mr. Luongo's sharepoint site. For further details, feel free to contact Mr. Luongo at mluongo@sd43.bc.ca.

COMMENCEMENT @ SFU
Saturday, June 22nd 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 15th Due date – April 26th

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 201 during lunch or after school if you do not have it already.

Go to the **START** menu and select **Word**.

Begin your commentary by entering your full name. This will not count towards your 25-word limit. X

Example: First name Last name,

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.

Using the default font and text size (Calibri, 11 pt), prepare your commentary of a maximum of 25 words.

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

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!

If you have any problems entering your commentary on the computer, please see Ms. Kilpatrick in the Library or see Mr. Brown in Room 201.

GRAD TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Grad Commentaries	April 15- April 26th	Online; same process as YB comment; see library for guidance
Guest forms available in the office	April 8 th -12 th	Office
Grade 12 Grad Assembly	April 17 th 10:15 a.m.	Gym
Valedictorian Speeches in assembly	April 24 th 10:15 a.m.	Cafeteria
Dinner Dance Guest applications due	April 26th	Mr. Roos' office
Grad Transition Deadline GT interviews commence May 14th	April 26th (I reports) May 3(final deadline)	See your counsellor
Interviews for external guests	April 29 th -May 1 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Sign up at your VP's office
Local Scholarship Applications due	May 10 4:00 p.m.	Mrs. Simpson
Make sure you have no books or fees or other amounts outstanding by this date	May 10 3:00 p.m.	See Ms. Yee in Office See Ms. Kilpatrick in Library
Ticket Sales for Grad Dinner Dance and After Grad	May 6-10	Online
Dinner Dance Table Reservation	May 8-10 Lunch	Room 124 *Maximum 10 <i>per table</i>
Final Ticket Sales for After Grad	TBA Lunch	Main Foyer
Grade 12 marks checked for Com- mencement eligibility	May 22	
Commencement and Dinner Dance Tickets distributed in RAP	June 5	RAP
Grad Dinner Dance	June 15 6:00 p.m. – midnight Dinner at 7:00 p.m.	Renaissance Hotel
Grad Dinner Dance Portraits	June 15 Pricing ranges from \$15 to \$25 per 5x7 photo	Renaissance Hotel Mountain West
After Grad Hyde Creek Community Center	June 15 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 19 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Gym
Commencement Ceremonies	June 22 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.	SFU

COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL

Rehearsal Date & Time: **Wednesday, June 19th @ 1:00 p.m.**

It is important that all Grads attend the Rehearsal in order to ensure that the Commencement Ceremony will not have any major problems.

Listed below is the meeting room you will go to. (Grads are grouped alphabetically)

Name	Room Number
Abdullah-Belanger	124
Besler-Carey	123
Carpenter-Czeto	121
Dallas-Fortin	120
Franco-Harris	119
Helmhold-Judge	118
Kaarvik-Kunimoto	117
Lagace-Ly	115
Ma-Mok	114
Molloy-Parry	113
Patterson-Robles	112
Rodrigues-Song	111
Stachoski-Van Der Lee	110
Vegh-Yun	109

Bring a hanger if you wish to carry your gown home.

Be at the designated room by 1:00 p.m.

Grads are asked to sit in alphabetical order and will then file out of the room to join the rehearsal.

Following the rehearsal, return to your designated room to pick up your cap and gown.

You will receive a navy blue gown, a green and white stole, cap and tassel. You will keep the cap but the gown and stole will be returned to the school on Monday June 24th.

The V-stole is worn with the long point to the front. The cap is worn with the tassel on your left front side prior to the crossing of the stage. During the crossing someone will move it to the right signifying your graduation.



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Commencement Ceremony

June 22nd 2013, SFU Convocation Mall, 2:00 p.m.

Grads are to arrive no later than 1:00 p.m. and are to meet outside Halpern Center. Seating at the event is by general admission, or first come first served. The two forward sections are reserved for the graduates. Late arrivals will be seated at appropriate intervals during the ceremony. Guests are asked to turn off all cell phones and pagers or leave them in the car or at home.

Grads are asked to be **outside Halpern Center** with gown, cap, and stole already on. You will be directed into the Academic Quadrangle and need to line up alphabetically as you did in the rehearsal. At this point you will receive your grad commentary, which you will pass off to the readers prior to crossing the stage.

