



June 6, 2024

Dear Grads and Families

There are some important things to tell you about and for Grads to do

### **Student Expectations**

Student participation in this event is a privilege and relies heavily on the goodwill of staff and parent volunteers, who give their time to supervise student activities. It is important that students realize the voluntary nature of these activities and respect the following conditions and behavioral expectations.

- Red Carpet and the Grad Banquet are school events and all behavioral expectations regularly held by Seaquam Secondary School and the Delta School District will apply.
- This includes, but is not limited to, zero tolerance for the possession of alcohol/drugs and attending under the influence of alcohol/drugs.
- Smoking, including vaping, will not be permitted on school grounds or at any time on the property at Sheraton Wall Centre.
- Students in violation of the District Code of Conduct risk suspension from school and may be denied the privilege of attending the Commencement Ceremony in June.

As such, students should expect to be screened by school staff and security. This may include the checking of bags/purses, jackets and pockets for any prohibited items. Remember Grads, you are representing your Grad class, your family, your community and your school when out in public. Do us proud!

### **Red Carpet Walk**

This information is coming out soon. Please check the board outside of Ms. Bauman's room (2007). Please don't come earlier than your appointed time.

Grads will have the opportunity to participate in the Red Carpet Walk. This event is held from 1:00 - 2:30pm at the front of the school and is open to the community.

Friends and family of grads are encouraged to attend and are asked to arrive any time after 12:45pm. Grads have been given a time slot for them to arrive (please see attachment). Only Grads are allowed to walk the Red Carpet. There will be plenty of opportunities for friends and family to take pictures of their Grad when they are walking down the Red Carpet. Please be advised that parking is limited to street parking ONLY. It will be very busy. Parking will not be available in the Seaquam parking lots nor on the south side of Lyon Road in front of the school. This is reserved for Grad drop offs. This is a free event for grads and spectators. There will be many places to take additional photos.

## **Grad Banquet**

After the Red Carpet grads will meet in the cafeteria around 2:45 to get arranged to get on the busses. We will do a bag check before students get on the buses. Check outside of Ms. Bauman's room for bus assignments. We need to leave Seaquam as close to 3pm as possible.

Grads will arrive, via bus, to the Sheraton Wall Centre around 5:30pm. Grads will go through security and then deposit their Dry Grad clothing bag in a secure location. The Banquet concludes at 10pm, at which time the Grads going to Dry Grad will get changed and board busses heading back to North Delta Rec Centre. All Grads not going to Dry Grad will be required to arrange their own transportation back to their home. A google doc form has been sent out. If you did not complete, please do so now - <https://forms.gle/TFJX8ukWgxoUEqC7A>

## **Dry Grad Clothing**

Each Grad going to Dry Grad should bring a bag of comfortable clothes, socks, footwear to change into after the banquet. Also bring chargers. This bag should accompany the Grads on the busses from Seaquam to the Banquet. The bags will be searched to make sure that Grads do not bring prohibited items. All bags will be locked in a secure room upon arrival at the Sheraton. Students will be given time to gather their bags and get changed before going to Dry Grad.

## **Dry Grad**

Dry grad has sent every Grad going to the event an email with some details of the event. Have your grad check. If they did not get an email please check their junk folder or email [seaquamdrygrad2024@gmail.com](mailto:seaquamdrygrad2024@gmail.com) for more information. It is also important that each grad attending the event provide emergency contact information to this link <https://forms.gle/yTcdPGkXWDbojWn56>

## **Commencements**

Friday, June 21 at South Delta Baptist Church. Grads need to be there in their cap and gown at 5pm for a rehearsal. Ticket holders will get entrance at around 6pm. This event is livestreamed and a link will be sent to families and grads on the afternoon of June 21.

## **Valedictorians**

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Victoria Liu and Marc Joseph will be your valedictorians for the Commencement night.

## **Walk across the stage speech at Commencement**

On the evening of the Grad Commencement, each grad will have their name called and photo displayed during their 15 seconds on stage. In that moment a staff member will read a short statement about what that student's future plans are or state perhaps thanking the people responsible for getting them to this milestone. Fill out the form with you speech. Grads must use their @Deltalearns account to log in

Link - <https://forms.gle/XPFdfABbamaKeh368>

Due immediately! Max June 14th - Any students who do not contribute a statement will have a generic comment read in it's place.

## **Commencement Tickets**

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Earlier, we released 2 Commencement tickets to the email address of the primary guardian listed in MyED for each of our graduating students. Check your spam folder if you did not get an email. Families will have till June 14<sup>th</sup> to click on the link and claim their tickets. Families will need to organize the digital tickets among themselves.

Tickets can be printed from the email or sent to your digital wallet on your cellphone. Either way, the QR code in the ticket must be presented on the evening of June 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note that these digital tickets may only be scanned once at the door of the event.

It is possible that your family may want more than the 2 allocated tickets. One member from each family can complete and request additional tickets to the event. As early as June 16<sup>th</sup>, we will communicate with families if there are unclaimed tickets or additional tickets available.

Link to request additional tickets - <https://forms.gle/B2yrkWjRdLmJ9pPR8>

### **Caps and Gowns**

Each grad will get a Cap and Gown for them to keep. They can be picked up on Tuesday, June 18 in the gym. Once you get home please take the gown out of the bag and steam or iron it to get the wrinkles out. Don't forget to bring it to the Commencement. Try the gown on and if it does not fit please bring it back to the office. The gown should come down to your mid calf area.

### **Grads v Staff Softball game**

The game will be held on June 21 on the back field. It will start at 1pm and should be over by 2:30 at the latest. If you want to play please hang around after dismissal at 12:25 for some fun before you go to Commencements.

### **Grad Walk at Sunshine Hills Elementary**

Sunshine Hill would like to invite all grads that went to Sunshine Hills to come in their Cap and Gowns to Sunshine Hills for an event. The time and date are: Tuesday, June 25 at 2pm. This is an opportunity for your elementary teachers and school to celebrate your achievement of graduating from high school.

### **Ms. Atchison and "Time Capsule Letter"**

If you were in Ms. Atchison's Grade 4/5 class at Richardsons please come to her classroom at Sunshine Hills at 12pm on June 27. She is looking forward to seeing all of her students.

### **Thank you Parents**

Parents, I would also like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring that your child enjoys a safe and memorable 'grad' experience.

Sincerely,

Mr. M. Robinson  
Principal