



SCHOOL LEAVING CEREMONY MEMO TO THE CLASS OF 2016



Grads of 2016, congratulations on all your high school successes!! Please review the following information/procedures to make your ceremony a success.

WHERE DO I GO?

- The School Leaving Ceremony is on **Saturday, May 28th**. Grad arrival time at the Bill Copeland Arena (3676 Kensington Avenue) is **1:00pm**. You will gather in the Burnaby Lake Arena. (The ceremony begins at 2:00pm sharp).
- Doors open at 1:00pm so your parents can come at 1:00pm with their tickets in hand and grab seats early.
- Once the processional (line up and walk-in of grads) has begun, remember to remain quiet in the backstage and tunnel areas.
- Parking is limited, so please make arrangements accordingly.

WHAT DO I WEAR?

- This is a **formal** ceremony. Please dress appropriately. If you do not wear appropriate formal clothing, you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Keep in mind, gowns are warm, and **MUST** be worn!
- Do not bring purses, cameras, a change of clothing, backpacks etc. as there is no place to store these items. Leave them at home, in a secured car if not valuable, or with a family member/guardian.

WHEN CAN I PICK UP MY GOWN / TICKETS?

- On **Wednesday May 25th**, beginning at lunch and in the afternoon periods (3,4), as well as afterschool, you must pick up your cap/gown from the Multipurpose Room. Bring picture ID/GoCard with you. It is your responsibility to ensure you have picked up your cap/gown. **No gown, no ceremony**. Last day to pick up gowns is **May 26th**. Tickets will be given out on this day as well (you are given 2 complimentary tickets for the School Leaving Ceremony). You may purchase extra tickets at the office **or** on gown pick-up day for \$5 each.
- You must wear the gown. Wearing the cap is optional. You may want to put your name on the inside (grads typically throw up their caps at the end of the ceremony, and if you don't want to risk losing it, you may want to write your name on the inside).
- If you damage/lose the gown, you will be required to pay for it. The cap is yours.
- At the time of pick up, you will also do a final confirmation of the phonetic pronunciation of your name/write-up, as well as any awards IF TIME PERMITS. (Feel free to do at any time in Ms. Panesar's room, room 210 until May 19th).
- Note: the tassels on the cap are positioned on the left side of the cap before crossing the stage and receiving your diploma, and on the right side after. You re-position it, Mr. Chin does not.

WHERE and WHEN DO I RETURN MY GOWN?

- Immediately after the ceremony, you must return your gown, so please remember to take pictures with family/friends prior to this time.

FYIs:

- Once the ceremony begins, you will NOT be permitted to leave the ceremony. You will be permitted to leave only after the ceremony is over.
- No noisemakers or air horns are permitted in the venue.
- Violators will be removed by security.
- Following the processional when you are being seated, *you must fill every seat in your row. No seats can be left vacant. Always listen to teacher instructions on the evening of.*
- On **Thursday May 27th**, there is a **mandatory rehearsal** in the school gym for all grade 12s attending the ceremony during Period 2. **DO NOT wear your caps nor gowns to the rehearsal please.**

If you have any questions or special considerations, please see Ms. Panesar (room 210) asap. Thanks and all the best!