



New Westminster Secondary School Application and Selection Process for Valedictorian

Valedictorian Criteria:

- The nominee must be in good student standing
- Demonstrates a commitment to the school and community through extra-curricular involvement (e.g., participation on sports teams, clubs, service, volunteer work) ;
- Serves as a student leader and role model, respected by the students of the graduating class.

Selection Process:

- The Principal, Grade 12 Vice Principal, Grade 12 Counsellor and a Grade 12 Teacher Representative will read all applications and short list appropriate candidates;
- The selected candidates will participate in an interview with the committee;
- The committee will select the top candidate for Valedictorian.

Application Process: (Due Friday, May 12th, 2017 by 3:30pm).

1. Obtain the signature and statement of support from three staff members and three Gr 12 students.
2. A **500-word** summary identifying the reasons why you should be selected as Valedictorian.
3. A summary of the inspirational message you wish to convey to your graduating classmates in your valedictory address. *(Please have this written and prepared to read for the interview)*

This inspirational address should include:

- The nominee must be capable of composing, with the assistance of the English Dept Head, a speech at least four (4) minutes, maximum of (5) minutes in length.
 - Representation of the graduating class in an appropriate manner.
 - A theme.
 - The nominee must be able to deliver this speech in a clear, engaging manner at the School Leaving Ceremonies.
4. Commit to participating in at least three meetings with the *Valedictorian Committee* including:
 - a) A review of the purpose for a valedictory address and the content;
 - b) A review of the rough draft of your valedictory address; and
 - c) A review of the edited version of your valedictory address.
 5. Please return your completed application and necessary supporting documentation to the **Pearson Office**.
 6. Valedictorian Interviews will be held afterschool on **Wednesday May 31st, 2017**.

If you have any questions please contact: **Ms. Aoyama- Gr 12 Counsellor or Ms. McGinley – Gr 12 Vice-Principal**

STAFF MEMBERS SUPPORT FOR THE VALEDICTORIAN APPLICATION

Name of Candidate: _____

Student #: _____

_____ Name of Staff member Supporting the Candidate	_____ E-mail
<i>Statement of Support for the Candidate:</i>	

_____ Signature of Supporting Staff Member	_____ Date

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Gr 12 Student SUPPORT FOR THE VALEDICTORIAN APPLICATION

Name of Candidate: _____

Student #: _____

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Name of Gr 12 Student Supporting the Candidate	E-mail
<i>Statement of Support for the Candidate:</i>	

_____	_____
Signature of Supporting Gr 12 Student	Date

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Name of Gr 12 Student Supporting the Candidate	E-mail
<i>Statement of Support for the Candidate:</i>	

_____	_____
Signature of Supporting Gr 12 Student	Date

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Name of Gr 12 Student Supporting the Candidate	E-mail
<i>Statement of Support for the Candidate:</i>	

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Signature of Supporting Gr 12 Student	Date

