

# KEY INFO for MacNeill Secondary School GRAD 2024

*This document is on the MacNeill website and will be updated regularly: Students > Grad Events > Grad 2024 News*

**PLEASE STAY INFORMED:** Grade 12 is a busy year! The MacNeill website, Instagram & Twitter account (@armacneill), post-secondary websites, Career Advisor website and Ms. Mayer's Facebook page all contain key & up-to-date info for Grade 12s on post-secondary visits, application processes & deadlines, scholarships, and grad events. Also, your Grad Committee coordinates many grad activities, spirit events and grad clothing, etc. Please be sure to connect to someone on the **Grad 2024 Committee**.

**YEARBOOK WRITE-UP:** For inclusion in the yearbook, all grads are to write, in ~100 words or less, a summary of their experiences at MacNeill and your hopes and goals for the future. Use proper English grammar and keep them classy, as all messages will be edited for content. Text message language, acronyms or short form words will not be included. Submissions can be made online from **DECEMBER 1 - JANUARY 12. THESE ARE DUE BY THE END OF JANUARY 12.**

**GRAD PHOTOGRAPHY & GOWNS:** Yearbook students will take Grade 12 photos and photographers from Artona will also take formal photographs in sitting appointments from **March 1 - 7**. Grads must sign up online for a photo sitting with Artona. These photos will be taken at the school, in a mobile studio. All grads need to be photographed by Artona for the 2024 grad composite that will hang in the school hallways. All grads will get a smaller copy of the grad composite with their certificate at the Valedictory Ceremony. Note, the deposit will be refunded if you choose not to purchase any photos. At these Photo sittings Artona will also measure you for a grad gown. If for some reason you do not get your grad gown size done when taking your photo, this must be completed with the office before **FEBRUARY 13**.

**If you do not have your photo taken by Artona,  
your image and your name will NOT be included in the composite.**

**WINTER FORMAL (\$85):** The "Winter Formal" is a semi-formal dinner on **Friday, January 19**. The ticket includes a buffet dinner, DJ, music, and dancing. School administration, staff and professional security personnel will be in attendance. The purpose of the Winter Formal is to allow our grad class an opportunity to create memories with their classmates at a fun, mid-year celebration, so be sure to get your ticket early. **PAYMENT DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15.**

**BOAT CRUISE (\$115):** The Boat Cruise is on **Thursday, April 18, 2024**. Grads and staff will be dressed semi-formally and board the "cruise ship" by **6:00pm** from downtown Vancouver (at the foot of Denman). The ticket allows grads to sail around the spectacular sights of Stanley Park and English Bay for 3 hours. Included in the ticket price is a buffet dinner, soft drinks, DJ, music and dancing and it should be a great night of fun! **PAYMENT DEADLINE IS MARCH 1.**

**VALEDICTORY CEREMONY (\$65):** Our grad ceremony will be on **Tuesday, June 4 at 7 pm**. This formal school graduation ceremony will be held at UBC Chan Center in Vancouver. There will be a **mandatory assembly & rehearsal** for all Grade 12s on **Friday May 31** in the gym. Grads receive a graduation ceremony certificate (not their actual Ministry of Education Dogwood certificate) as they walk across the stage. Scholarships are also presented. Students wear a graduation gown, stole and mortarboard cap and "Graduation 2024" tassel, which will be distributed at the grad rehearsal on May 31. Grad Gowns are included in this cost and are measured during the Grade 12 Artona photos that will occur from **March 1 - 7**. **Your 30-word write-up – forms will be on the school website under STUDENTS-GRADE 12!** Each grad will receive 2 guest tickets and will be able to buy additional tickets, depending on the maximum number of tickets/seats available. The process for allocating additional tickets will be announced in the spring. **PAYMENT DEADLINE IS APRIL 5.**

**DINNER & DANCE (\$140):** The Dinner & Dance will be held at Westin Wall Centre Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond BC on **Thursday, June 27**. The ticket price includes a formal gourmet dinner, desserts, soft drinks, DJ, music & dancing in a luxury hotel. Graduates traditionally dress in formal wear – suits or tuxedos and evening gowns, as this is a "classy and formal" graduation event. **PAYMENT DEADLINE IS APRIL 5.**

**DRY AFTER GRAD (\$60):** Dry After Grad (DAG) is held at the school immediately after the Dinner & Dance on **June 27** to the early hours of **June 28**. The purpose is to provide a safe, fun, inclusive and awesome "last night together" for our graduating students immediately following the formal Dinner & Dance. The ticket price includes bus transportation to and from the Dinner & Dance, lots of food, drinks, a DJ, t-shirt and tons of fun events and activities. **PAYMENT DEADLINE IS APRIL 5.**

## **POST-SECONDARY, SERVICE HOURS, SCHOLARSHIPS & FAQs by GRADS:**

Grade 12s have many questions about what to do next year and how to do it. We will host a special Grade 12 info night on **September 26 at 6:30pm**. Grade 12s are urged to attend the lunch or 3pm sessions with various post-secondary schools (see calendar on the MacNeill website), the BC Post-Secondary Fair (**October 17**) and to check the Grade 12 info board regularly.

