



Grad & AfterGrad PMSS 2014



IMPORTANT STUDENT/PARENT UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2014

Dear Parent or Guardian of a Grade 12 Student,

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of the plans for the celebration recognizing this year's graduating class – The Port Moody Senior Secondary Class of 2014!

This newsletter contains very important information regarding upcoming dates and activities. Please share the information in this newsletter with your son or daughter.

The next few months are extremely busy and very important to our grads. We hope you will continue to support them in fully participating in their studies and activities. We also ask for your support and encourage you and your son or daughter to get involved in helping make the Graduation Activities for this year successful and memorable for our graduates.

Updates available on the school website at www.pmsdblues.net – click →
From the main page, you can also click the "[Calendar](#)" link to see the calendar of the school's latest scheduled events.



Important Grad Dates

Tues. Feb. 18
7:00 pm
March–May (tba) **AfterGrad meeting.** All parents of Grade 11 & Grade 12 students are welcome!

April 25 **Exit Interviews** for Grade 12s

May 30 **Valedictorian Speeches** – Grade 12s

March **Guest Pass Applications available** to students wishing to bring a guest who is not a Grade 12 student at PMSS

April **Grad Guest Pass Applications due** at the PMSS office

April **Commencement Tickets available** (4 per student –\$8.00)

May 31
6 pm – 11 pm **Grad Dinner and Dance** at Renaissance Hotel – The Formal Celebration Begins!

June 1
Midnight–4/5 am **AfterGrad** following Grad Dinner at PMSS Gym – The Celebration (Informal) Continues!

June 21
11:00 am **Commencement Ceremony** at the Orpheum Theatre in Vancouver

June 17 Last day of **Semester 2**

June 18--23 **Provincial Exam Week**

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Upcoming Events & Fundraising

<p>Tuesday, February 18 7:00 pm March – May (tba)</p>	<p>AfterGrad meeting All Grade 11 and Grade 12 Parents and family members welcome.</p>	<p>Please drop by and join us in the Library of Port Moody Secondary School. Dates in March – May to be announced.</p>
<p>Monday, April 28, 2014 8:00 pm at Port Moody Secondary</p>	<p>7 Day Cruise for Two Raffle Choose your destination! Will it be Alaska, the Caribbean or Mexico or ???</p>	<p>Only \$20 for a 1-in-300 chance to win! To get your tickets, contact: Helen at 778-985-5865 or helenpicui@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday, May 31 6:00 – 11:00 pm</p>	<p>Grad Dinner & Dance Fabulous Formal for the class of 2014! At the Renaissance Hotel</p>	<p>Tickets will be on sale through the school this spring.</p>
<p>Friday, May 30 Late afternoon Saturday, June 1 daytime</p>	<p>GYM DECORATING for AFTERGRAD This year, it's a Hawaiiin THEME!</p>	<p>Volunteers wanted on Friday afternoon & evening to help decorate the gym.</p>
<p>Saturday, June 1 Midnight – 4:00am</p>	<p>2013 PMSS AfterGrad After the formal, more fun, games & prizes! The biggest PMSS event of the year!</p>	<p>Volunteers wanted on Saturday night too! To help out, contact: Radeeka at radik@telus.net</p>
<p>Saturday, June 21 11:00 am</p>	<p>Commencement Ceremonies</p>	<p>Caps & Gowns & Diplomas!</p>



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Commencement Ceremony



June 21, 2014

Time: 11:00 am

Orpheum Theatre

884 Granville Street, Vancouver
604-665-3050



Ceremony

The Commencement Ceremony will be held on **June 21, 2014** at 11:00 am at the **Orpheum Theatre**, in Vancouver.

Student Arrival

Students should arrive **an hour early** at for the processional and ceremony. Parents can enter **a half-hour** before ceremony and find their seats in the theatre. Tickets must be presented at the door.

Cap and Gowns

On the Friday before the ceremony, grads will pick up their caps and gowns from the Drama Room immediately after rehearsal. We encourage grads to go home and take photos with their family and friends at this time.

At the end of the ceremony, grads are required to return their gowns **immediately** to the designated areas located **at the Orpheum Theatre**. Grads must return gowns or will be charged the replacement cost.

