## February 2025 Update

Wow – already half way through the year! Please read this information carefully and let us know if you have any questions. Lots of important deadlines below!



#### **Important Dates**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Grad Assembly Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> thanks to everyone who was there!
- Slideshow posted in GGC and on our website

#### To Do NOW:

• Tell us your Grad Gown Size and register your email address for Recognition Ceremony tickets.

### **Grad Photos**

Mountain West Studios will be hosting cap & gown community retakes for students who may have missed the opportunity to have graduation photographs taken at the school.

Date: Friday, February 21, 2025

**Location:** Victoria West Community Centre - 521 Craigflower Road, Victoria in the "Fireplace Room" **Sitting Fee:** \$25 - For retake appointments students will receive a \$25 coupon to apply to the purchase of a photo package

Sign Up: Victoria Community Grad Retake Sittings

Please note that these will be cap & gown photos only, and we will not be taking fashion or group photos. All photos taken at this event are made available for personal purchase and will not be included in the school's yearbook or composite.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mountain West Studios' customer service team for assistance:

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

#### **SAVE THE DATE: Grad Dinner & Dance**

- Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 at the Delta Ocean Point
- Tickets on sale May 5<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> via school
- Guests will need approval prior to purchasing tickets
  - Guest forms available April 29<sup>th</sup> and must be submitted before May 7<sup>th</sup>
- 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



### **SAVE THE DATE: Recognition Ceremony at the UVic**

#### **Auditorium:**

- Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 @ 6pm
- Students must arrive by 5:15pm; group photo at 5:30pm
- All participants must attend rehearsal 9am-12pm June 20<sup>th</sup> at UVic
- Tickets on sale in the Spring
  - Round 1 Ticket Sales (each grad allowed to purchase up to 3 tickets) April 14<sup>th</sup> – May
  - Round 2 Ticket Sales (all remaining tickets sold) May 26<sup>th</sup> – until we sell out on a first come first served basis
  - All tickets are emailed prior to the ceremony



- This is a recognition ceremony for grade 12 students who meet BC Graduation requirements
- Participation is optional

## SD61 Indigenous Graduation Banquet and Ceremony

• June 5, 2025 location TBD



## **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 r 7 3 c 7 5 c



Ministry of Education

#### **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) can assist in answering any questions regarding graduation status.

The requirements for graduation in BC are found <u>here</u>. 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 Mrs. Boniface as soon as possible.

All grade 12s were scheduled to write the **Literacy 12** Assessment during Assessment Palooza in the fall.



### **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. No cost for graduates.
- Winter Formal Dinner/Dance- approx. \$65 per ticket.
- Spring Dinner Dance/ "Prom" approx. \$110 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 and not all grade 12s choose to participate. 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 wdnpyg4



### **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.

Assignment #4 Capstone Rough Draft and Outline is due March 15th 2025



## **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.



# **Student Transcript Service (STS)**

There is a VERY IMPORTANT process for ordering and sending transcripts to post-secondary institutions. Students proceeding to post-secondary <u>MUST</u> 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 : <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates</a>

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

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 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.



#### Your Grad 2025 Support Team

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