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SAS Graduation – Winter Updates

Grade 12 students, parents and guardians,

This is our second graduation update of the 2025-26 school year. You can expect to receive these updates throughout the school year as we get closer to our graduation ceremony! We also post these updates outside the office on our Grad Bulletin Board, as well as on our website:

<https://sas.sd83.bc.ca/grad/>

Graduation Events, Ceremony and Fees

SAS staff look after the Graduation Ceremony and various Graduation Events throughout the year. We host an outdoor Graduation Ceremony here at SAS, under large tents, overlooking beautiful Shuswap Lake. Graduates will be given an alphabetically determined scheduled time for their ceremony, between 10am and 4pm.

- The SAS Graduation Ceremony is on **Wednesday, June 24**.
- The Graduation Fees of \$175 (*due May 1*) is applied to the following expenses: the Graduation Ceremony, Grad Events, Grad Photo Sitting Fee, Yearbook, Grad Gown Rentals, Keepsake Cap & Tassel, Lanyard, and Composite Folder with the Grad Class Group Photo
- **Grad Fees do not go toward the Dry-Grad Celebration. The Dry-Grad Celebration is 100% fundraised.**

SAS Dry Grad Parent Info & Volunteer Sign Up Night

SAS parents play a significant role in planning, organizing, fundraising, and running the Dry Grad Celebration. We will host a “**Dry Grad Parent Info & Volunteer Sign-Up Night**” on **Thursday, February 5 at 7:00pm** in the **SAS Cafeteria** to share grad plans and to sign-up parent volunteers for the Dry Grad Celebration. We hope to see you.

Grad Photos

Grad photos took place before the Holiday Winter Break. Students were responsible for booking their own individual and/or group photos via our website. The retakes will be on Thursday, January 22 and Friday, January 23. Jenn Gerow, our office Front Desk Receptionist, has been sending parents emails with the link to sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact the office and ask to speak to Jenn.

Yearbook Quotes

Yearbook Quote cards can be picked up at the office. These quotes will be featured in our annual Yearbook, beside each student's grad photo. All Yearbook quotes are reviewed by Mr. Harrington and the office staff – please keep your quote appropriate. The due date is Friday, February 6.

Grad Clothing Order #2

We have added a second Grad Clothing Order for those students/families who either missed out on the first order, or who would like to purchase additional items. Students and families can expect to hear more about this opportunity in early February. We will email out an online order link and students will be able to stop by the office to try on samples.

Grad Billboard Sign, Ceremony List, Outside Media Consent

Graduate's names are posted on the Grad Billboard at the school. Over a two-week period in April, students will be reminded to check the **grad bulletin board** outside the office to make sure their name is on the list and spelled correctly. To be listed, grads and families need to have their **Outside Media Consent** forms up to date... this is also for the annual **SA Observer Graduation** pullout.

Outside Media Consent

All graduates are required to have the necessary "Outside Media Consent" permissions completed to have their picture produced in the local newspaper's "Congratulations Graduates" pull-out section, as well as their name listed on our SAS Graduation Billboard in the parking lot.

- Students missing this permission will be called to the office for confirmation.

Sincerely,



Rob Cadden
Principal



Rhys Waters
Vice Principal



Kris Hryniw
Vice Principal

2026 SAS Grad Festivities, Ceremony & Dry-Grad Celebration

MONDAY, JUNE 22

- 9:00am Staff & Student Grad Breakfast (*in the cafeteria*)
- 10:00am Ceremony Dress Rehearsal (*lower parking lot – by the gym*)
- 10:30pm Hand out Grad Gowns, Caps and Tassels – alphabetical (*in the gym*)
- 11:00am Welcoming & Land Acknowledgement, Valedictorian Address, Grads & Staff Group Photo & Cap Toss (*upper field*) – *Parents/Guardians invited to attend.*
- 11:45am SAS Grad-itude Community Tour – Elementary, Middle School & Junior High Visits (*field trip via buses, students pre-sign up in the office, supervised by staff & parents*)

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

- All Day Dry Grad & Ceremony Set-Up and Decorating @ SAS
Graduates spend the day with family and friends (i.e. family dinners, photos)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- 10-4pm Scheduled Alphabetical Grad Ceremonies @ SAS
- Grads who still need their cap, tassel & gown – go to the art room exterior entrance.
 - Ceremony viewing area, shade tents, chairs, and tables. This is an opportunity to view the graduation ceremonies, to take pictures with family and friends, and to enjoy purchased food from local food trucks on location.
- 6:00pm Grad Class Group Photo @ McGuire (*don't be late... it is taken right at 6:00pm*)
- 6:30pm Dry Grad Celebration Begins @ SAS (*Grads must arrive by 7:30pm to be allowed in*)
- Food & Snacks
 - Entertainment & Prizes (*e.g. Casino, Caricature Artists, 360° Photo Booth, Courtyard Games, Virtual Reality Video Games, Board Games*)
 - Music & Dance, with a Professional DJ
- ~12:00am Dry Grad Celebration Ends @ SAS
Dry Grad Clean-Up