



Sullivan Heights Grad' 18

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Grad Calendar & Timeline

January 31	Grad write-ups due for yearbook and commencement
February 7	In-School Scholarship & District Dogwood application form available on-line (Click here)
March 14	Valedictorian applications open (Click here)
April 03	Grad Dinner Dance guest passes available. (Click here)
April 04	Valedictorian applications deadline - 4:00pm. (Click here)
April 16	Grad Dinner Dance guest passes <u>due back</u> into the office for approval. (Click here)
April 16	Grad fee and all other outstanding debts due. (Click here)
April 18	In-School Scholarship & District Dogwood applications deadline – 4:00pm. (Click here)
April 23	Grade 12 assembly – 9:30am in theatre
April 23	Commencement gown order forms handed out at assembly
April 24	Commencement gown order forms due.
May 02	Grad & Guest Meeting 4:00pm with Admin.
May 02	Commencement tickets (2 free per student) distributed in Period 4
May 7-11	Grad Dinner Dance (\$110) and Dry Grad ticket (\$120) sales at lunch in hub.
May 10	<u>Last day</u> to submit request form for additional Commencement tickets to the office.
May 11	<u>Last day</u> to purchase Grad Dinner Dance (\$110) and Dry Grad (\$120) tickets
May 16-18	Additional Commencement tickets available for pickup & payment (\$5 each) in C110 @ lunch or after period 4.
June 6	Commencement Rehearsal -11:30am in the theatre. Gown distribution
June 6	Commencement Ceremony – 7:00pm
June 15	Coat Check for Dry Grad in library - 7:30am-8:30am
June 15	Grads arrive at Sullivan Heights with parents for grad sign-in & reception - 4:00pm Grads board coach busses and leave for Swan-e-set Bay Resort – 5:00pm Grad Banquet at Swan-e-set Bay Resort - 5:45pm - 11:00pm
June 15-16	Dry Grad at the Cloverdale Rec. Centre in Surrey - 11:30pm - 5:00am

Graduation Requirements

By this time, your son or daughter will have had one opportunity already to review his/her transcript verification. This document reviews all the courses taken during the graduation program (grades 10-12) and graduation status. If you are concerned about whether or not your son or daughter will be graduating, please contact your son/daughter's counsellor. Students who are not in a position to graduate this year will not participate in the Commencement Ceremonies.

Grad Transition Plan

All graduating students must complete a Grad Transition Plan in order to meet the Ministry of Education requirements for Graduation. Please contact Ms. Rogerson or Ms. Pacheco in the Career Centre office for more details.

Reminders

Scholarships

Graduating students are encouraged to apply on-line ([Click here](#)) using the school website for In-School Scholarships as well as the District Dogwood Scholarships. Remember to research your family contacts, clubs, unions, workplaces, banks, etc. as well. Organize and submit your documents well in advance. For letters of reference or recommendation, choose people who know you well and can describe your achievements. Contact them well in advance. Note deadlines carefully!!! Applications for the scholarships are done on-line and are due by 4pm on **April 18th**. Our scholarship committee is Ms. A. Becker, Ms. Law, Ms. Pacheco and Ms. Rogerson.

Fees and Commencement Gown Order Form

All fees must be paid for by **April 16th** before students purchase their Grad Dinner Dance/Dry Grad tickets as well as their Commencement tickets. Fees can be paid for online ([Click here](#))

- \$50 Grad Fee
- All other outstanding fees

Commencement Gown order forms will be handed out at the Grad Assembly on April 23rd. Forms are due back to the school office by **April 24th**.

Reminders

Post-Secondary Institution

Selections Form (PSI)

Students planning to attend a college or university will need to provide their transcript information to those institutions. You are able to provide that information electronically to a number of post-secondary institutions by completing an electronic Post Secondary Institutions Selections form on line. This is available from January to June of each school year via the Student Secure Web Page on the Ministry Web Site ([Click here](#)).

You must know your PEN number and create an account to do this. You can find your PEN number printed on the top of each of your report cards.

The 2018 Class Valedictorian

Students will have an opportunity to submit applications for Class Valedictorian. Applications ([Click here](#)) are open **March 14th**. Applications can be downloaded from the school website and are due back to the office by 4pm on **April 4th**. The successful candidate will be selected by the Valedictorian Committee and student vote.

Grad Expectation Letter

All grads were given a Grad Expectation letter in September ([Click here](#)). In order to attend any graduation events during the school year, all grads must have had a parent/guardian sign and return the letter to the school office. The signature verifies that the parent/guardian has read the letter and are aware of the rules being in effect for all grad events. Grads who still have not handed in this letter will not be able to purchase a Dinner Dance ticket until they have submitted this signed form into the school office.

Guest Passes

Students who would like to bring a guest, who is not a grade 12 Sullivan Heights student to the Grad Dinner Dance at Swan-e-set Bay Resort can download a form from the school website ([Click here](#)). Please fill out the form and hand it in to the office no later than Monday, **April 16th**. The administration must approve all guests before tickets can be purchased. Once a grad guest pass is conditionally approved, both the grad and guest must attend a mandatory meeting with administrators on May 2nd at 4:00pm in the library in order to get a full approval for the Dinner Dance. The approved and signed Guest Pass is required at the time tickets are purchased.

