

# Matthew McNair Secondary Valedictory Ceremony 2024

**Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

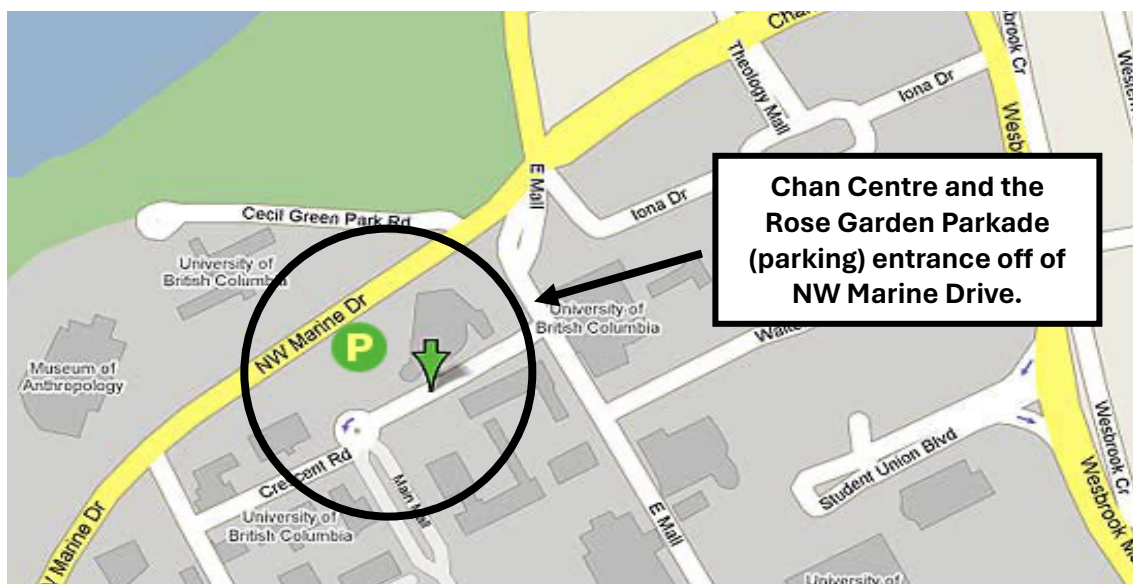
*Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at the University of British Columbia*

Dear Parents and Guardians and McNair Graduating students,  
In preparation for our Valedictory Ceremony, here are a few reminders to everyone. The Chan Centre is a beautiful facility on the UBC campus. If the weather holds, there is space in front of the Chan Centre and in the Rose Garden that will be perfect spots for pictures outside. This formal evening event is a celebration of the culmination of public schooling. All graduates and guests will be expected to remain for the entire program as we acknowledge each and every graduate. As this is a formal occasion, applause is the acceptable form of recognition for grads - **no noisemakers**, please.

### ***Important details for the evening:***

- ❑ **GRAD ARRIVAL:** *It is important that you arrive early. Graduates should meet by 6:20 p.m. upstairs in the Royal Bank Cinema. Please note that traffic is heavy at this time, and we have recommended that students allow at least 60 minutes-plus to drive to the Chan Centre and get cars parked.*
- ❑ **DIRECTIONS:** *There are several routes from Richmond out to the Chan Center at UBC. Use of Marine Drive, 41<sup>st</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue all lead out to the UBC Campus. (Please check for construction)*
- ❑ **PAY PARKING:** *There is plenty of pay parking in the Rose Garden Parkade.*
- ❑ **ATTIRE:** *Graduates should arrive dressed in their cap, gown and stole (issued at the rehearsal on June 5<sup>th</sup>). It is customary for students to wear semi-formal or formal attire under the gown. Please note that gowns, caps, and stoles are yours to keep as a souvenir of the event. As grads will be tossing caps (at the end of the ceremony) make sure you have your name written on the inside.*
- ❑ **TIME:** *Thursday, June 6th, 2024. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 sharp! We expect that the ceremony will last about 2 and a half hours.*
- ❑ *On a clear day, the Rose Garden is a good place for photographs.*

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to make this event a memorable one.**



Upon arrival at UBC park your vehicle in the Rose Garden parking lot. On a nice sunny evening the grounds outside the Chan Centre and the Rose Garden are perfect for photographs. Please arrive early if you plan to do this before the ceremony.

6:20 pm All graduates gather in Royal Bank Cinema (southwest corner of the Chan Centre). When you come out of the Rose Garden Parkade move up the stairs to the right & around the side of the building. Parents should wait to enter the main doors of Chan Center across the plaza from the parkade.

**You must be upstairs in the Royal Bank Cinema by 6:20 pm.**

6:30 pm Chan Center Auditorium doors open for guests to be seated on a first come basis.

**All guests must have Chan Centre tickets. Additional tickets will also be available for sale at the Chan Centre box office. Grads DO NOT need a ticket.**

6:50 pm Graduates organized into lines (single file) for entry into Chan Center Auditorium.  
Graduates receive their name cards – if needed, write the phonetic spelling of your name on this card.

7:00 pm sharp Ceremony begins.

7:01 pm Graduates begin to enter the auditorium.  
Graduates arriving late are asked to find their seats that have been left empty.  
Estimated length of Ceremony is 2 and a half hours.

***This is an important ceremony. Grads and parents have looked forward to this for many years. Please act with the respect and dignity that the McNair name represents.***

