



DW Poppy Secondary School

Grad Dinner-Dance and Commencement

Information about Ticket Sales

This year's Graduation Dinner-Dance is happening on **Thursday, June 23rd at Newlands Golf and Country Club in Langley**. Commencement (walking across the stage) will be **Wednesday, June 22nd at Chandos Pattison Pavilion at Pacific Academy**.

Tickets for Dinner-Dance and Commencement will be available for pick-up between Monday, May 16th – Friday May 27th during lunch in the Conference Room (next to the Counselling Center). This year, tickets must be ordered and paid for **online**; no in-person cash sales will be available. Ticket sales will open on Friday May 13th and must be picked up in the Conference Room by Friday May 27th. Dinner-Dance tickets are **\$90 for the full dinner ticket** and **\$35 for the Dessert Only option**.

Please note: dessert tickets are available **only to family members**; grads and their "dates" must purchase a full dinner ticket.

Ticket sales will open Friday May 13th using our online StudentCash system. Students can select which ticket options they would like to purchase (i.e. Student ticket, Guest ticket, Family Dinner or Family Dessert ticket) and pay directly online. **Students then need to bring their receipt to the Conference Room (next to the Counselling Center) during the dates above to pick up their tickets and to select their table for the evening.**

IMPORTANT: Students will not be allowed to purchase their ticket(s) if they have any outstanding student fees or if they are not in good academic standing. If you are not sure if you have any outstanding fees, please see Ms. Bezanson in the office **prior** to the beginning of ticket sales. Administration will also be speaking with any students with academic and/or attendance concerns throughout April and May. If attendance or academics is an issue, you may be denied the privilege of buying a ticket for the dinner-dance.

Students who are bringing a guest ("date") who is **NOT** a 2022 DWP Grad must complete a guest pass application form. These can be picked up from the office, in the Counselling Center or downloaded from the DWP website and must be submitted to Mr. Powell or Mr. Reynaud **no later than May 6, 2022**. Once the guest pass has been approved, the graduating student will have access to purchase a 'Guest' ticket online. **Tickets for a guest will not be sold without a completed and approved guest pass.**

Please note: DWP students who are NOT in grade 12 must also complete a guest pass.

When picking up their tickets, students will be asked to choose their desired table. **If they would like to sit with certain friends, they must come as a group to choose their table.** The sooner you buy your tickets and the sooner you come to the Conference Room at lunch, the better seat selection you will have. Students will also choose tables for their family who are attending the Dinner-Dance. If your family is attending the dinner portion, please communicate with them whether or not you would like to sit with them or at a separate table. If your parents are coming for the dessert option, they will be seated at a separate *Dessert Only* table. Please communicate with your parents if there are other families they would like to sit with.

Dry Grad tickets will also be on sale during this time. **A separate payment must be submitted for your Dry Grad tickets as this is a non-school function.**

Students and their 'dates' can start arriving at Dinner-Dance at 5:45pm. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the event. All students and their 'dates' will be searched upon arriving at Newlands. A reminder that this is a school-function and that all school rules apply. Students found under the influence or in possession of drugs or alcohol will be denied entry into the event. This is a **non-smoking and non-vaping** event. Students attending Dry Grad will be bused directly from the venue to the Dry Grad function then will be responsible for their own ride home from that event. Please plan accordingly. Parents and family can arrive at Newlands starting at 6pm for dinner or 7:30 pm for the Dessert Only option.

Students will also be able to purchase commencement tickets online and pick them up in the Conference Room during this time. At this moment, the venue is allowed full capacity. Commencement tickets are \$5 each and each grad may purchase a maximum of 8 tickets to start. If there are extra tickets available, they will be released June 1st. This process is used to ensure there will be enough seats for each student to have at least some (if not all) of their family at the ceremony. Grads do not need a ticket for Commencement. Once you have paid for your tickets online please pick them up in the Conference Room between May 16th-27th

As part of the Commencement ceremony, Grads are asked to put together a short write-up that will be read as they cross the stage. Complete your write-up using the following form: <https://forms.office.com/r/Yi8tuLtiuA>. **Write-ups are due by Friday May 20th.**

IMPORTANT: YOU MUST HAVE YOUR HARD COPY TICKETS TO ENTER DINNER-DANCE AND COMMENCEMENT SO PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PICK THESE UP FROM THE CONFERENCE ROOM DURING THE DATES LISTED ABOVE.

We will be holding a second Grad assembly June 2 to review specific details about Grad Walk, Commencement and Prom. The goal of today's assembly is to provide information on ticket sales however if you have questions about Grad Dinner-Dance before our next assembly, please feel free to contact Ms. Murray (cmurray@sd35.bc.ca) or Ms. Blount (ablount@sd35.bc.ca). If you have questions about Commencement, please contact Mr. Harrison (dharrison@sd35.bc.ca).

Thank you very much.