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GRAD UPDATE AT REYNOLDS

.....> Class of 2024

Welcome to your Grad Year!

We are very excited to support you in your final year at Reynolds, and to help you prepare for whatever is next! Throughout the year we will be sending home newsletters so you can stay informed throughout this busy year. **Please read each GUAR carefully as they will contain important information and deadlines.** Our first one is big and contains a LOT of information!



Important Dates

Upcoming Events:

- Our first Grad Assembly was Friday, September 15th.
- Grad Parent Info Night (Grads are welcome to attend): Monday, October 16th @ 6:30pm

Grad Photos

- November 6th – 20th (weekdays) at Reynolds
- Appointments not open yet
- Retakes in February 2024

Winter Formal

- Thursday, December 7th at Reynolds
- Cost estimated at \$65/ticket
- Guests allowed upon approval (one per grad)

Grad Dinner & Dance

- Saturday, May 25th 2024 at the Delta Ocean Point
- Tickets on sale in Spring via school
- Guests will need approval prior to purchasing tickets
- Venue has limited capacity; we may not be able to accommodate all guest requests

Recognition Ceremony at the UVic Auditorium:

- Friday, June 21st 2024 @ 6pm
- Tickets on sale in the Spring
- This is a recognition ceremony for grade 12 students who meet BC Graduation requirements

SD61 Indigenous Graduation Banquet and Ceremony

- Date TBD



Grad Pinnies

Grads chose the colour Baby Blue as their “grad colour” in the spring. This colour will be on the pinnies, grad wear, and other grad branding.

The last day to order pinnies through School Cash Online is Sunday, September 17th.

If you need to pay in cash and haven’t already, please contact Ms. Kirzinger right away at emkirzinger@sd61.bc.ca

This is our only pinnie order this year!

Grad Wear Logo Contest!

We need a logo for your grad wear!

This logo will appear on grad wear, such as hoodies and sweatpants.

Contest rules:

- Logo should be 1-2 colours
- Needs to say “Reynolds Grad 2024” or “Reynolds 2024”
- All designs are subject to slight changes as needed
- Grad Council may need to narrow choices down before voting



Grade 12s will vote on the final design.

Submissions need to be emailed in a .pdf or .jpeg format to Ms. Kirzinger at emkirzinger@sd61.bc.ca before October 1st, 2024

Contest is open to all but we would love the winning design to come from someone in your grad class!

← Last year’s design by grad Ingrid R.



Grad Google Classroom

All grads must join the Grad Google Classroom to receive important information about their Career Life Connections course and other grad events and information. The code

is **a i 4 q d v x**

Grad Requirements

Students must be in the position to meet the BC Ministry of Education graduation requirements at the Term 3 report card, or they may not be eligible to participate in the recognition ceremony. Students must be meeting graduation requirements on the April report card, have written the Literacy 10, Literacy 12 and Numeracy Assessments and be at least 50% through any distributed learning courses.

Our counsellors Ms. Leahy (students with last name A –D) Ms. Flater (students with last name E-L) and Mr. Loukes (last name M-Z) or Mr. Sitar (International Students) can assist in answering any questions regarding graduation status.

The requirements for graduation in BC are found [here](#). Please keep in mind that these are the requirements to graduate high school; post secondary institutions may have entrance requirements above and beyond.



Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

Grads of 2024 are required to have completed the **Numeracy 10** Assessment, the **Literacy 10** Assessment and the **Literacy 12** Assessment. If you have not written the Numeracy or Literacy 10 Assessments yet, you need to speak with Vice Principal Ms. Kirzinger as soon as possible.

All grade 12s will be scheduled to write the **Literacy 12** Assessment during Assessment Palooza on November 1st and 2nd.



Grad Pictures

Grad pictures are in **November 2023**. Lifetouch brings their trailer to Reynolds for the photos.

Grad retake dates will be in February 2024.

We will share scheduling information once appointments are available.



