



ECOLE SECONDAIRE SALMON ARM SECONDARY

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SAS Graduation – Spring Update

For further information on Graduation, please visit our website: <https://sas.sd83.bc.ca/grad/>

Grad Billboard Sign & Ceremony List, including times.

The Grad Billboard is installed in early May in the SAS parking lot! The ceremony list is posted online.

Street Painting – **week of May 19 (day determined based on weather)**

Graduates get the opportunity to artistically paint their name on the road heading into our parking lot and to take photos with friends. Grade 12's are called to the parking lot throughout the day.

Downtown Beautification – **Thursday, May 21 @ 7:00am (meet outside of Eco-Treats)**

This community-building tradition provides graduates with an opportunity to support the City of Salmon Arm by planting flowers throughout designated spaces downtown.

Grad Online Microsoft Forms – **students to submit by Friday, May 8** **Mr. Waters will email out this form.**

A. Outside Media Consent

Graduates (and parents) are required to agree to "Outside Media Consent" permissions to have their picture produced in the local newspaper's "Congratulations Graduates" pull-out section, and their name listed on our SAS Graduation Billboard. Without these permissions names/photos will not be published.

B. SAS Grad-itude Community Tour

Graduates can sign-up on a pre-determined bus route that will take them back to their previous elementary, middle and/or junior high school to visit with teachers and students, to show their gratitude, and to inspire future SAS graduates! This has become a highlight event for grads!

C. Grad Write-Ups (*Crossing the Stage forms*)

When grads walk the stage, this will be read out. We want to know what you will be doing next year. This one sentence will need to be school appropriate. Administration reviews all write-ups.

For example:

- "Reg earned an entrance scholarship to attend Okanagan College in Kelowna next year to pursue studies in Biology."
- "Anne will be traveling throughout Europe next year with her best friend Sarah."
- "John plans on taking a year off from school next year to work and to earn enough money to afford plumbing school."

A. Valedictorian Nominations

A class valedictorian is a student who represents the school well and speaks on behalf of their graduating class. Students are asked to submit nominations. All nominations are vetted through a panel of school staff before graduates are asked to vote on the nominees.

Fashion for Famine (Fashion Show) in the SAS Atrium – **Wednesday, June 3 (6pm)**

Grads are encouraged to connect with Mr. Boyd to sign up as models for this fundraising event!

Dry-Grad Guest Consideration Form – **deadline Friday, June 5**

Graduates who would like to bring a guest to the dry-grad who is NOT a 2026 SAS graduate, are required to fill out and hand in the Dry-Grad Guest Consideration form to the office. There are no exceptions. **The cost is \$60 if paid by Friday, June 5.** Late approvals costs increase to \$100. The form is available at the office starting Mon, April 27.

Grad Fees

- The Graduation Fees of **\$175** (*now past due*) pays for the following:
- The Graduation Fees are 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
- The office will be sending out a reminder email about grad fees to those families who have not paid.
- **Grad Fees do not go toward the Dry-Grad Celebration. The Dry-Grad Celebration is 100% fundraised.**

Graduation Ceremony & 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 at SAS
Graduates spend the day with family and friends (i.e. family dinners, photos)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- 10-4pm Scheduled Alphabetical Grad Ceremonies at SAS
Grads who still need their cap, tassel & gown – go to the art room exterior entrance. There will be a 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 and drinks from local food trucks on location.
- 6:00pm Grad Class Group Photo at McGuire (*don't be late... it is taken right at 6:00pm*)
- 6:30pm Dry Grad Celebration Begins at SAS (**Grads must arrive by 7:30pm to be allowed in**)
Food & Snacks, Entertainment & Prizes (e.g. Casino, Caricature Artist, Tarot Card Reader, Games) Music & Dance
- ~12:00am Dry Grad Celebration Ends at SAS and Dry Grad Clean-Up

SAS Assassin / Grad Kidnapping = not school-sanctioned events and not condoned.

Unfortunately, the conduct of some students during past student-initiated grad-related events has been against the School District's Code of Conduct, including incidents of drinking and driving (e.g. *Grad Kidnapping*), or partaking in these activities in inappropriate locations (e.g. *hospitals – SAS Assassin*).

We have strict expectations: if students break rules listed in our [Student Code of Conduct](#), on or off school property during the school day, they jeopardize their ability to participate in the SAS Graduation Ceremonies & Dry Grad Celebrations in June.