



May 30, 2025

Dear Grads and Families

Below are some important things to let families know 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

Attached to this email is information about Red Carpet. I have also attached to this email the times for students to arrive. Students can also check the board outside of Ms. Bauman's room (2007). **Please don't come earlier than your appointed time.**

All 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 Seaquam 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 organized 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 should use the washroom before they get on the bus.

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 form will be sent out soon.

We are asking that parents not come to the hotel and the banquet. This is a Grads only event.

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 seaquamdrygrad2025@gmail.com for more information.

Photos are needed for the Grad Banquet Slideshow.

Grads - Grad Banquet is fast approaching. This slideshow is shown during the dinner/dance portion of Grad Banquet. We would like photos to be sent in of students from Grades K - 12 include school field trips, class photos, boat cruise etc. Please send photos of your child throughout the years to swithenshaw@deltalearns.ca the cutoff to submit photos is **June 1st**.

Commencements

Friday, June 20 at South Delta Baptist Church. Grads need to be there in their cap and gown at 5pm for a rehearsal. Ticket holders will be allowed to enter the building and get seats around 6pm. We hope to start the procession across the stage around 7pm. This event is livestreamed and a link will be sent to families and grads on the afternoon of June 20.

Commencement Tickets

Today, the primary guardian on MyED will receive an email that will explain how to redeem 2 Commencement tickets per grad. If there are twins please see Ms. Annandale to get your extra tickets. The email will come from Seaquam Secondary <tickets@tickit.ca>. Check your spam folder if you did not get an email. Families will have till June 12 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 20. 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 – link on the bottom of the email from Mr. Annandale. As early as June 16, we will communicate with families if there are unclaimed tickets or additional tickets available.

Valedictorians

There was a tie in the voting. So, I have put it out again for students to vote. I have emailed all grads with the new link to vote. Voting closes on Tuesday, June 3 at 8:30 am

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 your speech. Grads must use their @Deltalearns account to log in.

Link - bit.ly/3Zihhc8

Do it now! Latest date June 11th - Any students who do not contribute a statement will have a generic comment read in it's place.

Caps and Gowns

Each grad will get a Cap and Gown for them to keep. They can be picked up on Friday, June 13 in the gym at lunch. 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.

Pinewood Welcomes Grads

Pinewood is inviting Seaquam grade 12's who completed grade 7 in 2020 to come for a visit at Pinewood:

What: Pinewood Panthers "Clap Out" Grade 12 Seaquam Graduates who attended Pinewood 2020 (currents students and staff will stand and clap for grade 12's as they walk their old hallways)

When: Wed June 25 start at 1:15-2pm. Meet in Pinewood Gym

Wear: Caps and Gown

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 1:30 pm. This is an opportunity for your elementary teachers and school to celebrate your achievement of graduating from high school.

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