



Grad and AfterGrad PMSS 2024



IMPORTANT STUDENT/PARENT UPDATE – March 2024

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of the plans for the celebrations recognizing this year's graduating class – The Port Moody Senior Secondary Class of 2024!

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

The next few months are extremely busy and very important to our graduates. We ask for your support and encourage you and your child to get involved in helping make the graduation activities successful and memorable for everyone.

Updates available on the school website, click [here](#) – click from the main page, you can also click the "[Calendar](#)" to see the calendar of the school's latest scheduled events.

Important Grad Dates

April 2nd	Valedictorian Applications and Guest Forms available online
April 9th-May 3rd	Dinner/Dance and After Grad Tickets on sale online or see Ms. Yap in the office
April 11th	Valedictorian Nominations submitted by 4:00 pm
April 12th	Grad Guest Forms submitted by 4:00 pm
April 16th – 18th	Dinner/Dance Seat Selection at lunch in MPR
April 24th	Valedictorian Speeches – Block 4
May 3rd	Last Day for Dinner/Dance and After Grad ticket sales
May 30th – June 10th	Commencement Tickets on sale —online, or See Ms. Yap in the office
June 15th	Grad Dinner/Dance – Pinnacle Harbourfront Vancouver Hotel
June 15/16th	AfterGrad following Grad Dinner Info TBA
June 19th	Mandatory – Grad Assembly/Cap and Gown pickup
June 22nd	Commencement Ceremony at the Orpheum Theatre in Vancouver @ 11:00 am

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Commencement Ceremony



June 22nd, 2024
Time: 11:00 am

Orpheum Theatre
884 Granville Street, Vancouver
604-665-3050



Ceremony

The Commencement Ceremony is on **June 22nd, 2024**, 11:00 am at the **Orpheum Theatre**, in Vancouver.

Co- Valedictorians

This year, we will have co-valedictorians—one student in the Dogwood program, and one in IB (certificate or diploma). The co-valedictorians will work together to prepare and deliver their commencement address during the ceremony.

Applications will be available online beginning Monday April 3, and are due on Wednesday, April 12th at 4:00 pm. Candidate speeches will be presented during the Grad Assembly on Wednesday, April 24th. Voting will take place after the assembly and the co-Valedictorian will be announced at the end of the day.

Student Arrival

Students arrive **at 10:00 am** to prepare for the processional and ceremony. Theatre doors open **at 10:30 am** for families to select their seats. Families will need tickets. Graduating students do not need a ticket.

Cap and Gowns

Wednesday, June 19th, pick up caps and gowns from the Drama Room immediately after assembly. Grads can then take plenty of photos beforehand. Students keep their caps and gowns after the ceremony.

Tickets

All family and guests must have tickets. Between May 30th to June 10th, tickets will be available to purchase ONLINE for \$10.00 each. There is no limit! Graduating students DO NOT need to purchase a ticket.



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Audience notes

Commencement is a formal ceremony that can last up to three (3) hours and may not be suitable for small children.

Accessible Seating

Orpheum ushers will seat individuals with mobility challenges prior to the theatre opening. Email Vice-Principal Denise Nembhard (dnembhard@sd43.bc.ca) to make arrangements.

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.



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Grad Dinner & Dance

Saturday, June 15th

6 pm to 11 pm

Pinnacle Vancouver Harbourside Hotel

1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

604-689-9211



Who May attend

PMSS Grade 12 Students with one (preapproved) outside guest if desired.

Photo Opportunities

Approximately 5:30 pm at the Pinnacle. **Families are welcome to watch the graduates arrive for their event.** This is the place for photo opportunities! Families will not be attending the dinner dance.

Guests

Students who would like to bring a guest, who is not a PMSS Graduating Grade 12 student, must pick up a Guest Pass Application available online, beginning April 2. Completed forms must be submitted by April 12. *The school administration approves all guests before purchasing tickets. The approved guest will be attached to the PMSS students' SchoolCashOnline account.*

Tickets

\$170.00. Tickets will be available on SchoolCashOnline April 9th -May 3rd. Students must have completed their School Policy Form and have no outstanding debts (e.g. fees, uniforms, books) in order to purchase their ticket.

Financial assistance will be available to ensure ALL can participate. See your counsellor for information.

Families

Families are encouraged to participate in the evening by volunteering at the AfterGrad; a continuation of the Grad Celebrations that includes music, games, and prizes in a carnival like atmosphere. More information to come.



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The AfterGrad Celebration

Information To Be Announced

Contact Us

Port Moody Senior Secondary 604-939-6656
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/Pages/default.aspx>

AfterGrad general information	TBA	
AfterGrad volunteers	TBA	
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