



GLADSTONE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Gladstone Grade 12 students:

As the end of the academic year is fast approaching, we have begun planning for the 2018 graduation. I am writing this letter to bring you up to date on a number of upcoming events that are important conclusions to a successful grade 12 year.

I. SCHOOL LEAVING (GRADUATION) CEREMONIES

This year's Graduation will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, on **Wednesday, June 20th at 6:00 pm at 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC. Main doors will open at 5:00 pm** and auditorium doors open at 5:30pm. All guests must be seated before the Ceremonies begin promptly at 6:00 pm. This is a formal ceremony. Its purpose is to honour all those Grade 12 students who are leaving Gladstone this year. **Students must be at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre by 4:30 pm.**

Pay parking is available at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre parkade, beneath the theatre itself. The entrance is off of Cambie Street between West Georgia and Dunsmuir Streets. There is also an outside pay parking lot across the street, also accessible from Cambie Street. Parking is limited, so you should allow ample travel time to reach the theatre and find parking, as there are many events occurring in the downtown area in the evening.



All students leaving Grade 12 this year are invited to attend.

This includes students who have completed all graduation requirements and those who are leaving without completing all courses. They can complete these at summer school, the Adult Learning Centre or some other venue. Some Grade 12's might lose the privilege of attending Grad Ceremonies and/or Dinner Dance due to poor attendance and/or citizenship. Parents of these students will be notified of any concerns that may prevent their child from participating in any graduation events.

Grad Ceremony Rehearsal and Grad Gown Distribution

The rehearsal will take place on graduation day, **Wednesday, June 20th, at 8:45 am** in the Gladstone Auditorium. **ALL** Grads must attend this important practice because it is the only meeting before the actual ceremony at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. This year's Grad Committee has chosen to purchase academic gowns for all graduates to wear at the ceremony. Caps and gowns will be distributed at the end of the rehearsal on June 20th. Each student must pick up their gown. Students are not permitted to pick up gowns for any other student. Gowns and caps do not need to be returned at the end of the night or to the school.

Tickets for the Grad Ceremony

Each Grade 12 student will receive two complimentary tickets, which will be given to students at their GT Interview in May. Grads do not need a ticket – the grad gown is the entrance ticket. Additional tickets will also be available at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket and can be purchased online at <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com> or from the school office. It is our expectation that students will be responsible for the appropriate behaviour of the additional guests and that they will sit with the family at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

Grad Photos

Grad photos were taken in October by Artona Studios. All students should now have received their orders. Artona photographers will take pictures at the graduation ceremony as students cross the stage. Parents are **NOT** permitted to come up to the stage to take photos during the ceremony. However, many families take pictures outside of the theatre.

II. GRADUATION TRANSITIONS

All B.C. secondary school students who are enrolled in Grade 12 this year must complete Graduation Transitions. All Grade 12 students are encouraged to complete Graduation Transitions as early as possible.

- **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL FOUR SECTIONS OF GT IS MONDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2018.**
- **ALL PRESENTATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY MAY 10TH, 2018.**

Please see the last page of this letter for further instructions.

III. GRADUATION DINNER/DANCE/DRY GRAD PUNCH PARTY

Prior to purchasing your Dinner/Dance ticket students must first have completed Grad Transitions. On **Thursday, June 21st**, many Gladstone Grade 12 students will be taking part in a Dinner and Dance organized by the Grad Committee. This is a school sponsored event and all school expectations for appropriate behaviour apply. Gladstone will host a dry grad “Punch Party” at the school from 3:30 - 5:00 pm that afternoon. This is an opportunity for graduates attending the dinner dance to meet at the school and spend some time with fellow graduates and school staff. Parents of graduates are welcome to drop in to this event to take photographs and talk with the graduates. Doors at the dinner dance venue, the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel at 900 Canada Place, Vancouver, open at 6:00 pm, dinner is at 7:00 pm. The dance ends at 11:00 pm. Late comers will not be admitted. Students choosing to attend this event must make a non-refundable payment for a ticket from members of the Grad Committee from May 10th – 17th, 2018 or online at <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com>. The price of the Dinner Dance tickets for grads is \$130.00 which includes dinner, dancing, security and music. Ticket cost for a guest is also \$130.00.

a. Guests for Dinner/Dance

Graduating students may apply to invite a high school age guest to the dinner/dance. There will be a maximum of 15 guest spots. Guests must be interviewed by an Administrator and Grade 12 Counsellor and must be recommended by school references and their host’s parents. We impose these restrictions to ensure that all participants understand the rules and regulations governing attendance at this school event. The usual school rules and Vancouver School Board Policies regarding drugs, alcohol, safety etc. are in effect. Students are responsible for the behaviour of their guests. Guest application forms are available from the Grade 12 Counsellor should be submitted to the Principal. Grads must see an Administrator to arrange for an appointment for their guest.

IV. **GRAD BREAKFAST**

Courtesy of the staff, a pancake breakfast is scheduled for **8:30 am on Tuesday, June 12th, 2018** in the Gladstone Cafeteria. Breakfast will be served first block. Students will spend social time with staff and fellow students, review pictures from their years in school and receive letters written to themselves in Grade 8. We expect all grads to attend.

