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*Home of the Jewels & Golds*

**SAS Graduation – Final Update**

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

We are less than three weeks away from the 2026 SAS Graduation Ceremony and Dry Grad Celebrations. Below you will find timely reminders and important information. **Parents/Guardians – we still need your help!** To volunteer, follow the links below. Finally, the graduation ceremony schedule has been posted on the website! It’s going to be a great week of graduation celebration!

**Fundraising - Rhys Waters (Vice Principal) [rwaters@sd83.bc.ca](mailto:rwaters@sd83.bc.ca)**

- Fundraising efforts are still underway! If you or someone you know would like to donate, you can find the information [here](#).
- Our [50/50](#) raffle prize will also be running until it’s drawn on Friday, June 26.



***We need parent volunteers in these areas*** (click for a direct sign-up link)

<a href="#">Security &amp; Admissions</a>	<a href="#">Casino</a>	<a href="#">Food</a>	<a href="#">Entertainment</a>	<a href="#">Take Down &amp; Clean Up</a>
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**Dry-Grad Guest Consideration Form – deadline *was* 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. **Students with a late guest application are to see Mr. Waters. Guests not approved by Monday, June 22 will not be permitted.**

**SAS Grad-itude Community Tour Field Trip Forms (Monday, June 22: 12 – 2:30pm)**

Hand in at the office – your grad’s last field trip. 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!

## **Grad Write-Ups** - *now overdue... go to the office and see Jenn (or email the school [sas@sd83.bc.ca](mailto:sas@sd83.bc.ca))*

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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.”

## **Grad Fees**

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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 has sent out two notices to specific families who still owe grad fees.
- **Grad Fees do not go toward the Dry-Grad Celebration. Dry-Grad is 100% fundraised.**

## **File Migration and Personal Email**

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Grade 12's will not have access to their SD83 student email address nor their H Drive/OneDrive files upon graduating. Students are encouraged to update their personal email address at the office, and transfer any important personal files (e.g., resume) to their personal storage device.

## **Distribution of Dogwood Diplomas**

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When students cross the stage they will receive a *composite folder*, which will contain a grad class photo and school certificates. Often this folder is also used by students to store their High School Dogwood Diploma. Once the Ministry of Education and Child Care determines a student has met all graduation requirements, they mail the diplomas to the school in the fall for students to pick up. Our office will notify all “past grads” who have a diploma waiting for them in the office.

### **SAS Assassin / Grad Kidnapping = unsanctioned 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.

# 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, Administration Address, Valedictorian Address, Grads & Staff Group Photo & Cap Toss (*upper field*) – *Parents/Guardians invited to attend*
- 11:30am 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 at SAS
- **Grads & approved guests must arrive by 7:30pm to be allowed into the event.**
  - Food & Snacks
  - Entertainment & Prizes
  - Music & Dance
- ~12:00am Dry Grad Celebration Ends @ SAS  
Dry Grad Clean-Up



# Graduation Ceremony Procession Information

Wednesday, June 24, 2026



1. The SAS Graduation Ceremony takes place outdoors, under tents, on the field at the back of Salmon Arm Secondary school, overlooking Shuswap Lake. In the event of a major, prolonged weather event, the ceremony will be moved into the school's gymnasium or SAS Theatre.
  - *Note: During the ceremony, graduates and guests will be walking on grass.*
2. Parking will be an issue and we highly recommend **carpooling**.
  - *There is a drop-off/parking location for guests with **mobility concerns** at the lower parking lot, by the gymnasium entrance, with access via a concrete walkway to the graduation ceremony.*
3. Graduates and guests are to arrive at the school at least **15 minutes before** their scheduled time. The ceremony schedule can be found here: <https://sas.sd83.bc.ca/grad>
4. Graduates are to arrive wearing their graduation **cap and gown**.
  - *Grads who still need to pick up their cap and gown are to go to the Art room exterior doors.*
5. Graduates and guests are **marshalled** in the area beside the gymnasium (lower parking lot).
  - *SAS staff members will help to line up and provide directions to graduates and guests.*
6. The event will not be Live Streamed.
  - *If desired, families can use their own device to record their child's ceremony.*
7. A SAS staff member will take **photographs** throughout the ceremony to capture moments of the day, but not necessarily photos of every single graduate.
  - *Families should plan to take their own photographs throughout the ceremony.*
8. Following the ceremony, graduates and guests are invited up to the **ceremony viewing area**. This area is reserved:
  - for additional photo opportunities and to view other graduate ceremonies,
  - to enjoy food and beverages for purchase from local **food trucks** on location,
  - to hand back their graduation gown.
9. The **Grad Class Photo** takes place at 6:00pm at the McGuire Lake Friendship Gate. Show up early.
10. The **Dry-Grad Celebration** begins at 6:30pm at Salmon Arm Secondary.
  - **Grads & approved guests must arrive by 7:30pm to be allowed into the event.**



***Congratulations Grads!! SAS staff and our community are proud of you!***