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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians;

We are very excited to share preliminary information about this year's Graduation activities and events with families! Our graduating students have had a great start to the school year, showing that they are continuing to work towards achieving their goals, and we are looking forward to celebrating their accomplishments!

Grad photos will take place at Belmont in the week of December 14-18th with retakes or appointments available for those away for original photos February 2-5th. More information about booking and photo packages to come.

The Grad Winter Formal will take place at Olympic View Golf Course on Thursday, December 17th. This event is for Belmont Grads only, with no guest tickets available. Tickets go on sale in late November 2026 for this event.

This year's Graduation Commencement ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 13th at the UVic Centre Farquhar Auditorium. There will be a morning (11AM) and an afternoon (3PM) ceremony with sign-up and ticket sales beginning in late February 2027. The rehearsal for this event will take place Thursday, June 3rd with school bus transportation from Belmont provided. Grad caps and gowns will be distributed on June 4th.

Prom (dinner and dance) will take place during the evening of Monday, June 28th at Crystal Gardens, located downtown. Tickets will go on sale for this in April with more detailed information to come for both students and families.

Our PAC is planning a Dry Grad event as well which has traditionally taken place in late May or early June. If you are interested in supporting the Dry Grad event or have questions, please contact our Vice Principal, Stephen McHugh (smchugh@sd62.bc.ca).

We look forward to celebrating our students through each of these activities. As a reminder, the Grad Google Classroom is a key source of information for students. If they are not currently in the classroom, they can speak with Mx. Flanagan or Ms. Sandberg to be added. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to support our grads, please reach out.

In addition to celebrating our graduates through the many exciting events planned this year, we would also like to highlight the support available through our Counselling, Careers, and Scholarship teams. These teams are here to help students navigate graduation requirements, explore post-secondary opportunities, and plan for their next steps.

EducationPlannerBC is an excellent resource for exploring post-secondary programs, institutions, and application processes. General information regarding graduation requirements can be found here. Scholarship information is also available on our school website, and we look forward to hosting a Scholarship Information Evening on November 17 at 7:00pm in the Belmont Learning Commons.

Post-secondary application deadlines vary by institution and program. Many institutions are now accepting applications for the upcoming academic year, with several important deadlines approaching in December and January. Many schools allow for a one-year admission deferral which can be helpful for students who want to go to post-secondary but are unsure of their plan for the upcoming year. For students considering local options, information about admissions and application deadlines can be found on the University of Victoria and Camosun College websites.

Students already working or who plan to work in this year can speak with the careers team about gaining class credits through Work Experience 12. Those who are in, or plan to enter work in the trades can begin gaining apprenticeship hours along with course credits through Youth Work in Trades which is also supported by the careers team.

We encourage students and families to connect with their school counsellor for additional information, guidance, or support throughout the graduation planning process.

Thank you for your continued support of the class of 2027,

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