

KEY INFO for MacNeill Secondary School GRAD 2026

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PLEASE STAY INFORMED: Grade 12 is a busy year! The MacNeill website, Instagram account (@armacneill), post-secondary websites, Career Advisor website 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 2026 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. **TBD**

GRAD PHOTOGRAPHY & GOWNS: Yearbook students will take Grade 12 photos and photographers from Artona will also take formal photographs in sitting appointments from **February 27 – March 5**. 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 2026 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 **MARCH 5**.

If you do not have your photo taken by Artona,

your image and your name will NOT be included in the composite.

WINTER FORMAL (\$95): The “Winter Formal” is a semi-formal dinner on **Friday, January 16**. 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 JANUARY 6.**

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY (\$75): Our grad ceremony will be on **Tuesday, June 9 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 June 6** 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 2026” 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 **February 28 – March 5**. **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 7.**

DINNER & DANCE (\$165): The Dinner & Dance will be held at Westin Wall Centre Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond BC on **Tuesday, June 23**. 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 7.**

DRY AFTER GRAD (\$75): Dry After Grad (DAG) is held at the school immediately after the Dinner & Dance on **June 23** to the early hours of **June 24**. 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 7.**

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

Grade 12 students often have questions about what to do after graduation and how to prepare. To help, we’ve already hosted a Grade 12 Information Night and a Post-Secondary Fair. Please make sure to attend the lunch or 3:00 PM sessions with various colleges and universities, dates are posted on the MacNeill website calendar, on morning announcements and the Careers Board in the counselling area. There are many opportunities and scholarships available! These are posted regularly on the Career website, careers board and Instagram @schoolcareeradvisor. The general MacNeill scholarship application will be due in the spring. Your Grade 12 service hours form must also be submitted online in the spring. Be sure to book an appointment early in the year with your counsellor and our Career Information Advisor, Mr. Aiello. To stay informed, check post-secondary websites often and visit/bookmark the MacNeill Career Center website and Instagram @schoolcareeradvisor at least once a week.

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 2026 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, grad stunts/pranks or the consumption, 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 2026 ---- BE POWERFUL!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR GRADS OF 2026

**** 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 16, 2026	JANUARY 6	\$95
YEARBOOK WRITE UP	TBD	TBD	NO COST – COMMUNICATION TO FOLLOW
ARTONA PHOTO & GOWN SIZING	FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 5, 2026	FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 5, 2026	\$50 sitting fee
SCHOLARSHIPS	FEBRUARY 27, 2026	FEBRUARY 27	NO COST – COMMUNICATION TO FOLLOW
VALEDICTORY - UBC CHAN CENTER	JUNE 9, 2026	APRIL 7	\$75
DINNER & DANCE – WESTIN WALL CENTER RICHMOND	JUNE 23, 2026	APRIL 7	\$165
DRY AFTER GRAD	JUNE 23 & 24, 2026	APRIL 7	\$75
VALEDICTORY GRAD WRITE UP	APRIL 7, 2026	APRIL 7	NO COST – COMMUNICATION TO FOLLOW
			\$410 + \$50 (refundable fee)



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