



June 16, 2021

Dear Grads and Families,

We are only a week away from the start of the Commencement Ceremonies, on June 23 and 24! Please continue to remind your Grad to keep checking the **Grad Google Classroom** for important information and updates. Please email me if your Grad is still unable to access the classroom.

Below is a list of important information and details; **please review with your Graduating student.**

**This week:**

- Commencement session schedules have been posted in the Grad Google Classroom and are up by the stairs in front of the office. Ensure your Grad has double-checked that they are in the session they signed up for.
- Two student-created Commencement walk through videos have been posted in the Grad Google Classroom, please encourage your Grad to watch one, so they have a sense of what the process will look like.
- We still have 10 caps and gowns in the office waiting for pick up.

**Tuesday, June 22:**

Link for test event: <https://jump.sd62.bc.ca/Belmont-Grad-Test-Livestream>

The test livestream will run from 5:30PM TO 6:00PM on June 22nd. Families will be able to use the link to watch a recording of the “test” event at any time after that as well in order to confirm that you can connect to the live event using their device and see video and hear audio.

**Wednesday, June 23 and Thursday, June 24 - Parking and Arrival**



- Grads need to arrive wearing their caps, gowns, and masks
- Upper Goudy parking will be open for Grads
- Grads will walk up the sidewalk to the Fire Lane behind D-wing
- A sanitizing station will be set up in front of the gym doors
- Students must be in the gym 20 minutes prior to their scheduled start time
- The time for the ceremony, from arrival to exit, will be about one hour.



**Wednesday, June 23 and Thursday, June 24 - Inside the Gym**

- Once inside the gym, Grads have the option to have a photo taken in a staged, decorated area. Ms. Gaetz, one of our teachers, has kindly offered to take the photos and post them here for access afterwards: <https://katiegaetz.smugmug.com/Belmont-Grads-2021/n-MwGw6X/>
- Next, students will be lined up, assigned a number for seating, and then taken to the theatre

**Wednesday, June 23 and Thursday, June 24 - Inside the Theatre**

- The ceremonies will be Livestreamed, and then recorded for later viewing.
- Links to Grad Live Events:

<https://jump.sd62.bc.ca/Belmont-Grad-June23-10am>  
<https://jump.sd62.bc.ca/Belmont-Grad-June23-11am>  
<https://jump.sd62.bc.ca/Belmont-Grad-June23-1pm>  
<https://jump.sd62.bc.ca/Belmont-Grad-June23-2pm>  
<https://jump.sd62.bc.ca/Belmont-Grad-June23-3pm>

<https://jump.sd62.bc.ca/Belmont-Grad-June24-10am>  
<https://jump.sd62.bc.ca/Belmont-Grad-June24-11am>  
<https://jump.sd62.bc.ca/Belmont-Grad-June24-1pm>  
<https://jump.sd62.bc.ca/Belmont-Grad-June24-2pm>  
<https://jump.sd62.bc.ca/Belmont-Grad-June24-3pm>

And the recordings will be available after the events at:

<https://jump.sd62.bc.ca/Belmont-Grad-Recordings>

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- Graduates will proceed into the theatre and move to their assigned seats.
  - Graduates will remain standing until after the Elder's Welcome and the singing of O Canada, and then will be asked to be seated.
  - The Valedictorian speeches will be played on the screen.
  - One by one, Graduates will come up to the staged area - they will pick up their folder from a table, while their comments are read.
  - Once on the stage, they will stop at a marked area for a Lifetouch photo. They will be able to remove their mask for the photo, and then replace afterwards.
- The Lifetouch photo will be available through this link, a few days after the ceremony:

[www.lifetouchportraits.ca](http://www.lifetouchportraits.ca)

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- Once they have crossed, they will return to their seat.
- After everyone has crossed, students will exit out the theatre door, and then out the main doors of the school.
- Grads keep their caps, gowns, and folders.



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**Saturday, June 26 - Belmont Graduation Video**

There will be a professional (Roll Focus) video prepared for the Grads and their families, containing: O Canada, 2021 Grad song, and Pomp and Circumstance performances, speeches from Superintendent, Principal, Valedictorians, and other special guests; Grad photo slideshow with Commencement comments; and Student photo slideshow. The video will be available through an electronic link on June 26. This link will be emailed to families before June 26.

Thank you for your support and continued commitment to our 2021 Graduating students!

Thank you,

Melissa Horner  
Belmont Vice Principal