

May 2, 2022

Dear families of the Class of 2022:

Last Thursday was another step towards graduation as most of the Grade 12 students completed the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment, a new graduation requirement effective this year. Well done!

We wanted to share the general details for the Grade 12 Commencement Ceremony that is being planned based on current health regulations. Here is what to plan for:

Ceremony Date: Wednesday, June 22
Ceremony Time: Ceremony start time is 6 PM, but Grads should arrive between 5:00-5:30 PM. A photo booth will be available from 5:00-5:45 PM, as well as after the ceremony. We will be lining up Grads for the processional starting at 5:45 PM. We expect the ceremony itself to be 2 - 2.5 hours in length.
Location: Glad Tidings Church (1800 Quadra Street)
Tickets? This is a free and open ceremony. Any supporters of the members of the PCS Class of 2022 are invited to attend. No ticket is necessary.
Student Dress: This is a "cap-and-gown" ceremony. The cap and gown can be kept by the student after the ceremony. There is also a blue/white V-stole that each grad will need. These are borrowed from the school upon the receipt of a \$25 deposit (which is returned when the stole is returned in good condition). The caps/gowns/V-stoles will be available for pick-up starting on June 13. This will allow ample time for photos before the event. More information will come closer to pick-up day.
Processional: Most grads have traditionally asked a supporting adult to be part of the processional (entry into ceremony). Most follow the tradition of asking a parent of the opposite gender. However, others walk alone, with 1 or 2 parents, or with another adult who has supported their educational journey. This is a family decision. If someone is accompanying the student, they should be with them at the ceremony by 5:45 PM on June 22.
Rehearsal: A rehearsal for <u>grade 12 students only</u> (parents do not need to attend) will be held the day before the ceremony. Rehearsal Date: Tuesday, June 21 Rehearsal Time: 10:15 - 11:15 AM (to be confirmed). Location: Glad Tidings Church (1800 Quadra Street)

Please note that the Commencement Ceremony is the culminating school-sponsored event for the Class of 2022.

The Dry Grad Parent Committee is planning additional events for the following day (Thursday, June 23). Any questions about the dry grad events should be directed to the committee at pcsgrad22@gmail.com

We look forward to celebrating with you all!