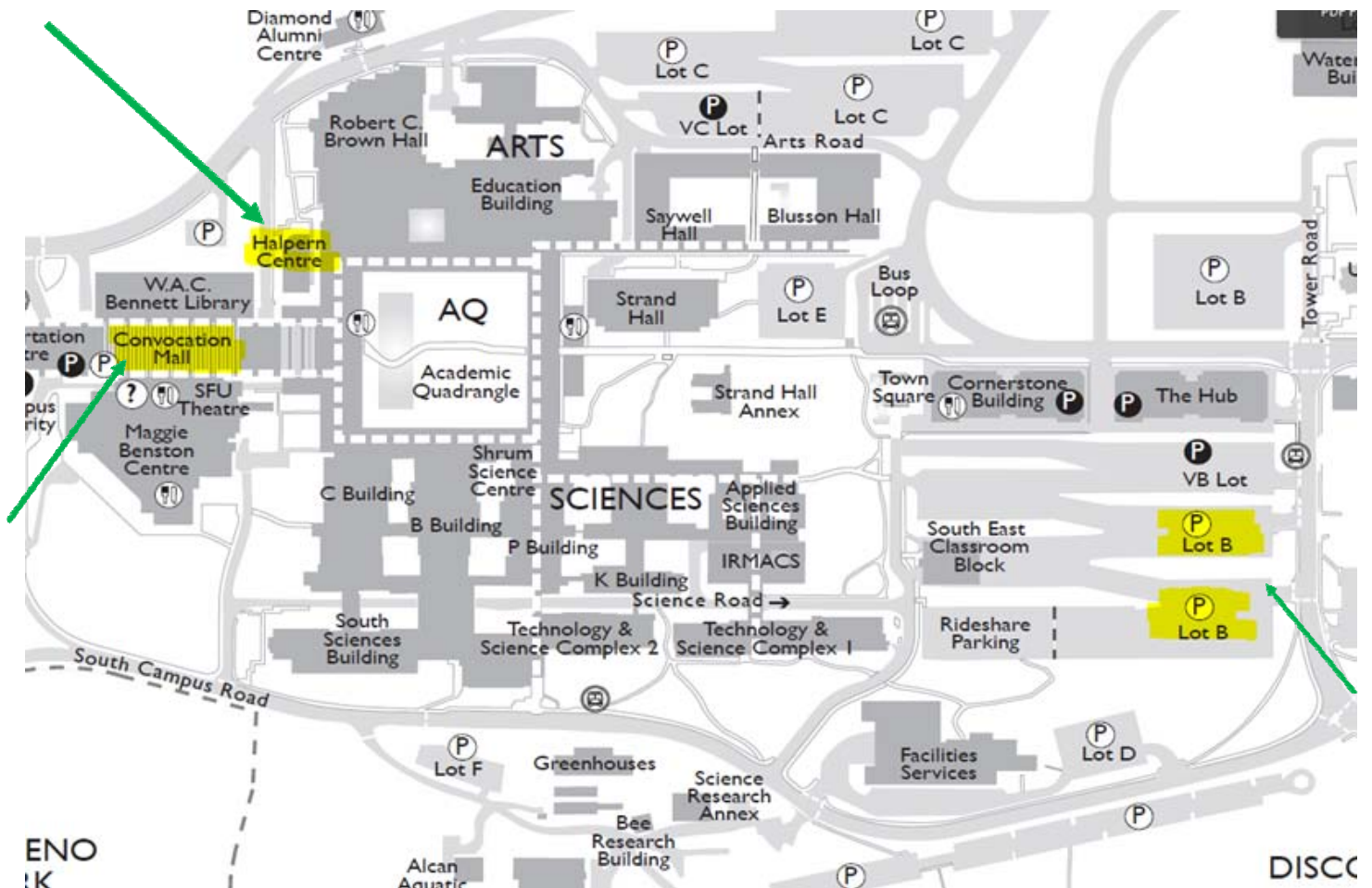
You will be led outside into the courtyard of the Academic Quadrangle and finalize the lines. The processional will be led by a bagpiper, the platform party, and then the graduates. The processional will commence through the courtyard down the stairs towards Convocation Mall. The platform party and the piper will walk straight onto the stage and the graduates will split into two lines: A-L will go to the right side and L-Z will proceed to the left of the stage. Ushers will lead you to the center aisle where both lines will meet up move towards the stage and begin to fill in the rows (A-L fill in the rows to left side of the stage and L-Z Fill in the rows to the right side of the stage.

Halfway through the Salutatorian's speech the Ushers will signal the first two rows to line up at the left side of the stage (facing the stage). Students will pass their cards to the readers and proceed to cross the stage once the reader begins to read their card. Ushers will be there to redirect them back to their seats.

Pictures: A formal picture of every student will be taken as the individual crosses the stage. This will be given to all Grads free of charge. Please take all other pictures before or after the ceremony.