Grad Dinner and Dry Grad Timeline Friday, June 15, 2018

7:30-8:30am	Coat Check in school library – Bag with change of clothes for the Dry Grad event must be dropped off at the school library. As well please include a hanger and labelled garment bag. All bags will be transported to the Dry Grad event. <u>No bags should be brought to Swan-e-set as there is no bag check.</u>
4:00pm	Grads arrive at Sullivan Heights with their parents for grad sign-in & reception
4:00pm	Reception at Sullivan Heights for grads & parents
4:30pm	Principal welcome and toast to grads and parents
4:40pm	Parent/student dance
5:00pm	Parents leave
5:00pm	Grads board coach busses for Grad Dinner Dance at Swan-e-set in Pitt Meadows
5:45pm	Grads arrive at Swan-e-set
6:00pm	Grad photo
6:10pm	Staff photo
6:30pm	Grad dinner
7:30pm	Grad dinner program (speeches, slideshow, etc.)
11:00pm	Grad Dinner Dance finished
11:00pm	Begin boarding coach buses in Pitt Meadows (Swan-e-set) for Dry Grad event. Students may not arrange their own transportation to the Dry Grad. All Dry Grad attendees must take the bus.
11:30pm	Grads arrive at the Cloverdale Rec. Centre for Dry Grad.
5:00am	Parents pick up students from the Cloverdale Rec. Centre.

Grad Dinner and Dance

The 2018 Dinner/Dance will be held on **Friday, June 15 2018** from **4:00pm - 11:00pm** starting at Sullivan Heights Secondary, with the students boarding coach busses for Swan-e-set Bay Resort 16651 Rannie Rd., Pitt Meadows.

Students will select a table for the banquet when they purchase tickets. Ticket sales will take place from **Monday, May 7th to Friday, May 11th**. Tickets for the **Grad Dinner Dance are \$110 each**. Due to limited seating grads will only be able to purchase a ticket for themselves and one student guest. Students may not owe debts or be on academic probation (must be in good standing in all classes) and have their Grad Expectation letter signed and returned in order to purchase tickets.

*****Parents will need to drop off their child at Sullivan Heights at 4:00pm on Friday, June 15.** All students participating in the Grad Dinner Dance **must be signed in by a parent at the school!** Once grads have been signed in by a parent, parents are encouraged to stay and take pictures as well as take part in the parent student dance prior to the grads boarding coach busses for the Grad Dinner Dance at Swan-e-set in Pitt Meadows.***

No student will be allowed into the Grad Dinner Dance or Dry Grad unless transported by coach busses provided by the school. If students are not participating in Dry Grad, parents must pick up students from the Cloverdale Rec. Centre at 11:30pm.

The sponsors for Grad Council are Ms. Gill, Ms. Kailla, Mr. Nilson and Ms. Phillips.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and students are reminded that the Grad Dinner Dance is a school-sponsored event. All school rules apply - use of alcohol or drugs before or during these events will result in removal from the events and disciplinary action

Dry Grad

June 15-16, 2018 (Friday & Saturday)

A committee of parents has been working hard all year to coordinate this event which takes place immediately after the Grad Dinner Dance. Students **must take the coach bus** from the Grad Dinner Dance directly to the Dry Grad event. **Students may **not use private transportation** to get to Dry Grad**. Many fun activities and prizes will be offered to students at this drug and alcohol-free evening.

1. **Dry Grad tickets are \$120 each** (early bird sales ended Jan.1, 2018) and will be on sale Monday, May 7th to Friday, May 11th.
2. Students **must take the coach bus** from the Grad Dinner Dance at Swan-e-set Bay Resort to the Cloverdale Rec. Centre for the Dry Grad event, no private transportation will be allowed.
3. Change of clothing for the Dry Grad event must be dropped off at the school library along with a hanger and labelled garment bag on Friday, June 15, 2018 between 7:30-8:30am. No bags will be allowed at the Swan-e-set Bay Resort and brought to the Dry Grad event. No outside food or drinks will be allowed at Dry Grad.
4. Please contact shsdrygrad2018@gmail.com for further details.

Commencement

The Commencement Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 6th, 2018 at 7:00pm at The Bell Performing Arts Centre** at Sullivan Heights Secondary School. Students should report to the large gym at 6:00pm to prepare for the processional and ceremony. The Commencement Ceremony for families and friends of grade 12 students will start at 7:00pm in the theatre with doors opening at 6:30pm. Tickets must be presented at the door. Grads do not need tickets but all family/guests must have tickets.

Commencement statements were done on-line and were due Jan.31st. Changes to statements after that date (ie. won a scholarship you'd like to include in your statement) can be made with Mr. Nilson in Room B109.

A mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday, June 6th at 11:30am in the theatre will start the official preparations for the commencement activities. All grads must attend this practice where they will receive important information about their grad gowns and procedures for the Commencement Ceremony.

After the rehearsal, grads will pick up their caps and gowns from the small gym. We encourage grads to take photos with family and friends at home before the ceremony. At the end of the ceremony, grads are required to immediately return their gowns. Grads who do not return their gowns will be charged for the replacement cost.

Grads will receive two (2) free tickets. These tickets will be distributed to students on May 2nd in their Period 4 classes. Students who are absent on May 2nd and students with a study in Period 4 can pick up their tickets from the school office after Period 5 May 2nd right up to May 8th, 2018. Tickets not claimed by May 8th, 2018 may be re-allocated. **Students who owe debts or are on academic probation (must be in good standing in all classes) will not be issued tickets.**

Families should also be aware that this formal ceremony often lasts two hours and is not suitable for small children who have difficulties sitting quietly. Students requiring additional tickets can submit a request form to the office (the request form is given out along with the 2 free tickets in an envelope). A maximum of 2 additional tickets may be requested and tickets will cost \$5 each. The last day to submit request forms is Thursday, May 10th. Requests after May 10th, 2018, will not be considered. Due to limited seating, there are no guarantees that requests will be honoured. Additional tickets can be picked up and paid for May 16-18, 2018 at lunch hour or after Period 4 in Room C110. All proceeds will go towards scholarships.

Ms. Barry chair of the Commencement Committee.