There are many post-secondary institutions and external scholarships you can apply for separately and a general MacNeill scholarship application that is due by 3pm on **April 12, 2024**. Complete the application online on the MacNeill website before April 14. *If you do not apply, you will not be considered!* Also, your MacNeill Grade 12 service hours form is due online on April 12. Be sure to book a time to meet with your counsellor and our Career Information Advisor Ms. Mayer early in the year. Remember to check post-secondary websites regularly and bookmark and check the MacNeill Career Center Website at least weekly.

**TVRs, PSI, CLC & CAPSTONE:** Grade 12s will check their Transcript Verification Report **TVR** carefully to be sure they have all the courses they need to graduate. TVRs are distributed in the fall and spring. Students must also meet all the prerequisite course requirements of the post-secondary pathway they are interested in (e.g. sciences at UBC; broadcasting at BCIT; etc.). Your Post-Secondary Institute **PSI** Selections allows the Ministry to send school marks to the post-secondary institutions you choose. The PSI will be completed at a secure Ministry web site as soon as you begin applying to post-secondary schools. CLC and a completed Capstone presentation are required for graduation.

**PLEASE PAY GRAD FEES:** To book locations, activities and confirm menus months in advance, we are required to commit to attendance numbers to secure venues. To ensure successful Grad 2024 events, please pay your school fees early in the year. **REFUNDS?** Might be possible to get a refund up to **4 weeks before an event**, minus all deposits and fees paid by the school. Closer than 4 weeks before an event and you will not get a refund as payments have been committed.

*\*\*If your family will find it difficult to afford tickets or formal wear related to graduation, please contact your counsellor or Administration. Every effort will be made to ensure that every MacNeill Grad who wants to attend a grad event is included.*

**PLEASE NOTE POSTED DEADLINES** - if you wait too long to speak to our Business Assistant or buy tickets, grad events can be fully booked, sold-out or simply closed due to deadlines.

**OTHER GRAD EVENTS?** Grade 12s can communicate with the Grad Committee to help plan the events that celebrate your graduation year at MacNeill Secondary. *Events such as trips, camping, Spring Break vacations or house parties are NOT sponsored by nor sanctioned by the school in any way. If you are unsure if it is a “school event”, please ask the principal.*

**ALL SCHOOL RULES APPLY:** Inappropriate behaviour or grad stunts/pranks or the consumption or possession of alcohol or other substances at any school or graduation event will lead to the student being denied attendance at that event & all other Grad activities.

**MACNEILL SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADS of 2024**

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR GRADS OF 2024

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE THAT EVENTS WILL ONLY RUN IF THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADS FOR EACH EVENT ARE REACHED\*\***

EVENT	EVENT DATE	PAYMENT DEADLINE	AMOUNT
WINTER FORMAL – MAYFAIR LAKES	JANUARY 19, 2024	DECEMBER 15	\$85
YEARBOOK WRITE UP	JANUARY 12, 2024	JANUARY 12	NO COST – COMMUNICATION TO FOLLOW
ARTONA PHOTO & GOWN SIZING	MARCH 1 - 7, 2024	MARCH 1 – 7	\$50 sitting fee
BOAT CRUISE – SPIRIT CRUISES	APRIL 18, 2024	MARCH 1	\$115
SCHOLARSHIPS	APRIL 5, 2024	APRIL 5	NO COST – COMMUNICATION TO FOLLOW
GRAD WRITE UP	APRIL 5, 2024	APRIL 5	NO COST – COMMUNICATION TO FOLLOW
VALEDICTORY - UBC CHAN CENTER	JUNE 4, 2024	APRIL 5	\$65
DINNER & DANCE – WESTIN WALL CENTER RICHMOND	JUNE 27, 2024	APRIL 5	\$140
DRY AFTER GRAD	JUNE 27 & 28, 2024	APRIL 5	\$60



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