Financial Planning

Approximate Costs of Grad. These costs are estimates and subject to change.

Grad Fee- \$65- Gowns, Ceremony rental, Certificates. Please **pay now** via the Reynolds website School Cash Online.

- Guest **tickets** for ceremony- \$12 per ticket. Ceremony reception & rental no cost for participants
- **Winter Formal Dinner/Dance-** approx. \$65 per ticket.
- **Spring Dinner Dance/ "Prom"** – approx. \$100 per ticket

MAGIC WAND- Through the generous donations of the community, students have the use of a like-new outfit for the evening. Accessories are also provided. Please see a counsellor for further information, visit www.themagicwandproject.ca or call 250-658-0246 to make an appointment.

Reminder:

Any student who is in financial difficulty can speak to any administrator or counsellor. Please remember that most activities are optional and all are a privilege for graduating students. If you have any questions or concerns, please see a counsellor.



Scholarship

Mrs. Daniells is our Scholarship 12 teacher.

All graduates are invited to be part of the Scholarship 12 Google Classroom, regardless if they are wishing credits for the course. Scholarship information, including postings, are on this GC. [The code is shk5mtr](#)



Career Life Connections

Mme Belanger, Mr. McKean and Mrs. Daniells

CLC is a 4-credit course **required for graduation** in BC. It culminates in a Capstone project.

What is the Capstone?

A research project on something you are interested in learning about. Explore your topic in three ways:

Research: use Youtube, websites, books.

Connect: find a mentor who can listen to you and give guidance or advice.

Lived Experience: Find a way to experience what you are learning about

There are Capstone examples in the Google Classroom.

The first Capstone assignment is due October 15th.

Our CLC teachers will be visiting B block classrooms the week of September 18th – 21st to provide information and answer questions.



Life After Reynolds

Mrs. Turnbull in the Career Centre.

Post-secondary does not always mean university or college. For some it means volunteering, travelling and/or working. Whatever it is, we are here to support you as you start that journey.

Applying to post-secondary can be a complicated process - make sure you read all instructions carefully and check your email regularly. We are here to help you, but ultimately the responsibility is yours to apply and follow up with your institutions.

important stuff

Student Transcript Service (STS)

There is a VERY IMPORTANT process for ordering and sending transcripts to post-secondary institutions. Students proceeding to post-secondary **MUST** complete this process to have transcripts sent. **You can do this now.**

If you need INTERIM grades sent **prior to February**, transcripts (both electronic and hardcopy) need to be ordered from the office (please specify that they need to include interim grades).

If you would like to register for the transcript service now, you may do so at :

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

All post secondary info sessions will be posted to the App, TV's and the Career Centre website, please check often.

Coming up:

Tues, Sept 19 - University of Guelph @ 3:10 - Reynolds foyer

Tues Sept 26th - Canadian Universities Event @ 9:00 - 11:00 - Oak Bay Secondary

Wed, Oct 11th - Western University @ 3:10 - Reynolds Foyer

Wed, Oct 25th - University of Alberta @ 3:10 - Reynolds Foyer

Career Fairs will also be upcoming. Spring of 2024

Connect with the Career Centre for any questions!



Check it out!

Our Career Centre has an amazing website with information about post secondary options, dual credit, job market and skills training and life after high school! The icon to the left is a QR code that takes you directly to the website, or it's at reynoldscareercentre.weebly.com



Grad Council

Ms. Kirzinger

Grad Council meets on Fridays at lunch to plan any grad activities or discuss issues pertaining to grad. All grads are welcome to come to Grad Council meetings.

- Winter Formal
- Grad Song
- Grad Events
- Valedictorian
- Prom
- Grad Ceremony
- Anything else!

Facebook/Instagram Page

Any Reynolds Grad 2024 Facebook or Instagram page is not officially affiliated with the school. The school will use the Grad Google Classroom to communicate with students and conduct any voting or decision making.



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