



Sullivan Heights Grad' 19

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Grad Calendar & Timeline

September 11	Commencement gown order forms handed out and completed at Gr. 12 Assembly
February 6	Partners 36 Scholarship application form available on-line (Click here) In-School Scholarship & District Authority application form available on-line (Click here)
February 11	Grad write-ups due for yearbook and commencement
February 28	Dry Grad Early Bird Ticket Sales due (Click here)
March 13	Valedictorian applications open (Click here)
March 13	Grad Dinner Dance guest passes available. (Click here)
March 29	Dry Grad Mid-morning bird ticket sales (\$100 each) due (Click here)
April 03	Valedictorian applications deadline - 4:00pm. (Click here)
April 12	Partners 36 Scholarship application deadline – 4:00pm. (Click here)
April 15	Grad Dinner Dance guest passes <u>due back</u> into the office for approval. (Click here)
April 15	Grad fee and all other outstanding debts due. (Click here)
April 17	In-School Scholarship & District Authority applications deadline – 4:00pm. (Click here)
April 24	Grade 12 assembly – 9:30am in theatre
May 01	Grad & Guest Meeting 4:00pm with Admin.
May 02	Commencement tickets (2 free per student) distributed in Period 3
May 6-10	Grad Dinner Dance (\$120) and Dry Grad ticket (\$110) sales at lunch in hub.
May 10	<u>Last day</u> to submit request form for additional Commencement tickets to the office.
May 10	<u>Last day</u> to purchase Grad Dinner Dance (\$120) and Dry Grad (\$110) tickets
May 15-17	Additional Commencement tickets available for pickup & payment (\$5 each) in C110 @ lunch or after period 4.
June 5	Gown distribution - 11:00am in the small gym. Commencement Rehearsal - 11:30am in the theatre.
June 5	Commencement Ceremony – 7:00pm
June 14	Coat Check for Dry Grad in library - 7:30am-8:30am
June 14	Grads arrive at Sullivan Heights with parents for grad sign-in & reception - 3:00pm Grads board coach busses and leave for Swan-e-set Bay Resort – 4:00pm Grad Banquet at Swan-e-set Bay Resort - 4:45pm - 11:00pm
June 14-15	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.

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.

Fees and Commencement Gown Order Form

All fees must be paid for by **April 15th** 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 were handed out and completed at the Grad Assembly back on Sept. 11.

Scholarships

Graduating students are encouraged to apply on-line ([Click here](#)) using the school website for the Partners 36, In-School Scholarships and District Authority 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. Partners 36 are due **April 12** at 4pm, and the In-School and District Authority are due 4pm on **April 17th**. Ms. Rogerson chair of the Scholarship

The 2019 Class Valedictorian

Students will have an opportunity to submit applications for Class Valedictorian. Applications ([Click here](#)) are open **March 13th**. Applications can be downloaded from the school website and are due back to the office by 4pm on **April 3rd**. The successful candidate will be selected by the Valedictorian Committee and student vote. Ms. Freeman chair of the Valedictorian Committee.

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 15th**. 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 1st 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 Walk

The graduates of 2019 will be involved in the 2nd annual "Grad Walk". On the day of commencement, during period 3 and 4, the grads will put on their caps and gowns and then walk the halls of Sullivan Heights as their peers in grades 8-11 congratulate them on their upcoming graduation. Following this walk through our school, the grads will then board buses which will take them to their respective community elementary school where they again will walk the halls to see the school and teachers who were a part of their educational journey from K-7. Students that attended elementary schools outside of Sullivan's catchment will have the opportunity to visit one of our community schools. This Sullivan tradition will be shared on the evening of commencement will all the families in attendance. Ms. Pacheco organizes this event.

Commencement

The Commencement Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 5th, 2019 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.

Online Commencement statements were due Feb. 11th. 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.

Wed. June 5th - Grads will pick up their grad gowns at 11:00am in the small gym. A mandatory Commencement rehearsal on will be at 11:30am in the theatre. All grads must attend this practice where they will receive important information about their grad gowns and procedures for the Commencement Ceremony.

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 3 classes. Students who are absent on May 2nd and students with a study in Period 3 can pick up their tickets from the school office after Period 5 May 2nd right up to May 10th, 2019. Tickets not claimed by May 10th, 2019 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 Friday, May 10th. Requests after May 10th, 2019, 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 15-17, 2019 at lunch hour or after Period 4 in Room C110. All proceeds will go towards scholarships. Ms. Barry chair of the Commencement Committee.

Grad Dinner and Dance

The 2019 Dinner/Dance will be held on **Friday, June 14 2019** from **3:00pm - 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 6th to Friday, May 10th**. Tickets for the **Grad Dinner Dance are \$120 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 3:00pm on Friday, June 14.** 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 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. Hearty, 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 14-15, 2019 (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 ticket early bird sales were due Feb.28 and mid-morning sales are due March. 29. ([Click here](#)) Evening Bird sales (**\$110 each**) and will be on sale Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 10th at lunch in the hub.
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 14, 2019 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 sullivandrygrad2019@gmail.com for further details.

Grad Dinner and Dry Grad Timeline Friday, June 14, 2019

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>
3:00pm	Grads arrive at Sullivan Heights with their parents for grad sign-in & reception
3:00pm	Reception at Sullivan Heights for grads & parents
3:45pm	Parents leave
3:45pm	Grads board coach busses
4:00pm	Coach busses leave for Grad Dinner Dance at Swan-e-set in Pitt Meadows
4:45pm	Grads arrive at Swan-e-set
5:30pm	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.