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SAS Graduation – Fall Updates

Grade 12 students, parents and guardians,

This is our first graduation update for the 2025-26 school year. You will receive these updates throughout the school year. We also post this information outside the office on our **SAS Grad Bulletin Board**, as well as on our website: <https://sas.sd83.bc.ca/grad/>. The intention with these letters is to share updates on SAS Grad.

Let's Talk about Grad Assemblies

We have already met with our grade 12 students to discuss the schedule for the graduation ceremony and dry grad celebration, to share information on grad fees, to promote our first grad event (Halloween movie night) and grad clothing opportunities, to share information about our Transcript Verifications/Graduation Checks process in November, to remind them that now is the time for post-secondary admissions, and to let them know grad photos take place in December.

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 Celebration

Grad parents/guardians work with our Grad Teacher Sponsor and School Administration to plan, organize and run the Dry Grad Celebration. Rhys Waters, our Vice Principal, is the lead contact for Dry Grad.

- The SAS Dry Grad Celebration also takes place on **Wednesday, June 24 (6:30pm – 12am)**.
- We will advertise and host a parent meeting early this winter to solicit volunteers to help with our Dry Grad celebration. Volunteers will be needed for the following committees: Food, Beverages, Security, Decorating & Set-Up, Fundraising, Entertainment, Casino, Inclusivity, Take Down & Clean-Up.

Sincerely,

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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