



February 13, 2025

Dear Families

Grade 12 is certainly a special year and high school graduation is the culmination of years of hard work and dedication on the part of learners and their families. We are half way through the school year and we are committed to supporting your student to successfully embark on the path of their choice upon leaving the doors of Seaquam. We are excited to help enable all of our graduates to reach their full potential and contribute their personal best to the future.

Counsellors did Grad Verification in December with each Grad to make sure that they have the right number of courses and type of courses in order to graduate. Plans were created on an as needed basis.

Ms. Gehiere is our Career and Post-Secondary advisor at Seaquam. She is available to provide guidance and information about post-secondary and career options for student and families. She also has a wealth of information about scholarships, both internal and external. She communicates directly with the Grads via their @deltalearns account. Ms. Gehiere is accessible via email at [jgehiere@deltaschools.ca](mailto:jgehiere@deltaschools.ca) to answer questions or book an appointment.

Along with the academic achievements of students comes a variety of celebratory events for students who are graduating in June 2025. We had the Grad Boat Cruise in the Fall and we are preparing for the next big events organized by the school (Red Carpet, Banquet, and Valedictory). These extracurricular events do come with a degree of expense and are opportunities for students to celebrate in a safe environment and form lifelong memories with classmates. The information below is intended to provide you with an overview for the remainder of the school year.

### **Expectations of Grads**

To make sure this year is memorable, enjoyable and safe, we expect our grade 12 students to be stellar citizens at Seaquam Secondary by being positive role models for students in grades 8 through 11. This expectation includes our grade 12 students demonstrating behavior that meets and exceeds our Student Code of Conduct – CARES (see Seaquam website under the Student Resources), attend classes on a regular basis and have good relations with school staff.

All Grads and families need to be aware that all events organized and sponsored by the school must be free of alcohol and drugs. This is for the safety and well-being of our students and volunteer sponsors who give up their time to supervise these events. We must be respectful of the enormous responsibility they undertake. The school, therefore, expects that during these events our students will behave, dress appropriately and demonstrate good judgement at all times. Our expectations



extend to activities that are deemed a "prank", whether in the school or not, that jeopardizes the safety, well-being, security of others and/or property and the reputation of Seaquam Secondary. Consequences for breaching our expectations listed above may result in denied participation in future sanctioned grad events listed below.

In the past, members of Seaquam Grad classes have planned their own unsanctioned "Grad Activities". These events are student planned, unsupervised and often interfere with learning because of missed class time. The school DOES NOT support these activities that could include Grad Class Ski/Snowboarding, Grad Class Camping in the Spring, "S-Trip" events (Big White, Mexico, etc.), Grad Skip Day and others.

### **Sanctioned Grad Event**

There are two main staff members sponsoring Grad events this year – M Robinson, and A Serres. If you have any questions please email me – [mrobinson@deltaschools.ca](mailto:mrobinson@deltaschools.ca). All sanctioned Grad events will be promoted by the school and we will keep you informed.

### **Grad Clothing**

Grad Clothing was ordered and delivered last week. There might be a reorder if there is enough Grads who want to buy. It is a hoodie with a cost of around \$30. Please connect with Mr. Clarke for more information – [tclarke@deltaschools.ca](mailto:tclarke@deltaschools.ca)

### **Grad Photos**

<https://artona.com/schools/SEAQ>. February 18 – March 1 at the Arton portable outside the Seaquam big gym. Book Early.

### **'Grad'**

The day of 'grad' is composed of three separate events: Red Carpet Walk, Grad Banquet and Dry Grad. All three events take place on Saturday June 14, 2024.

- **Red Carpet Walk**

Grads will have the opportunity to participate in the Red Carpet Walk. This event takes place at the front of the school and is open to the community. Friends and family of grads are encouraged to attend. This is a free event for grads and spectators. In the event it rains on that day the event will move indoors.

- **Grad Banquet**

The Grad Banquet follows the Red Carpet event. Students will be transported, via luxury coach busses, from Seaquam to the banquet at the Wall Centre in Vancouver. This formal event includes a buffet dinner followed by dancing. Tickets to the Grad Banquet will cost approximately \$185. From the Banquet



those students who are going to Dry Grad will be transported by Coach bus to the Dry Grad. Those Grads not attending Dry Grad will need to make arrangements for transportation back from the Banquet in Vancouver. Any outstanding student fees must be resolved prior to purchasing a ticket. Tickets will go on sale in May.

- **Dry Grad**

Following the Grad Banquet, Dry Grad takes place at the North Delta Rec Centre. This event is put on by the Seaquam Dry Grad committee. Grads get changed at the banquet into casual clothing for this event. Typically, it goes until 5am. Tickets are already for sale. Early Bird Price (**\$90**) until February 24TH. Dry Grad is after the Red Carpet and Banquet on June 14. Regular Pricing (**\$110**) after that. DON'T DELAY!

E-transfer [seaquamdrygrad2025@gmail.com](mailto:seaquamdrygrad2025@gmail.com) with "Dry grad ticket + Student's name" in the Comments

### **Grad Games**

They have started already. We have had floor hockey (grads won), indoor soccer (Staff won) and Jeopardy – School topics edition (Staff won). Grad Games are essentially a series of 7 activities where the Grads will compete against the Staff. 5 of the activities will be sports related (floor hockey, basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer and softball) while the other 2 will be more mental competitions. Grads have already signed up for what they want to participate in.

### **Commencement**

The Commencement Ceremony will take place on Friday, June 20, 2025 at the South Delta Baptist church. Grads will wear a grad cap and gown for this event. The cost of the cap and gown and tickets to the event are included within the grad fee assessed at the beginning of the school year. Commencement tickets are limited. Each Grad will be provided two tickets to the event. A request form for additional tickets will be circulated closer to the date of the event.

### **Financial Need**

While the expectation is that grads will be dressed in formal attire for the Red Carpet and Grad Banquet, we recognize that this comes with a significant financial cost to families. The school will do its best to support families in need of assistance and ask that grads or parents speak to a counsellor or the principal as early as possible about their situation.

### **Graduation Fee**

Each graduating student will be assessed a Graduation Fee at the beginning of the school year. This fee is used to pay for the rental of the church for Commencement, grad cap and gown, and expenses related to the Red Carpet event, Grad Banquet and



Commencement Ceremony. The graduation charge is \$60. If you have not paid for this

As always, the staff at Seaquam Secondary is here to support you and your student to create a positive and successful graduation year. Please contact me at your convenience if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. M. Robinson  
Principal