Tickets

Grads do not need tickets, but all family and guests must have tickets. At this time, we anticipate that each grad can purchase four (4) tickets for \$8.00 each. Further info will come in April!

Please Note

Families should also be aware that this formal ceremony often lasts up to four (4) hours and is not suitable for small children who have difficulties sitting quietly.

Balcony Seating

(Accessible Seating) The Orpheum is a beautiful and large theatre and there are plenty of seats for everyone. If anyone in your party needs to take regular breaks, you may find it desirable to choose a seat in the balcony, where elevators and washrooms are easily accessible and the view is spectacular.



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Grad Dinner & Dance

Saturday, May 31, 2014

6 pm to 11 pm

Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel

1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

604-689-9211



Who May attend

This is a Grade 12 Student and 1 Guest Event.

Photo Opportunities

Approximately 5:30 at the Renaissance. **Parents are welcome to watch the Students arrive and “walk the red carpet” for their event.** This is the place for photo opportunities!

Guest Passes

Students who would like to bring a guest who is not a PMSS Grade 12 student, can pick up a Guest Pass Application from the office. *Please note: The school administration must approve all guests before tickets can be purchased. The approved and signed Guest Pass is required at the time the tickets are purchased. Contact the office for application forms.*

Tickets

About \$100 each for the evening of Dinner and Dance. ALL Grade 12 (Graduating) students and their guests are welcome to attend this once-in-a-lifetime memorable event.

Assistance available to ensure ALL can participate. See your counselor for information.

Parents

Parents are invited and encouraged to participate in the evening by volunteering at the AfterGrad – A continuation of the Grad Celebrations with an exciting evening of music, games and prizes.

Transportation

Students are responsible for transportation to and from the Grad Dinner then to the AfterGrad at PMSS. Perhaps now is a good time to organize your friends to pitch in for a Limousine! Shared between friends it's very affordable!



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Student Grad Committee

To All Grade 12's Students -- You can get involved too!!
Join the planning! Join the Fundraising!
It's your last year of high school! Make it fun!

Net Meeting

All Grade 12 students welcome to join the next student grad meeting or contact Mr. Fridge for more information at dfridge@sd43.bc.ca

Fundraising

The Student Grad committee is underway and planning fundraising events. All proceeds raised go towards the **Grad Dinner & Dance** celebration and help reduce the price of the Dinner & Dance tickets!

At the School

Watch for posters with more information

Tux Rentals

Black & Lee, Westwood Centre – Let them know you are renting your tux for the PMSS Grad and \$10 will be donated for any tux rental (after 25 are rented).



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The AfterGrad Celebration

What is AfterGrad?

AfterGrad is THE BIG EVENT for students & their guests to attend after the formal dinner and dance. **Entertainment, games, prizes and food!**

After the formal Grad Dinner and Dance, the Gym will be open for the students to spend the night and continue the big night! The PMSS Gym will be unrecognizable as it will be transformed into an amazing place to host the Grad party of the year! All Grade 12 students and guests welcome!

Tickets

Over 90% Grad turnout last year! Only \$35 each in advance for the entire night of prizes, food, music, games and great times. **FREE TICKETS FOR DRAWS** included for the Grads. Advance tickets on sale soon! Limited tickets will be available at the door.

This is a DRY GRAD event! Alcohol will not be served nor permitted.

Prizes Galore!

Grads can enter in the draws for prizes of their choice! Every Grad attending is automatically given **FREE TICKETS** to enter in draws of their choice for great prizes including electronics, CASH, and much more!

Draws throughout the night with a BIG GRAND PRIZES at 4:00 am! (Bring ID. Grad Students must be present and show ID to collect their prizes.)

Music, Music!

Great music keeping the night ALIVE! Dance all night if you want to!

Fun & Games!

Great games to play and keep the fun going. Things like an obstacle course, casino games, artists, and much more!

Great Food!

Of course! It's a PARTEE! Lots of great food to munch on!

Who May Attend

ALL Grade 12 students and their guests are welcome to attend this once-in-a-lifetime memorable event. (Assistance is available to ensure ALL can participate. See your counselor for information.)

(Parents, caregivers, etc. can attend as volunteers! Hint Hint...)

When & Where

Saturday, June 1st, 2014 – The event starts at **Midnight** and goes until the Grand Prize CASH Draw at **4 am** (School remains open until 5 am).

