Dear Parents and Grads,

As we enter our final countdown towards Graduation Day on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 it is necessary that all graduating students and a parent or guardian read and sign the forms contained in this package.

PARENTS: Please keep this booklet for your reference it includes the following information:

- UVic Ceremony Ticket Distribution Information Sheet
- UVic parking information
- Agenda for Graduation Day

Please Note: All Forms due <u>April 26, 2024.</u> All Fees should be paid and outstanding library materials should be returned by May 3, 2024

There are two parts Part A Ceremony Part B Dinner/Dance & After Grad to the Grad forms package --

please ensure that both of these parts are completed and returned by April 26, 2024.

Each grad can reserve up to 4 free tickets and are then able to purchase up to an additional 4 tickets, at \$10 each, if they are needed. ANY AND ALL tickets are ordered through Mrs. Bennett, <u>cbennett@saanichschools.ca</u>. Once ordered, any money owed will be applied to the grads online account for payment. All tickets will be emailed to the grads school email address on June 19. Please note tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. <u>Ticket reservation starts June 3</u>.

Grads are being asked to write a brief statement to be read as they cross the stage at the ceremony. This statement is to be submitted by April 28, 2024. More information is included in this package.

Dinner/Dance & After Grad tickets - The cost is \$125.00, this takes into consideration the fundraising the students and parents have done. Please note once purchased, tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. Payment is to be made online.

Please note: All Grads who plan to bring a guest to the Dinner/Dance – Tickets are \$125. Guest forms will be available on June 7 and will be due June 14. Guests will need to be picked up at 10:30 pm.

We hope that you find the material in this package easy to navigate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Blackwell in the front office for assistance 250-655-2719.

MESSAGE FROM AFTER GRAD COMMITTEE: This is the sixteenth year of this "unforgettable" event which has become "part of the Parkland culture, a real tradition. This is something grads are excited for in September and grateful for in June!" Each year we have over 95% attendance by grads. Parent volunteers (and student input) plan and organize this exciting, entertaining, interactive event "in a safe and secure environment they won't want to leave". The event includes fabulous food and beverages.

PARENT VOLUNTEER MEETING: Note: if you wish to volunteer at the After Grad Event and haven't submitted your name, please send an email to the After Grad Parent Committee - parklandgradparents@gmail.com. Please see parent involvement information form.

<u>GRADUATION DAY:</u> Parkland Grads have traditionally met at Beacon Park at the foot of Beacon Street beginning around 11:00 am This event is a great photo opportunity for family, friends and neighbours and to see the grads before they make their way to the University of Victoria for the ceremony.

Grads are responsible to make their own way to their ceremony at the University of Victoria. <u>They must not drive themselves</u> as they will be bused back to the Mary Winspear Centre, after the ceremony.

* This is a very long day for the grads so encourage them to bring a snack and water with them to enjoy as they make their way to UVic.

* No drugs or alcohol are permitted <u>at any point</u> during this grad day. Failure to observe this rule will result in immediate dismissal from the grad ceremony, dinner dance and after grad with no refund available.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

April 19, 2024	Parkland and School District Scholarships – Deadline for applications Report Cards will be available after 4:00 – reporting.saanichschools.ca
April 26, 2024	<u>All Grad packages are due</u> . Valedictorian, MC and musical audition applications are also due Please ensure that outstanding fees are paid and outstanding library materials are returned
May 3, 2024	Deadline for all outstanding fees and library materials to be paid/returned
May 10, 2024	SIDES courses must be 70% completed Deadline for appeals for SIDES courses, must see Mr. Russell
May 16, 2024	Spirit Assembly & Spring BBQ Grad Assembly – Bk 3: All grade 12's must attend. Auditions & voting for MC and Valedictorian
June 3, 2024	UVic Recognition Ceremony tickets available to reserve. Email Mrs. Bennett, cbennett@saanichschools.ca. <u>All tickets</u> must be reserved. Each grad can reserve up to 4 tickets, at no charge, and purchase up to 4 additional tickets at \$10.00 each – last day to reserve is June 17.
June 7, 2024	Guest Dinner/Dance applications are available and due June 14. <i>Please note: <u>Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable</u>. Guests must also attend UVic.</i>
June 14, 2024	Grad guest application due. Payment will be due June 19, upon application approval. Block 3 - Grad Assembly & rehearsal – attendance is mandatory. Block 4 is outdoor activities & yearbook signing.
June 17, 2024	Last day to reserve and pay for UVic ceremony tickets.
June 18, 2024	Last day of classes.
June 19, 2024	UVic will email each grad their tickets to their school email.
June 20, 2024	Pick up grad gown in front of the office at 11:00 am
June 19-24, 2024	Assessment week: 19th-Block 1 / 20th-Block 2 / 21st Block 3 / 24th – Block 4 / June 26 Course completion
June 25, 2024	Graduation Day
July 2, 2024	Learning Updates (Report Cards) will be available after 4:00 – reporting.saanichschools.ca