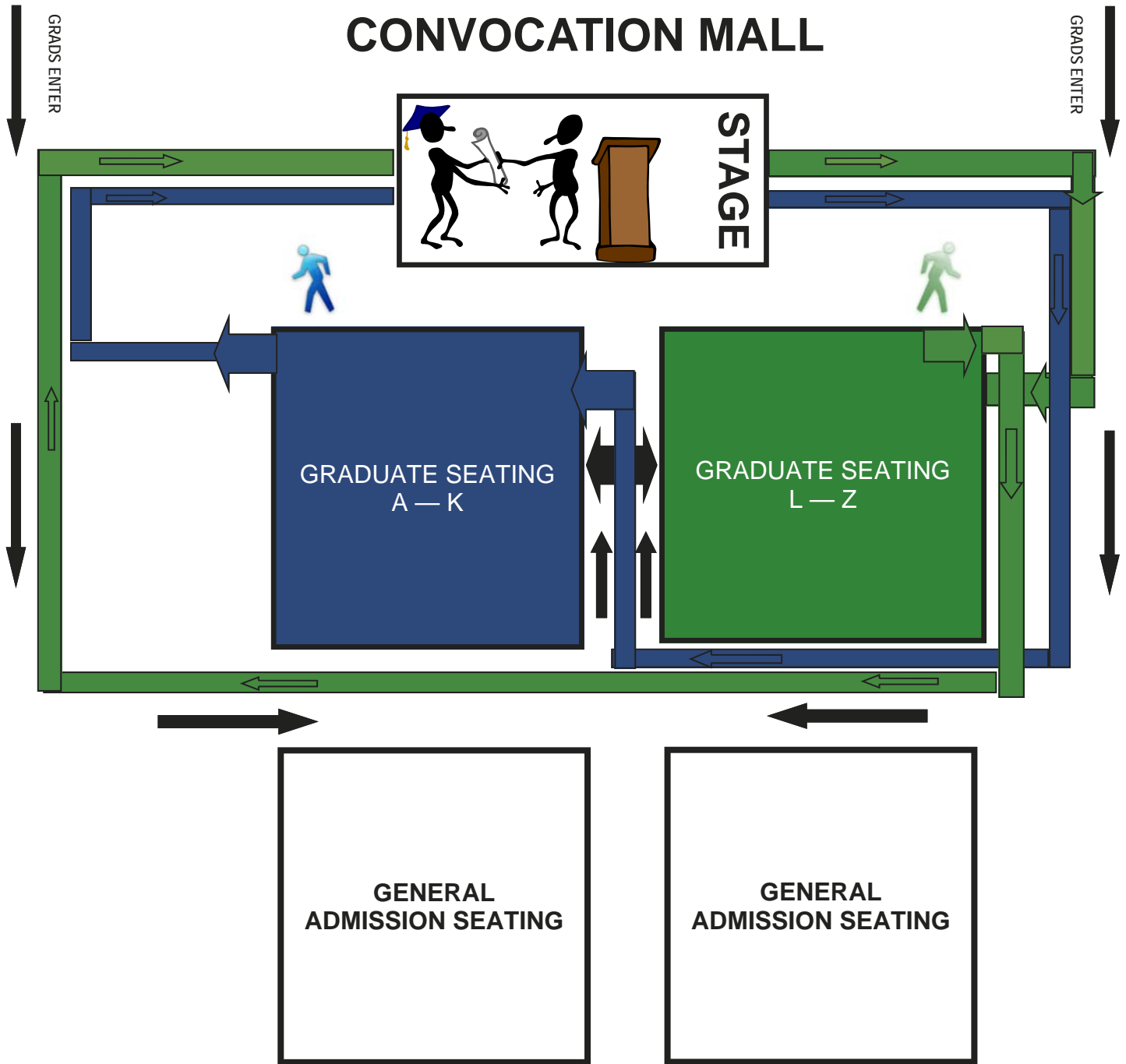
SFU MAP

Halpern Centre Convocation Mall






→ HALPERN CENTRE—WHERE THE GRADS WILL ASSEMBLE
CONVOCATION MALL: GENERAL ADMISSION SEATING AREA
FREE PARKING AREA “B LOT”

CONVOCAATION MALL



Legend

-  *Processional direction to seating*
-  *Direction to cross stage and reseal for A-K*
-  *Direction to cross stage and reseal for L-Z*

CLASS OF 2013

DINNER DANCE

- DATE:** Friday June 15th
6:00 p.m. – 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**
- TICKET SALES:** May 6-10
- 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 40 tables, each table seating a maximum of 10 people. **Reservations** for tables will be taken May 8-10 in room 124 at Lunch.
- 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.

CLASS OF 2013

DINNER DANCE

AGENDA:

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Reception in the Park Ballroom
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Dinner in the Park Ballroom
8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Dancing

Doors close at 7:00 p.m. - **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, \$15 for guests/late sales. Tickets can be purchased online when purchasing Dinner Dance tickets.