Valleyview Secondary Graduation 2027 Newsletter

November 2027

Graduation 2027

As in previous years, we will be continuing with an in-person graduation ceremony with one difference. The 2027 Graduation Ceremony will be hosted at the Sandman Center. We look forward to seeing you there! More specific information will be coming as we get closer to the event. School Grad Fees have been added to the SchoolCashOnline. They are $130.

The Graduation Ceremony will take place on **June 21, 2027, at 7:00pm at Sandman Center.**

For information about Safe Grad Events and contact information for the Parent Committee please look below "Parent 2027 Grad Committee" section.

If you have any questions related to the Graduation Ceremony, please contact Mr. Horton at the school (250-372-5231) or via email at chorton@sd73.bc.ca

Who is eligible to participate in Grad activities?

To participate in Grad activities, a student must be working on and passing their classes required for graduation. Regardless of a student's status in relation to completing all required graduation credits, they will be able to participate in Graduation with their cohort. This includes international students who are here on either a graduation program or cultural program.

Grad fees of $130 **must** be paid. This has been added to your CashOnline account and can now be paid.

Ceremony: Grad Gowns

In an effort to reduce waste, we are maintaining our own "fleet" of grad gowns. They will be collected after the ceremony so we can wash and re-use them. Students will still keep the grad cap and can choose to keep the v-stole.

Yearbooks

Don't miss out on all the special memories of your grad year by forgetting to buy a yearbook. They can be ordered at the Main Office or online through CashOnline. Cost & order Deadline TBA.

Valleyview Grad Swag

Get your Valleyview Grad Swag online at: https://vssgrad27.itemorder.com/

Deadline is midnight on **November 24, 2026** for delivery before winter break.

Parent 2027 Grad Committee

Safe Grad events (Grand March, Prom, Dinner, Safe Grad) are all organized by the Parent Grad Committee. **These events are not affiliated with the school and the fees are not paid through the SchoolCashOnline**. For more information about these events or to participate in the Committee, please contact VSS Parent Grad Committee valleyviewgrad@gmail.com .
You can also find the Facebook Group – ***https://www.facebook.com/groups/1999183237700065s***

Baby Photos

Grads are asked to submit one baby photo that is well focused and appropriate for school. Please email a photo to jbarrett@sd73.bc.ca
Please ensure that it is high resolution and your first and last name is in the e-mail. This photo must be sent in .jpg format. This photo will be used for the Power Point presentation at the Commencement ceremony.

Grad Photos

Grad photo are Dec 7-11, 2026.

Please note: Appointment Booking link TBD

Grad photos will be taken at the school, based on appointments, made at the link that will be sent out. The last day for appointments is currently Friday, Dec 11th. "Buddy Photos" will be available throughout that week as well. Retakes will be in Feb (Date TBD). More information to come regarding booking appointments. **If you do not wish to purchase a photo package, it is important to have a photo taken for the Yearbook and for the Grad Composite wall photo. This is free and must be booked directly with Mountain West!**

Grad photos are handled in 2 ways:

1. If you are considering purchasing grad photos from Mountain West, they will take multiple poses and send you the proofs along with an order form. The proofs are yours to keep. (There is a **$35 sitting fee**).
2. If you would only like your photo taken for the yearbook, grad composite and the Commencement ceremonies, they will only take a couple of poses and they will select the best one to use. There is **no fee** for this service, and you will not receive any proofs.

Grad Gowns for Personal Photos

If you wish to take your own photos or have them done by a company other than the school photographer, Valleyview Secondary has purchased grad gowns for use. Mrs. Barrett in the counselling office will be handling the borrowing of these grad gowns.

Early Grads/Grads off Campus

Some grade 12 students will be finished school at the end of the first semester, or off campus participating in TNT programs. This means they will not be at the school for second semester.

If this is the situation you are in and would like to be kept up to date with grad news, it is important to let Mrs. Barrett in the counselling office know your email address and telephone number. She will send the latest grad information to you as it becomes available.

Ministry of Education Scholarships

BC Excellence Scholarship - This is a $5000 scholarship and will be awarded to 55 students. Each secondary school in BC will nominate one student based on community service, leadership as well as commitment and aptitude for their chosen career path.

BC Achievement Scholarship - This $1250 scholarship will be awarded to the top 8000 graduates in the province. It is based on the students' achievement in grades 10, 11 and 12, including elective courses. A cumulative average percentage will be calculated to determine student eligibility.

District/Authority Scholarship - This is a $1250 scholarship given to 5500 graduating BC students for excellence in their chosen area of interest or strength.

Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships
This is a $5000 scholarship awarded to 20 outstanding graduates who have shown a commitment and aptitude for a career path in K-12 teaching.

Please visit the Ministry of Education website for additional information.
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards

Other Scholarships

Please visit the Student Services Website at https://studentservicesvss.weebly.com for more scholarship information. This is a website created by one of our counsellors, Ms. Gavelin. A wealth of information about Scholarships, Universities and more.

Student Transcript Service

Student Transcripts Service (STS) is an online application for students to view their school marks, scholarships and transcript, and to send transcripts electronically.

Get Started – To register for STS students will need:

- Personal Education Number (PEN). This can be found on the top of the report card
- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Email address

Steps
1) Go to the Ministry of Education's Transcript and Certificates website at http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca

2) Students must register for a BC Government account (a **BCeID**). Follow the system prompts and register for STS. Finally log-in to Student Transcripts Service using the **BCeID**.

3) From a student's dashboard make post-secondary institution selections, view transcript, view assessment results, and send transcripts immediately.

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Applying to BC public universities and colleges also just got easier! Students can do it all; search, plan and apply on: **EducationPlannerBC.ca.**

Grad Bottle Drive Fundraising

Throughout the year you can drop your bottles off at the General Grants, Battle St location for the "Valleyview 2027 Grad Class".

Graduation 2027 Student Google Classroom

All students should sign up for Grad 2027 Google Classroom. All information and schedules will be posted there. The classroom code is **rnzrct2z.** Students can add parents if they wish to see the information.

Grad Principal's List

Information about the Principal's List and Distinction can be found on the school website - https://www.sd73.bc.ca/vss/graduation. This is based on courses in Grade 10-12.