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SAS Dry Grad Celebration Donation Request

This year, **over 300** students will graduate from Salmon Arm Secondary (SAS). Many of our students will continue with post-secondary studies at colleges, universities or toward a trade apprenticeship. Others will choose to enter the workforce or travel the world. We are extremely proud of our graduates!

On behalf of our graduating class, along with their families <u>and</u> our parent-run Dry Grad Committee, we are asking our community to generously support our SAS Dry Grad Celebration, <u>which runs at no cost to students</u>.

What is a Dry-Grad Celebration?

Since the mid-1990s, many schools and parents have chosen to host a "dry" after-grad party. A dry grad is a supervised celebration for graduating students and their guests. Absolutely no alcohol or other drugs, including tobacco/vape, are allowed. A dry grad celebration immediately follows the formal convocation, banquet and/or dance. The aim of a dry grad celebration is to reduce the risk of alcohol-related harm to the graduates, as well as the community, on a night when that risk is unusually high. The planning for dry grad events often starts as early as September, with work continuing throughout the year.

This annual celebration is organized, operated, and supervised by parent volunteers and supported by the local school and business community. **Our annual budget is over \$20,000**, and our Dry Grad Committee is tasked with raising these funds, while also providing gifts and prizes throughout the evening to encourage graduates to stay and celebrate safely.

We are hopeful families and businesses will be able to provide financial assistance, prizes, or gifts toward our SAS Dry Grad Celebration.

Cheques or E-Transfers are accepted and payable to **Salmon Arm Secondary** with "SAS Dry Grad Donation" indicated on the cheque or email. E-Transfers may be sent to sas@sd83.bc.ca. Tax receipts can be issued upon request for amounts over \$25.

Dry Grad is a time to celebrate, a time to say goodbye to childhood, and a time to look to the future. We thank you for considering our request, and we hope you can help us provide a memorable celebration for our graduates. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

With appreciation,

SAS Dry-Grad Parent Committee Rhys Waters, Vice Principal **Dry Grad Fundraising Contact**

Rhys Waters, Vice Principal

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SAS Dry Grad Celebration Donation

Name of Business:		_	
Phone:	Email:		
Donation Amount:	Would you like a tax receipt? (only for amounts over \$25)	YES /	NO
Item Donation:			
Mailing Address (for tax receipt):		
	names of donors. If you would like your logo/name displayed go to <u>sas@sd83.bc.ca</u> and include "Dry Grad Donor Logo" as t		

This form can be filled out immediately with the dry grad fundraising committee member, or done later and scanned to sas@sd83.bc.ca.

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Thank you for supporting our 2026 grads!