



ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE REYNOLDS

GRAD UPDATE AT REYNOLDS

→ **Class of 2025**

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 is Thursday, September 26th in C Block
- Grad Parent Info Night (Grads are welcome to attend): Thursday, October 17th at 7pm (after Parent Teacher Interviews)



Grad Photos

- December 9th – 13th 2024 (weekdays) at Reynolds
- Participation is optional
- Appointments not open yet
- Retakes January 10th 2025

Winter Formal

- Thursday, December 5th 2024 at Reynolds
- Cost estimated at \$75/ticket
- Guests allowed upon approval (one guest per grad)
- Participation is optional and students must be in good standing to attend

Grad Dinner & Dance (Prom)

- Saturday, May 24th 2025 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
- Participation is optional and students must be in good standing to attend
- We anticipate tickets to cost around \$115 per person

Recognition Ceremony at the UVic Auditorium:

- Friday, June 20th 2025 at UVic Farquhar auditorium @ 6pm
- Tickets on sale in the Spring
- This is a recognition ceremony for grade 12 students who meet BC Graduation requirements
- Participation is optional
- There will be a mandatory rehearsal the morning of June 20th

SD61 Indigenous Graduation Banquet and Ceremony

- Date TBD

Grad Pinnies

Grads chose the colour Cardinal Red 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 15th**.

Pinnies cost \$50 plus applicable fees for a total of \$52.25.

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.



Grad Pinnies for sale!

September 3rd - 15th
Pay by School Cash Online
or Cash to Ms. Kirzinger
Sample sizes in the office

\$52.25

BUY NOW



Contest rules:

- Logo should be 1-2 colours
- Needs to say “Reynolds Grad 2025” or “Reynolds 2025”
- 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 **September 25th 2024**

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



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 **r73c75c**.

Grad Requirements

Students must be in the position to meet the BC Ministry of Education graduation requirements at the Term 3 Learning Update, or they may not be eligible to participate in the recognition ceremony. Students must be meeting graduation requirements on the April learning update, 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 –L) and Mr. Loukes (last name M-Z) 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 2025 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 October 28th and October 29th 2024.



Grad Pictures

Grad pictures are **December 9th – 13th 2024**. [Mountain West](#) will set up a studio at Reynolds. These photos are used in the yearbook and families have the option to purchase packages of photos.

Grad retake dates will be January 10th, 2025.

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 plus fees = total cost of \$68.05. - This fee covers the graduation gown, Ceremony rental, Certificates. Please **pay now** via the Reynolds website School Cash Online.

- **Guest tickets** for recognition ceremony- \$12 per ticket. Ceremony reception & rental no cost for participants
- **Winter Formal Dinner/Dance-** approx. \$75 per ticket.

- **Spring Dinner Dance/ “Prom”** – approx. \$115 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 activities and extra purchases are optional. If you have any questions or concerns, please see a counsellor or reach out to administration.

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 **wdnpyg4**.

Career Life Connections 12

Mme. Belanger, Mrs. Daniells and Mr. McKean

CLC is a 4-credit course **required for graduation**. It culminates in a Capstone project, which is a research project on something you are interested in learning about. Explore your topic and include the following three requirements:

- **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.

CLC teachers will be sharing at the Grad Assembly on **September 26** (C block) and at the CLC 12 Assembly on **October 2** (Support Block).

The first Capstone assignment is due **October 15**.

Life After Reynolds

Mrs. Turnbull in the Career Centre.

Post-secondary does not always mean university or college. For some it means volunteering, traveling 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.

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 17th - Canadian Universities Event @ 9:00 - 11:00 - Oak Bay Secondary

Tues, Oct 8th - University of Guelph -table in the Reynolds foyer

Wed, Oct 9th- UVic and Camsoun College will present in the theatre at 6:30 pm students

and Parents are welcome to attend.

Thurs, Oct 31st- University of Alberta @ 11:30 - Location TBD

Tues, Nov 5th - Post Secondary Institutions of BC. Representatives from 10 schools around BC will be in the upper foyer from 1:00 - 2:30

Wed, Nov 13th - Education Planner of BC Evening information event. If you do not know where to start this session is for you!

The Vancouver International University Fair will be coming in the Spring of 2025
Stay Tuned through the APP for more information.

Career Fairs will also be upcoming. Spring of 2025

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!



Instagram Page

Any Reynolds Grad 2025 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.

You can follow the official Reynolds Instagram page [@sd61reynolds](https://www.instagram.com/sd61reynolds)

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