

Parent/Guardian Update Friday, June 3, 2022

This update contains important information about:

1. Dry Grad
2. Ceremony Tickets
3. Cap and Gown Pick-up
4. The Dinner/Dance
5. June 20th- important details



Dry Grad (a message from our Dry Grad Parent Organizing Committee)

- We have two meetings remaining—all parents are welcome!
 - o Monday June 6 @ 7pm, Spectrum Library
 - o Sunday June 12 @ 7pm via Zoom
- Grad pick-up by an adult will be at 2am: Someone will be going home with a big prize that they will not be able to carry. Prizes will be given out throughout the evening but those who stay until the end will be eligible for a big-ticket prize.
- **A set of casual clothes can be dropped off between 4pm and 7pm in the Spectrum Dance Studio (near the school library) on June 16th or 17th**
 - o Please ensure the items are in a garment bag labelled with last name and then first name on the top of the hanger with masking/painter's tape. Included, comfy clothes, shoes, socks, undergarments. Parents will be inspecting bags and any drugs and alcohol will be confiscated. During Dry Grad, attendees can put their formal wear in their labeled bag; the storage room will be locked for the duration of the event. Attendees will have access to the room when they are leaving and being signed out by their parent/guardian

Ceremony Tickets

- Reserved tickets have been released to student sd61learn emails for all students who are in good standing for graduation.
- The excerpt below about extra tickets was included in the email with your reserved tickets.
 - o **Extra tickets have already gone on sale. Please call the UVic Ticket Centre 250 721 8480. Extra tickets will be limited to 3 per student, \$5.00 each. An additional round of extra tickets will be available on the day of the event by calling the box office; these tickets will need to be picked up at the box office.**
 - o **Please note this event has assigned seating with each ticket having a unique bar code relating to an individual seat.**
 - o Babies, even if being held, must have a ticket to enter the venue. Graduating students do not require a ticket to participate in graduation.

- As of March 11, 2022, face coverings are optional. We ask all to remain kind and respectful of the personal choices that each individual may make regarding mask use.
- **Parking On Campus:**
 - Parking information can be found on the UVic website [HERE](#). Parking can be paid in advance or on the day of the event at one of the pay meters (** please note that there is construction near the entrance to the theatre). **We have been advised by UVIC staff to encourage guests to arrive early, park at CARSA (Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities) OR the lot next to Centennial Field. There is a drop off loop at the**

Cap and Gown Pick up (June 17th 11:30-2:30 at Spectrum)

- Grads (or their parent/guardian) need to pick up their cap and gown on June 17th between 11:30 and 2:30 from the mall store (near the main office at Spectrum). Please email or call [Amanda Luttmann](#) if you need to make alternate arrangements.

Dinner/Dance June 18, 6-11pm at Ocean Point Resort

- Please ensure your grad will be at the Ocean Point Resort for 6pm
- Many families arrange for photos at locations around Victoria prior to 6pm as there will not be an opportunity for photos at Ocean Point upon arrival.
- The event will end by 11pm.
- Buses going to Dry Grad will begin departing the hotel at 10pm for Pearkes Arena
- Any grads caught with any impairing substance or who cause a disturbance may not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony on June 20th.

June 20th: The day of the graduation ceremony

- Grads need to be at Farquhar Auditorium (Ring Rd B115, Victoria, BC V8P 5C2) for a rehearsal start time of 9:00. They should plan to arrive by 8:30-8:45.
- We recommend wearing the shoes to rehearsal they plan to wear to the ceremony
- The rehearsal will conclude around 12:15. Please do not book appointments before this time.
- Grads need to be at the group photograph staging area (to be shown to them during rehearsal) at 4:00-4:10. The photograph will happen promptly at 4:30 and we will not be able to wait for any grads who are late to arrive.
- The theatre will open for seating at 4:30.
- From 4:35-4:45 grads will line up in the order they will process. Guests of the ceremony will not be permitted in the staging area; they should be taking their seats. Grads will be on grass for this photo (so beware of heels).
- The procession will begin promptly at 5:00

- There is a drop off area at the front of the building, but it tends to get VERY busy after 4:00. Please ensure to leave adequate time!
- We will be live streaming the event. Details/links to follow!