Who Organizers this?

The parents of Grade 11 and 12 students who want to give their kids a fantastic and memorable night! We're working hard to make it a blast!

Parents Needed!

We need lots of the parents to help make this celebration a success and participate in the fun! **What can you do to help? See the next couple of pages!**



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Make AfterGrad a Success

- Parents Welcome** ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME to contribute and volunteer! There are lots of fun things to do! **Get involved! Participate!** Come to the monthly planning meetings and/or to help with donations, fundraising, planning and putting on this event
- Next meeting** **February 18th at 7:00 pm in the library** of PMSS.
Future meeting dates in March, April and May – to be announced.

Parents! You can help!

- Buy a Ticket** Support the Grad and buy tickets for fundraising events!
- Donate** No time to participate? Make a Donation! **Prizes, Food, Beverages** (or even cash) are gratefully accepted and will make the evening a success!
- Volunteer** Sign-up to help out for decorating or during the night of the AfterGrad. It will be lots of fun and you are contributing to the success of the evening for your son or daughter! See next page for your opportunity.

Donations Needed

- Prizes** We need great prizes for Students to win during the AfterGrad! Contact Kelly at kellydrake@shaw.ca
- Cash donations** Are very welcome as 100% goes directly to the AfterGrad fundraising. **Tax-Deductible Receipts are issued for donations of \$25 or more.** Simply write a cheque to Port Moody Senior Secondary and note "2014 AFTERGRAD" on the memo line or back. The school district will issue an official tax-deductible donation receipt.
- Food & Drinks:** Appetizers, desserts, easy to serve munchies, beverages – all will be prepared and served at the AfterGrad. If you want to help, contact: Deidre at dnetthomson@shaw.ca or Kathy at kdnboys@shaw.ca
- Have a restaurant?
Are you a great cook?** Donate food for the event! Appetizers, desserts, sushi, any kind of finger foods would be great!
- More information** Email us at sbolhuis@telus.net



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How to Participate

Grade 12 Parents

We need your help to make this a wonderful and unforgettable event.

Grade 11 Parents are welcome too! It's your turn next year, so join the fun and get a head start!

Find Prizes

We need great prizes to make the evening a success. Can you donate something? Or perhaps ask your place of employment what they can donate? Electronics, games, gift cards, cash, etc. are all welcome! Contact Kelly at kellydrake@shaw.ca

Sell a few Tickets

Cruise Raffle! Only 300 tickets to be sold!

Contact Helen at 778-985-5865 or helenpicui@hotmail.com

Participate! Volunteer!

Come and help at the event and join the FUN! You don't need to stay all night. Based on parent participation, we are able to make shifts. Sign up for a few things and be there too! To sign up and help out, contact: Sandy at sbolhuis@telus.net

HOST on AfterGrad Night

First choice goes to those who volunteer early and spots are going fast!

People are still needed for

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| 1. Decorating | (see below) |
| 2. Registration | 11:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. |
| 3. Coat Check | 11:30 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. |
| 4. Food Preparation and Stations | 10:30 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. |
| 5. Games | 11:30 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. |
| 6. Prize Table | 11:30 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. |
| 7. Security | 11:30 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. |
| 8. Cleanup | 5:00 a.m. |

Decorate the GYM!

Friday, May 30 - 4:30 pm

Sat, May 31 - 9-11 pm

Come out and help Decorate!

Many hands make light work! Have fun transforming the PMSS gym into an amazing wonderland to host the AfterGrad. Balloons, decorations, tables for food, games, etc. are needed to be set up. Come and get the gym ready for your son or daughter's big night!



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Other Information

Cinderella/Cinderfella Projects

Grad can be expensive. Every year the Cinderella/ Cinderfella Projects helps students with financial challenges around the province to attend their school's formal Dinner/Dance. Please see your counselor for more information.

2014 Class Valedictorian

Students have an opportunity to vote for their choice of Class Valedictorian from a list of graduates that have been selected by the Valedictorian Committee. Speeches on **May 30, 2013**

Contact Us

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Stay Informed!

- Visit the PMSS website at www.pmsblues.net
- Click the "[Calendar](#)" word link to see the most up-to-date calendar of the school's latest scheduled events.
- All the GRAD/AFTERGRAD info, click "[AfterGrad](#)" button
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