



# Sullivan Heights Grad' 20

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## Grad Calendar & Timeline

<b>November 29</b>	Dry Grad Early Bird Ticket Sales due ( <a href="#">Click here</a> )
<b>February 14</b>	Grad write-ups due for yearbook & commencement. (Commencement gown size included.) ( <a href="#">Click here</a> )
<b>February 14</b>	Dry Grad Early Mid-Morning Bird Ticket Sales due ( <a href="#">Click here</a> )
<b>February 15</b>	Partners 36 Scholarship application form available on-line ( <a href="#">Click here</a> ) In-School Scholarship ( <a href="#">Click here</a> ) & District Authority application form available on-line ( <a href="#">Click here</a> )
<b>March 10</b>	Grad Dinner Dance guest passes available. ( <a href="#">Click here</a> )
<b>March 12</b>	Valedictorian applications open ( <a href="#">Click here</a> )
<b>April 1</b>	Grad fee and all other outstanding debts due. ( <a href="#">Click here</a> )
<b>April 1</b>	Grad Dinner Dance guest passes <u>due back</u> into the office for approval. ( <a href="#">Click here</a> )
<b>April 1</b>	Valedictorian applications deadline - 3:30pm. ( <a href="#">Click here</a> )
<b>April 9</b>	Partners 36 Scholarship application deadline – 2:00pm. ( <a href="#">Click here</a> )
<b>April 15</b>	In-School Scholarship ( <a href="#">Click here</a> ) & District Authority ( <a href="#">Click here</a> ) applications deadline – 2:00pm.
<b>April 22</b>	Commencement tickets (2 free per student) distributed in Period 2
<b>April 23</b>	Grade 12 assembly – 9:30am in theatre
<b>April 29</b>	Grad & Guest Meeting 4:00pm with Admin.
<b>April 30</b>	<u>Last day</u> to submit request form for additional Commencement tickets to the office.
<b>May 4-8</b>	Grad Dinner Dance (\$TBD) and Dry Grad ticket (\$110) sales at lunch in hub.
<b>May 5-7</b>	Additional Commencement tickets available for pickup & payment (\$5 each) in C110 @ lunch or after period 4.
<b>May 8</b>	<u>Last day</u> to purchase Grad Dinner Dance (\$TBD)
<b>June 3</b>	Gown Distribution - 11:00am in the small gym. Commencement Rehearsal - 11:30am in the theatre. Grad Walk – 12:15pm
<b>June 3</b>	Commencement Ceremony – 7:00pm
<b>June 5</b>	<u>Last day</u> to purchase Dry Grad (\$110) tickets
<b>June 12</b>	Coat Check for Dry Grad in library - 7:30am-8:30am
<b>June 12</b>	Grads arrive at Sullivan Heights with parents for grad sign-in & reception - 3:00pm Grads board coach buses and leave for Swan-e-set Bay Resort – 4:00pm Grad Banquet at Swan-e-set Bay Resort - 4:45pm - 11:00pm
<b>June 12-13</b>	Dry Grad at the Cloverdale Rec. Centre in South 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 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. **Please note, a student must be in good standing to participate in any grad events.** 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**

All fees must be paid for by **April 1st** 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

### **Scholarships**

Graduating students are encouraged to apply on-line using the school website for the Partners 36 ([Click here](#)), In-School Scholarships ([Click here](#)) and District Authority Scholarships ([Click here](#)). 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 9 at 2pm**, and the In-School and District Authority are due **2pm on April 15**. Ms. Rogerson chair of the Scholarship

### **The 2020 Class Valedictorian**

Students will have an opportunity to submit applications for Class Valedictorian. Applications ([Click here](#)) are open **March 12<sup>th</sup>**. Applications can be downloaded from the school website and are due back to the office by 3:30pm on **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. The successful candidate will be selected by the Valedictorian Committee and student vote. Mr. Begg 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 Wed. April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 April 29 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 2020 will be involved in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 7:00pm at The Bell Performing Arts Centre** at Sullivan Heights Secondary School. Students should report to the large gym at 6:30pm 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. 14th. ([Click here](#)) 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 3rd - 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 April 22<sup>nd</sup> in their Period 2 classes. Students with a study in period 2, should pick up their tickets in the library during that block. All unclaimed tickets can be picked up from the office. Tickets not claimed by April 30, 2020 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, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Requests after April 30, 2020, 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 5-7, 2020 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 2020 Dinner/Dance will be held on **Friday, June 12 2020** from **3:00pm - 11:00pm** starting at Sullivan Heights Secondary, with the students boarding coach buses 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 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets for the **Grad Dinner Dance are \$TBD 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 12.** 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 buses 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 buses 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. Kailla, Ms. Hill and Mr. Nilson.

\*\*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 12-13, 2020 (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 Nov. 29, 2019 and mid-morning sales are due Feb. 14, 2020. ([Click here](#)) Evening Bird sales (**\$110 each**) and will be on sale Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12, 2020 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 [sullivandrygrad2020@gmail.com](mailto:sullivandrygrad2020@gmail.com) for further details.

## Grad Dinner and Dry Grad Timeline Friday, June 12, 2020

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 buses
4:00pm	Coach buses 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.