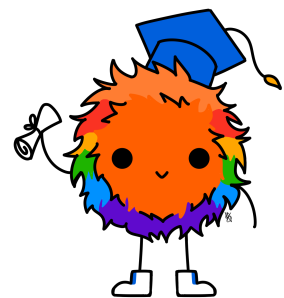




# SPECTRUM

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Aug. 29, 2025  
Re: Grad Update- August



Spectrum Grads & Families,

This is a special year for our grade 12 students, with graduation now only 10 months away. There is a lot to do between now and then, courses to complete and grad requirements to satisfy. Along the way, we have many fun and memorable experiences planned to help acknowledge and celebrate their accomplishments.

This is the first of several “Grad Updates” you will receive over the year. They are sent on an as-needed basis, coinciding with key milestones during the year. This first Grad Update is intended to provide a scope of the year’s events and activities.

<b>Grad Fee and Pinnie:</b>	<div><p>A \$65 “Grad Fee” is now available in your <a href="#">SchoolCash Online account</a>. This fee helps supplement a number of Grad related costs that come up throughout the year. This includes the cost of ceremony regalia, several small activities over the year, the Magical Mystery Tour, as well as a “Grad 2026” pinnie.</p><div></div><p>The pinnies are a special keepsake and are typically worn by Grads at various times during the year.</p><p>Pinnies will be available for pickup at this coming Thursday’s Welcome Back BBQ. Pinnies will only be distributed to those Grads who have paid their fee.</p><p><i>Should payment of this fee be challenging for your family at this time, please reach out to Aaron Norris (Principal).</i></p></div>
<b>Grad 12 Assembly:</b>	<p>On Monday, Sept. 8th during Blk D, Grade 12’s will attend a mandatory assembly in the theatre. Along with general school startup information, we will also discuss the Grad events that are being planned for the year.</p>
<b>Grad Parent Info Night:</b>	<p>On Thursday, Sept. 25th at 6:30pm, Grad families are invited to a meeting in the school’s theatre. We will discuss “all things grad”, including satisfying the grad program, opportunities for Grade 12’s, and the planned celebration events. Attendance is not mandatory, but families generally appreciate the information and clarity that the meeting brings.</p>
<b>Grad Photos:</b>	<p>Our photography partner, Mountain West Studios, will again be providing our grad photos this year. In the coming weeks, they’ll be sharing information about this opportunity. They plan to be onsite Nov. 17-21, and Grads will be able to select a time for their photo sitting.</p>

<b>Grad Wear:</b>	In the coming weeks we will be working with Grads on a design and offering an opportunity for families to purchase “Grad Wear” clothing. Grad Wear is typically ordered in November, with a December delivery.
<b>Winter Formal:</b>	We plan to run a Winter Formal event for the Grads in December. Our Grad Leadership class will be working in the coming weeks to confirm date/times, venue, etc.
<b>Recognition Ceremony:</b>	Our traditional Recognition Ceremony will be held at UVic’s Farquhar Auditorium on Monday, June 15th. Information regarding timing, seats, etc will be shared in future Updates.
<b>Dinner Dance (and Dry Grad):</b>	<p>Each year we run a formal Dinner/Dance (aka Prom) for the Grads. Our Grad Leadership class will be working in the coming weeks to confirm date/times, venue, etc.</p> <p>In some years, families have come together to organize a Dry Grad event to follow the Dinner/Dance. The potential of a Dry Grad will be a topic at the Sept. 8th Parent Info Night. Should there be family interest in running a Dry Grad this year, an organizing committee will need to be formed.</p>
<b>Magical Mystery Tour:</b>	Each year the staff organize a day-long field trip for the Grads in early June. More information to follow in future Updates.
<b>Classes that may be of special interest to Grade 12’s:</b>	<p><b>Scholarship:</b> Through this class, students are exposed to the huge assortment of scholarship opportunities that exist for them, and learn the skills needed to access them.</p> <p><b>Work Experience:</b> WEx 12 is a class that acknowledges the learning that happens in the workplace. If a student has a job, they can be earning course credits!</p> <p><b>Grad Leadership:</b> This is a NEW class this year. It is intended for those with a keen interest in planning and executing grad related activities. Students can speak with Ms Darling in room 109 for more details.</p> <p><i>These “outside the timetable” classes are available to grade 12 students. Please reach out to a counsellor in the first week of school if you would like to be added to any of these amazing classes.</i></p>

**Communication:** Official school communication will be shared with Grads and their families via email and our Spectrum App. Grad Updates and other important grade related documents will be archived on our website under the Student and Parent tabs.

We wish everyone all the best on a successful school startup and look forward to working with you in the coming months. It’s going to be a great year!

Sincerely,

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