V. **Provincial Exams**

This year Grade 12 students are only required to write one provincial exam: Communications 12 or English 12/ English 12 First People's depending upon the course they are currently enrolled in. Some students are also enrolled in AP courses and are able to choose if they wish to write the exam or not.

a. **Provincial Examination results – Grads set up an account today!**

Approximately one month after the exam session, the Ministry of Education will post exam results to the following secure Web site: www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca
Students will need their Provincial Education Number, (Student PEN # – found on their report card) to set up an account and follow the instructions on the Web site. Once logged on, students will be able to see exam marks, final course marks. After the June and August exam sessions, the site will also inform the students if they qualify for a provincial scholarship.

b. **Transcripts! – Grads must complete the PSI**

About a month after graduation, the Ministry of Education will mail a hard-copy transcript of grades. This lists all marks for Grade 10, 11 and 12 courses. The transcript will also be forwarded to post-secondary institutions previously chosen, as long as students have filled out the Post Secondary Institution (PSI) Choices form online. Students who need their marks forwarded from the Ministry of Education to post-secondary institutions MUST enter their request online www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca

c. **Incorrect Transcripts?**

Contact the school. The records clerk at the school will send the changes to the Ministry. If this happens during August or September a revised transcript free of charge will be issued within a week or two of the changes being reported (during August and September only) Do not phone the Ministry. The Ministry cannot change a student's record without official verification of a course or mark change from the school or school board office.

Note that, if a request to correct a transcript is received by the Ministry outside of the August-September period, a corrected transcript will not automatically be provided free-of-charge. A corrected transcript may then be ordered by submitting a Transcript Request along with the appropriate fee.

Many thanks to the teachers and students who are working hard to make Graduation 2018 celebrations a positive success. We ask for your support in encouraging your daughter or son to make Grad 2018 a safe and joyful occasion. If you have any questions, please call me or Mr. Paley, the Grade 12 counsellor at 604-713-8288.

Yours truly,



Mr. C. Parker
Principal

GRADUATION TRANSITIONS IS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

Graduation Transitions is intended to prepare students for a successful transition to life after secondary school. In order to meet this goal, Graduation Transitions encourages students to:

- take ownership of their own health and learning
- examine and demonstrate connections between their learning and their future
- create a plan for their growth and development as skilled, healthy, knowledgeable, participating citizens
- exhibit attributes of a model B.C. graduate

All B.C. secondary school students must demonstrate they have met the following requirements for:

Complete all 4 assignments listed below:

a. **Personal Health:** 1 assignment,

Was due FRIDAY, Nov. 17, 2017

- i. Daily Physical Activity (DPA) and a commitment to fitness, physical and emotional well-being are key to healthy living. In this component of Graduation Transitions, students develop the knowledge, attitudes, and habits needed to be healthy individuals by maintaining a personal health plan and participating in at least 150 minutes of moderate/vigorous physical activity each week in Grades 10 through 12.
- ii. Link to assignment [GT Personal Health Assignment 2018.docx](#)

b. **Community Connections:** 1 assignment,

Was due TUESDAY, February 13th, 2018

- i. Life after graduation includes the world of work and community responsibilities. As part of Graduation Transitions, students gain employability skills through participation in at least 30 hours of work experience and/or community service.
- ii. Link to assignment [GTCommunity Connections Assignment 2018.docx](#)

c. **Career and Life:** 2 assignments,

Was due MONDAY, March 12th, 2018

- i. Graduation Transitions requires students to explore personal and career goals during their secondary school years and create a plan for life after graduation. Transition planning is an ongoing process throughout the graduation program years and requires the completion of a transition plan, culminating in a final grade 12 presentation.
- ii. Link to assignments (2): [GT Career and Life Assignment 2018.docx](#) [GT Financial Plan Generic Year.docx](#)

d. **Grad Citation Assignment:** 1 assignment,

Was due Saturday, March 31st.

- i. Graduation Transitions requires students to reflect upon their past high school experience and where they wish to go in the future. Complete your GRAD CITATION and be prepared to share your assignment during your GT Interview. This is an online submission. Submit by clicking the link below:
- ii. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WC6KCzB7CEq6t9dVWVeDjpbPqQVQRs0pCrC8SKTfzvBxUMk01VlpNVkdUSIZMUFhUjINQzVaOEYXOC4u>

Once all sections are complete students will do a brief presentation based on their work. Students can book their presentation time online.

To access the Grad Transition assignments and GT Presentations booking system, students are directed to the Gladstone website <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/gladstone/Students/Pages/gradtransitions.aspx>, click on Students, then Grad Transitions.

- **GRAD CITATION assignment – due March 31st - online**
- **Other ASSIGNMENTS of Grad Transitions as per above must be completed by Monday, April 20th, 2018**
- **Presentations will be scheduled for the following dates:**
 - **MAY 2, 8 and 10, 2018**