

Richmond Academy
November, 2021

Grade 12 Parent Primer

My child is in grade 12...he's graduating, right?

- Sure (hope springs eternal, right?)
 - Students who did not have 10 credits as of June 2021 are not eligible to graduate in 2022.
 - This year, if a student is registered in a grade 12 homeroom, they are eligible to graduate.
 - Contact Guidance if you are unsure.

So long as they have 10 courses, they CAN graduate, right?

- Yes, they can.
- Guidance and administration are required to place students on track to graduate on time, even if that means they have to take courses they don't want.

So long as they have 10 credits, they WILL graduate, right??

- Not necessarily
 - Students who do not pass all their courses in the first semester may no longer be eligible to graduate in June.
 - Administration and/or guidance will be in touch with families when this happens.
 - Students who do not pass all the required courses in June will not graduate.

A note from staff

- Over the last two years, students have been faced with adversity, and the response has been to modify expectations, deadlines, etc.
- As we move through this year, we expect students to do their assignments on time.
- Zeros ARE possible and they are being entered fast and furiously at this point.
- Several students are on track to NOT graduate at this point.....

What kinds of things should grade 12 parents be aware of?

- Aside from the information on Post-Secondary, there are two main things to consider as parents of potential graduates
 - **Schedule of Events for Grad Week**
 - **Costs of being a graduating student**

Events Prior to June

What	When and How Much
Grad Hoodies	Before Christmas: usually about \$50.00
Yearbook	Tentatively, students are planning a Virtual Memory Book. Details to follow. No Charge.
Grad Gowns	Assigned to students now. Sanitized, bagged, and assigned. No cost BUT there is a \$50 deposit any time the gown leaves the building.
Prom Outfit	On your own
Grad Photos	Free sitting with our photographer, but you can purchase pictures anywhere. Dates: Nov. 17 to 19
Grad Hat/Tassel	No Charge

School Photographer/Grad Pics

- Photographer will be here November 17 to 19.
- No sitting fee for portraits, BUT
- Students will have to pay the regular sitting fee for group shots or shots that are NOT in grad gowns (e.g., hockey gear)
 - Fee is \$25.00

June Schedule: NON-COVID

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 SAFE GRAD	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 NSVS EXAMS	18
19	20	21 EXAMS	22 EXAMS	23 EXAMS	24 EXAMS	25
26	27 EXAMS School's Prom**	28 Graduation	29	30 LAST DAY		

School Based Prom

- **Monday, June 27**
 - **No other date works**
 - **Not on weekends**
 - **Not on Friday, June 24 as almost all grade 12s will be writing that day**
 - **Prom must be before Graduation**
- **If COVID restrictions arise, Prom will not be rescheduled**

Advantages of Parent-Run Prom

- **Date is flexible**
- **Location is flexible**
- **Date can be changed if COVID restrictions impact gathering limits, etc.**
- **Schools can now participate in parent-run proms**
 - **Communication**
 - **Rental fees**
 - **Decorations**

(Tentative) Schedule of events in June (continued)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Traditional Costs: What should you budget for?

Hoodie	\$50-ish	November
Memory "book"	Free	Published in June/July
Grad Photos	Varies	On your own
Prom outfit	Probably too much	On your own
Grad Gown Rental	Free but \$50 deposit	All year
Safe Grad Event	TBD, can fundraise	May or June
Safe Grad Shirt	\$20 ish	May or June
Dinner on Prom night	Varies	On your own
Prom	TBD	Tickets in late May
Grad Social	Probably \$15	Tickets in May or June
(Grad ceremony and Grad March events are ticket only events, but free)		

How will I know what is going on?

- Information is posted on our website regularly
- An information package is mailed home, and we will meet with students to go over things
- Some things are sent home to parents/guardians, others remain a student responsibility
 - Three months away from living away from home
 - Student voice is important to us

A note about expectations

- We're open to hearing from parents/guardians about the "best parts" of the OLD graduations and the NEW graduations.
- You can call or email us with your thoughts.
- We are mindful, though, that we can't do ALL the things we used to do AND ALL the things we've been doing the last two years.

Lois in June be like....

“IT’S ON THE YELLOW SHEET!!!”

