

## GRAD AT A GLANCE 2024

**NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ARE PERMITTED EVEN FOR GRADS OR ESCORTS WHO HAVE TURNED 19. PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED AND INSTRUCTED TO PICK UP THEIR CHILD.**

- Friday, June 21 - 6:00pm - Cap and Gown Ceremonies (Grads arrive by 5:00; Doors open at 5:00pm)
- Saturday, June 22 – 6:00 Promenade and Ball (Grads arrive at STAGE 5:00 pm; Ball at 7:30 pm)
- GRAD BALL ENDS AT 11:30PM JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>.
- PARENTS NEED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THEIR CHILDREN AFTER 11:30 PM

**GRAD FEES (\$150.00) ARE DUE.** Tickets will be distributed only to those graduate families who have paid grad fees. Please contact Mrs. Knauf if the cost of the fees creates a hardship.

Date	Event	Time	Place	Activity
Thursday, June 20	Grad Rehearsal – WEST FRASER CENTRE	3:00 pm	West Fraser Centre	Grads – run through of ceremony procession etc.
Friday, June 21	Doors Open - Ceremony	5:00 pm	West Fraser Centre	Attended by ticketholders
	Grads lineup	5:00 pm	Arena 2	Grads fit gowns and line up
	Grad Ceremonies	6:00 - 8:00 pm	West Fraser Centre	Attended by ticketholders
Friday June 21 <sup>st</sup> & Saturday, June 22	Photo opportunity	3:00 - 5:00 pm	Lebourdais Park	Photos in cap & gown Friday Photos in formal dress Saturday
Saturday, June 22	Grad Promenade Line-up	5:00 pm	Stage – Lebourdais Stage if outside, if moved indoors, West Fraser Centre	Grads line-up with escorts
	Grad Promenade	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Lebourdais Park stage OR West Fraser Center if the weather is bad	Attended by community if in the park/or West Fraser Centre by ticket holders
	Doors open for Ball	7:00 pm	Arena 2	Grads and Escorts
	Photo opportunity – informal pictures taken by families	7:00 - 7:45 pm	Lebourdais Park	Grads, Escorts and Family
	Grad Ball	7:00 - 11:30 pm	Arena 2	Grads and Escorts
	<b>Doors close to Ball</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Arena 2</b>	<b>No admittance after 8:00 pm</b>



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	Clean up – parent committee(s)	8:00 -11pm	West Fraser Centre	Stack chairs/disassemble stage
	Clean up - parent committee(s)	11:30 pm	Arena 2	Chairs, tables, curtains etc.
Sunday, June 23	Clean up parent committee(s)	10:00 am	Arena 2 & WFC	Final clean up

### We need Parent Committees to provide support and planning:

- Decorating
- Security (Saturday night)
- Clean-Up (both nights)
- Set-Up/Take Down
- Food
- Games and Prizes
- Linens

### Other Tidbits of Information:

- On Saturday June 22, we suggest grads, escorts, and family plan to have photos in Lebourdais Park. If everyone meets at Lebourdais Park there will be lots of opportunity to capture your grad with many of their friends.
- Seating at the arena for Cap and Gown and the promenade, (if the weather is bad), will be by ticket only. Seating is festival style seating; not reserved family seating. Doors will open at 5:00 pm on June 21<sup>st</sup> and on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. If an attendee & their family of either ceremony has any physical accessibility accommodations we need to be aware of, please let us know in advance for us to try to plan accordingly.
- **We are anticipating offering each grad 4 tickets for each night. We are required to abide by building capacity regulations as set out by the Fire Marshal. \*Capacity is number of people in the building. Typical West Fraser Centre events have the majority of people attending events in the stands – Grad is not one of those typical events - we have a large portion of the capacity in the building on the floor, so if it looks to you like there is capacity/space, there is not.**
- There will be Grad Info Sheets given to students to request their wish for total number of tickets, escort information etc.
  - We truly try our best to accommodate larger than normal requests – a lot is dependent on the demand and number of final graduates. \*\*We are not alone in this as a majority of high schools & post-secondary institutions do not offer more than 4 tickets per graduate due to capacity issues. This year’s grad class is also anticipated to be larger than some of our past graduating classes.
  - Because this is a very big community celebration & we wish we could accommodate everyone’s wishes, we simply are not always able to. Please be



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mindful in your requests – it is a joyous, complicated & sometimes stressful time for all the organizers, grads, staff and all our attendees when it comes to ticket distribution conversations. Over asking what you plan for those to come makes it a challenge to fulfill the needs of those who have complex/dynamic family situations.

- Always let the office know of changes to your ticket request information to ensure best distribution & fairness of ticket allocations to grads & their families. For example, if you only need 2 tickets instead of 4, please give your unused tickets back to the office so they can be redistributed.
  - If you are in a situation where your request is beyond what we can offer, is there another way to celebrate with your families & friends around grad time that you can incorporate into the weekend of celebrations that do not require you to have larger numbers of tickets?
  - A first round of tickets will be distributed to grads who have paid their fees in the first two weeks of June 2024. Likely in the week before or days leading up to grad we will disperse as equitably as possible any additional ticket requests.
- If fees are a hardship please contact Mrs. Knauf.
  - **Only those students who have 80 or more credits and who have met the requirements for graduation can participate in the Cap & Gown ceremony.**
  - Grade 12 students who have not acquired 80 credits are permitted to go to the grad ball.
  - If taking online courses via QDL & wanting to partake in ceremonies, please plan to meet with Mrs. Knauf. There are details/paperwork/fees etc. needed to be checked & completed.