



May 17, 2019

Dear secondary families:

The end of the school year is fast approaching, so we wanted to summarize important year-end details by grade. We hope that you noticed in this week's Thumbnail that the June 2019 Assessment Schedule is now posted under the high school information tab at MyPCS.ca.

Regular classes will run for all students up to, and including, Tuesday, June 18. After that day, our senior students (Grades 10-12) will follow the [Assessment Schedule](#), while our junior students (Grades 8-9) will have a special event and wrap up their classes.

Please see the specific details for each grade division below.

Grade 8 and Grade 9:

Wednesday, June 19:

- Grade 8 and 9 students attend first period according to regular Wednesday schedule.
- Special event: We have tickets for all Grade 8 and 9 students to attend the HarbourCats "school spirit" baseball game at Royal Athletic Park. Transportation to and from the game will be provided, and more details will be sent home closer to the date. Students will return to school by 3:10 PM.

Thursday, June 20:

- Last day of classes for Grade 8 and 9. Students should ensure that all of their assignments have been submitted, their borrowed resources have been returned, and their lockers have been emptied by the end of this day. Locks belong to the students and they should take them home for the summer (write down the combination!) and re-use them in the new school year.

Grade 10, 11, 12:

Wednesday, June 19 – Tuesday, June 25: Assessment period

- Students should refer to the [Assessment Schedule](#) so that they know when their exams/assessments are scheduled. Note that morning exams begin at 8:45 AM, and afternoon exams begin at 12:30 PM.
- Numeracy Assessment: Students currently in Grades 10 and 11 must complete the Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA) as part of the new BC graduation requirements. The GNA is designed to assess student ability to interpret numerical data, and to apply basic numerical calculations as they solve problems, analyze results, and communicate their thinking. Please note:
 - We will run several sessions of the Numeracy Assessment between Friday, June 21 – Tuesday, June 25. Mr. Slofstra will schedule students into particular sessions and will post lists so that students know which session to attend.

- The government asks that students complete their first Numeracy Assessment attempt in Grade 10, but if students wish to improve their results, they may re-write the assessment two additional times before they graduate.
- Students and families are encouraged to review this helpful online [resource](#) that provides a description of the GNA, a sample GNA, and videos that use examples to explain the competencies that are being assessed.
- We are offering an optional opportunity for students to review the preparatory material with a teacher on Thursday, June 20 (10:00 AM) and Friday, June 21 (1:00 PM). These sessions are noted in the assessment schedule.
- Grade 10-12 students must ensure that all borrowed resources are returned to teachers and that their lockers are left empty, clean, and unlocked on the day that they complete their last assessment.

Extra reminders for Grads:

- Tuesday, June 25: Grad rehearsal at 10:00 AM at Glad Tidings Church (1800 Quadra Street). All grads are asked to attend this rehearsal. Parents do not need to attend.
- Wednesday, June 26: Graduation Ceremony 6:00 PM at Glad Tidings Church.
 - Grads should arrive at Glad Tidings between 3:30 – 5:15 PM to pick up their cap, stole & gown.
 - Grads will need to leave a piece of identification (BC ID, Driver's license, or something of similar importance) when they pick up the gown and stole. This will be returned when they return the items at the end of the ceremony.
- Thursday, June 27: Dry Grad celebration (all details will be communicated by the parent organizing committee).

Please do contact the office if you have any questions about year-end details.

On behalf of the secondary staff and administration,

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