ITINERARY FOR TUESDAY, June 25, 2024

11:00am	Drop off After Grad Clothing at Sidney waterfront – <u>clearly marked with your full name</u>
	Family Photo Session - meet at Sidney Waterfront (Beacon Park). This is a tradition at Parkland
	and a fun opportunity for family and friends. Attendance is optional.
	Inclement weather, watch the website for information if it rains.
12:30pm	Grads must arrange their own transportation to UVic. They must not drive themselves as they will
	be bused back to the Mary Winspear Centre, after the ceremony.
	All Grads must be at UVic by 1:00 at the latest with their grad gown.
1:00 - 1:30	All Grads meet at University of Victoria for Grad Cap pickup
2:00 - 3:30	Grad Rehearsal
3:30 - 4:00	Grad Group Photo
4:00	Grads line up – Doors to University Farquhar Auditorium are open
4:30 - 6:30	Ceremony at University Farquhar Auditorium
6:45	Buses are loaded and leave for Sidney – Mary Winspear Centre
7:00 - 10:30	Grad Dinner Dance – Mary Winspear Centre
10:30 - 2:00am	After Grad – Mary Winspear Centre – parents pickup grads at 2:00am

Tickets for the Parkland Secondary School Recognition Ceremony, June 25, 2024

Reservation date

Tickets are only reserved from **Monday**, June 3 to Monday, June 17, 2024 through Mrs. Bennett at the school office. There is no requesting of seats, except for wheelchairs. All seats in the auditorium have great views of the stage.

Other Ticketing Information

- <u>Reserving Your Tickets:</u> ALL Recognition Ceremony tickets are reserved through Mrs. Bennett. Each grad can reserve up to 4 tickets at no charge, and purchase up to 4 additional tickets at \$10.00 each. *These tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable* and are reserved June 3-17 only through Mrs. Bennett in the office by email. Please email the <u>total number of tickets required</u> to <u>cbennett@saanichschools.ca</u>. *Tickets will be emailed to the grads school email for distribution to the family June 19.*
- **Special Seating Requirements:** Let us know if you require separate or special access seating when you reserve.
- **Babies and Toddlers:** Please note that all human beings must have a ticket, even babes-in-arms and toddlers. These are part of the tickets that each household is allotted.
- **<u>Receiving Tickets:</u>** UVic ticket centre will be emailing tickets to each grads' school email June 19.
- Parking: In addition to the \$2.00 hourly fee prior to 5:00pm, there is a \$4.00 max fee parking on evenings after 5:00pm.
 Seating arrangements: Enter Exit





Reserving and Purchasing UVic ceremony tickets

There is no requesting seats, all seating in the auditorium is excellent. <u>ALL tickets will be reserved between June 3-17 only</u> email Mrs. Bennett – <u>cbennett@saanichschools.ca</u> with the <u>total number of tickets required</u>

Special Seating Requirements: Please mention any special seating needs when reserving tickets. If any changes are to be made after the sale closing date; please call or email the UVic Ticket Centre.

Babies and Toddlers: Please note that all human beings must have a ticket, even babes-in-arms and toddlers.

Receiving your tickets

- The UVic Ticket Centre will email all tickets to the students' school email June 19
- Contact the UVic Ticket Centre directly if you need to exchange your seats, there may be a charge

On the day of the event

- Please print all tickets and have your guests bring them to the Farquhar Auditorium
 - **OR** download the PDF files on a mobile device where the barcode can be easily scanned

Parking

• Can be purchased in any general lot on the day of the event or in advance through https://parking.uvic.ca

UVic Ticket Centre University of Victoria 3800 Finnerty Rd University Centre B103 Phone: 250-721-8480 Email: <u>ticket@uvic.ca</u>