



McRoberts Secondary School GRAD 2024

Welcome to your Grade 12 year! This will be an exciting and busy year. The following is a general overview of what to expect this year regarding grad activities and events.

STAY INFORMED

The McRoberts website and Instagram account will host information about upcoming events and activities for your reference, but you will also be contacted via email and announcements. A reminder that all grad events have a deadline for ticket purchases. Late purchases will NOT be possible, as we have contracts with external facilities that do not allow for last-minute ticket purchases. Grad events are for McRoberts students only, not for guests from other schools.

Please pay attention to deadlines! Read your email! Listen to announcements! Stay informed!

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

At McRoberts we expect and trust that our students will display kind and respectful behaviour at all times and will follow our school rules. Inappropriate behaviour, grad stunts/pranks, and possession or consumption of alcohol, vape products or other substances either at school or at any grad events will lead to the student being denied participation in grad events or activities. Please note that camping trips, house parties, grad kidnap, or holiday vacations or NOT sponsored or sanctioned by the school. If you are unsure if it is a “school event,” please ask the school’s Administration.

GRAD EVENTS

BOAT CRUISE September (\$75)

Boat Cruise is our first BIG off-site event, taking place on **Friday, September 29th**. This will be a semi-formal event where we will cruise around spectacular sights from the water in downtown Vancouver for 3 hours. Tickets include soft drinks, light refreshments, DJ, music and dancing. There is a very tight deadline for this event *and late tickets will NOT be available*. This year we will be working with a new company, and I am sure it will be a memorable experience. **Tickets can now be purchased for \$75 on Cash Online, DUE September 18.**

ANNUAL GRAD KICK OFF PIZZA DAY October (\$10)

We will be hosting a GRAD KICK OFF LUNCH with pizza, t-shirt signing and more at **lunch on Wednesday, October 4th**. Tickets are \$15 and will be available on Cash Online as of September 11th, **DUE September 21**. Tickets include a t-shirt, a sharpie for signing, pizza, chips, juice, and a treat.

GRAD PHOTOS January

Artona will take formal photographs in sitting appointments on **January 8 - 15**. Grads must sign up online for a photo sitting with Artona. These photos will be taken in a mobile studio which will be parked in our parking lot. All grads need to be photographed by Artona for the 2024 grad composite that will hang in the school hallways. Students can also sign up for optional group photos with friends. All grads will receive a small version of the grad composite with their certificate at the Valedictory Ceremony. If you do not have your photo taken by Artona, your image and your name will NOT be included in the composite, and your photo will NOT be in the yearbook. Bookings can be made at: **www.artona.com**

WINTER FORMAL February (\$75)

On February 15th, we will host our Winter Formal at the Riverside Banquet Hall. Winter Formal is a semi-formal dinner that includes an extensive buffet dinner, DJ, music and dancing. Tickets purchases – TBA

YEARBOOK WRITE-UP February

All grads submit a brief write up to accompany your grad photo to be included in the yearbook. These will be due in early February. More information to be provided closer to the time.

VALEDICTORY June (\$60 basic fee, \$10 each for additional tickets)

Our **Valedictory Ceremony will be on Sunday, June 9th at 1:00pm at the Chan Centre** at UBC in Vancouver. At the ceremony, grads will receive a school leaving certificate (not their actual Ministry of Education Dogwood certificate which will be mailed to families in late summer/early fall). Scholarships are also presented. Students wear a graduation gown, stole and cap which they can keep. Grads - prior to Valedictory we will need your height in order to order a gown that fits you, and we will need a grade write-up which will be read as you cross the stage. Listen for announcements for gown ordering and grad write-up deadlines – TBA. Each grad will receive 2 guest tickets included in their Valedictory fee of \$60. Additional tickets will be sold in stages for \$10 each. The process for allocating additional tickets will be announced in the spring. There will be a mandatory assembly and **Valedictory rehearsal for all grade 12s on June 6th.**

DINNER DANCE June (\$125)

The Dinner Dance will be held at Tsawwassen Springs on **Sunday, June 23, 2024.** The ticket price includes a formal gourmet dinner, dessert, soft drinks, DJ, music & dancing overlooking a beautiful golf course. Graduates traditionally dress in formal wear – suits or evening gowns - as this is a formal event. Tickets purchases - TBA

DRY AFTER GRAD June (Cost TBA)

Dry After Grad (DAG) is held at the school immediately after the Dinner Dance on **June 23.** This is an alcohol and drug free event that provides a safe, fun and inclusive last night for our graduation students, immediately following the Dinner Dance. Price includes bus transportation, food, beverages, and entertainment. This event is planned and run by parents. Volunteers are needed! More details to come.

OTHER INFORMATION

GRAD COMMITTEE & OTHER GRAD EVENTS

Our Grade 12 Grad Committee will have its first meeting on **Thursday, September 14th** at lunch. Students are encouraged to join to help plan grad activities and events. We hope all our graduating students will participate in all events this year.

GRAD WEAR

Grad clothing will be designed by students on the Grad Wear sub-committee, and will be available for purchase later this fall. More information TBA.

POST-SECONDARY

Grade 12s have many questions about post-graduation. We will host a special **Grade 12 Info Night on September 21st at 6:00pm in the Library.** There will also be a variety of post-secondary fairs and sessions over the year. Grade 12s are encouraged to listen to announcements and check our website for events and deadlines.

SERVICE HOURS

As we at McRoberts value service to others and contributing to the community, we ask that Grade 12 students have 15 hours of service to the school and/or community, which can include up to 5 hours of paid work.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many McRoberts and external scholarships that Grade 12s can apply for. More information about McRoberts scholarships will be provided in the spring. Check our website and listen for announcements about scholarships.

TVRs

Grade 12s will have to check their Transcript Verification Report (TVR) carefully to make sure they have all the courses they need to graduate. Students also need to make sure they have all the prerequisites that meet the requirements of whichever post-secondary institution they are planning to attend. TVRs are distributed in the fall and the spring. Our first mandatory TVR meeting will take place on **October 19th during PLT.** All Grade 12s must attend.

CLC/CAPSTONE & NUMERACY/LITERACY REQUIREMENTS

Career Life Connections (CLC) and Capstone are graduation requirements set by the B.C. Ministry of Education. In order to help our students meet these requirements, our Career Ed teachers will hold a series of mandatory meetings during PLT. These are on the school calendar, and will also be on student announcements. All students also need to have written the GLA 10, GNA 10 and GLA 12 in order to graduate. French Immersion students also need to write the LTF12. Dates for sessions are on the school calendar.