

## Parent and Graduate Information for Commencement

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Graduates	<u>Arrive by</u> <b>6:15pm</b>	<u>Enter via Stage Door on</u> <u>Seymour Street</u>
Parents/Guests	<u>Arrive by</u> <b>6:30pm</b>	<u>Enter via Smithe St.</u> <u>entrance</u>
Commencement begins	<b>6:55pm</b>	<b>Orpheum Theatre, 601</b> <b>Smithe St. Vancouver, BC</b>



We are fortunate to once again be celebrating graduation commencement at the Orpheum Theatre. We hope all students and their families are able to attend this ceremony. Please see the detailed and critical information below.

1. We do charge for tickets for the Orpheum as there is a significant rental cost associated with using any venue. Tickets for guests are \$20 per guest; graduates do not pay for a ticket. Tickets will also be available at the Orpheum for anyone who did not pre-purchase from the school
2. Family members or friends who arrive late, or who stay out in the lobby past 6:50pm to take pictures, need to know that they will be held out of the auditorium during the processional and the singing of our National anthem.
3. There is an indoor and an outdoor lot across from the Orpheum on Seymour. We have arranged with Advanced Parking (*Metropolitan Towers – 930 Seymour St, 1 block south of the Orpheum.*) at a rate of \$7/ 6 hrs if you use the code “Graduation” Otherwise there is parking directly across the street and around the theatre
4. **GUESTS MUST BRING THEIR TICKETS.** Orpheum Ticket staff will be collecting all guest tickets at the door. This is to ensure an accurate audience count in the event of an emergency. Grads do not have tickets but can collect a souvenir ticket if they wish from the school after the event. There will be ticket sales in the sales booth in the entrance foyer.
5. Grad: No phones. No gum. No noisy candy wrappers. Lots of big two-hour smiles. You are in the spotlight!
6. Grads will sit in the audience in alphabetical order. **Please be aware that Grads will be sitting in the audience for the majority of the ceremony so they are able to see the performances. This is a change from previous years and therefore balcony seating will be open to accommodate these numbers.** The Marshalls will give you a card with your name, and number on it. You take it with you and keep it until it is your turn to cross the stage. You hand it to staff just before you cross.

7. Walk calmly; this is your moment as you cross the stage.
  - a. Shake the hand of our Trustee, Ms. Sheelah Donahue
  - b. Shake the hand of Associate Superintendent, Ms. Julia Leiterman.
  - c. Shake Ms. Duncan's hand and pose for a photograph. You will receive your diploma and any certificates/awards that you receive. If you are a scholarship winner, you may also have a photo taken with the donator of the scholarship.
  - d. You can pick up the photos at the end of June at the office; you can order extra through GradsBC.
  
8. **Grads enter the Orpheum through the Seymour backstage Door – at 6:15- no later.**
  - a. **At 5 minutes to 7 (6:55), we are at the stage right entrance starting the processional. We start at exactly 5 to 7. Exactly. Exactomundo. Exactly 5 minutes to 7. 6:55PM if you do the math. We are not waiting for anyone!**
  - b. **Parents and Guests enter through the Smithe door.**

Grads will be marshalled in the upper green room (above the stage) where you will be organized by alpha last name.

9. Program:
  - a. Entrance Processional
  - b. SING O Canada!
  - c. Principal's address
  - d. Presentation of grads
  - e. Musical Interlude
  - f. Valedictorian speech
  - g. Grad Song
  - h. Throw your caps and Recessional; follow Ms. Duncan and Mr. Thomson
  - i. Turn in your gowns and celebrate!
  
10. Return your gown and v-stole (Keep hat and gold cord) in the lobby **immediately**. Gowns are bar coded and if not returned will be billed at Gaspard's fee of \$120. Take family photos before you arrive at the Orpheum please.

## **Final checklist!**

- ✓ Did you bring your **gown, v-stole and your cap?** (*note; leave the plastic and hanger at home!*)
- ✓ Girls, did you **wear comfortable shoes** (you need to walk up and down 5 flights of stairs)
- ✓ Did you **leave your phone with your parents** in the audience? Is it turned off?
- ✓ Did you **plan for traffic** to arrive at the stage door no later than 6:15pm?





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*\$7.00+tax for 6 hours of parking (starting from the time you purchase your ticket)*

### Details:

- Lot 9105 - Metropolitan Towers - 930 Seymour Street, Vancouver BC  
(Entrance beside Nesters Market and Starbucks)
- Enter on Seymour St. in the round-a-bout
- Park and remember your stall #
- Choose “Graduation” on the pay station to receive this special rate

