



SA-HALI SECONDARY GRADUATION 2025

Newsletter #3 – February 13, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 24	Grad Photo Retakes (see below for more information)
May 1	Grad Fees Deadline (including all school fees, textbook & library)
May 30	Grad Requirements deadline to participate in commencements
May 30	Safe Grad
June 22	Grad Commencements, 7pm, Sandman Centre (tentative)

COMMUNICATION:

In addition, students can stay up to date with important information regarding graduation by subscribing to the Google Classroom.

Class code: [3z3asjch](#)

REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION CEREMONY:

In order to be eligible to participate in the June Commencement Ceremony, a student must be meeting their graduation requirements by the end of their Grade 12 year.

Students will have until the last week of May to demonstrate they are on track to meet graduation requirements and to improve any second semester failing marks. Students who are still failing at the end of May will not be permitted to participate in the Graduation Commencement Ceremony.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

To graduate, students require at least 80 credits total.

Of these 80 credits:

- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits
- 52 credits are required from the following:
 - Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits)
 - Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
 - Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - A Language Arts 10, 11 and a required 12 (12 credits total)
 - An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total)

In addition, students on the BC Graduation Program **must** also complete graduation assessments aligned with the redesigned curriculum in literacy and in numeracy.

Graduation Status updates have been posted on MyEd for parents to view. If parents have questions about the status of their students' graduation status they should connect with a school counsellor.

GRAD PHOTO RE-TAKES

For any student that missed Grad photos or requires re-takes, they will be February 24
Book your grad photo sitting for re-takes [HERE](#)

Grad photos are used for the yearbook and class composite purposes. All Grads should have their photo taken, even if you do not plan on purchasing a photo package. The sitting fee is \$35 – be sure to bring the \$35 fee to the photographer when you have your photos done.

Important Message from the Photographer: Right Photography Ltd.

- Grads will need to come in 10 minutes prior to their appointment
- Graduates should dress appropriately – ie: blouse or V-neck shirt, shirt and tie. No T-shirts please
- Sitting fee is \$35 for 12 poses

Small props that can be held are permissible

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION:

Commencement Fee is \$100 (or 102.50 if you use School Cash Online)

- Commencement fee is subject to change; depending on the commencement program for 2026.
- Commencement costs include: all costs associated with the commencement ceremony, diploma holder with Graduate photo & Grad memento.
- Commencement Fees have been added and can be paid through SchoolCash Online or at the main office.
- Fees must be paid before grad gown pick-up.

SLIDESHOW FOR THE CEREMONY:

Important information: *Unless we are told otherwise,* the slideshow for the commencement ceremony, participation certificate and the name being announced when students cross the stage will be the students **usual name** (first and last), these are the names that are in MyEd. Students diplomas and school transcripts have their **legal name** on them. If you would prefer a different name on the slideshow, certificate and being announced please email this to cwaage@sd73.bc.ca or have your student visit the office and let us know.

Please make sure *baby pictures* have been submitted by April 30 at the latest using [this link](#). They will be used for the slideshow at the ceremony.

VALEDICTORIANS:

Valedictorian Nominations are in and students who have received *2 or more* nominations have been invited to participate in the candidate speeches on March 2 in the library at lunch. Grads will be asked to vote for their top two nominees. The two candidates with the most votes will work collaboratively to prepare and deliver the valedictory address for commencement on July 22.

GRAD GOWNS:

Grad gowns have arrived and will be distributed a couple of weeks prior to graduation. Graduation fees **must be paid** in order to pick up your gown. If you are experiencing financial hardship and need support with grad fees, please get in touch with Ms. Waage. If you plan to take grad photos of your own prior to grad gowns being distributed we have a few available for loan, please connect with the office if you wish to borrow one of these ‘loaner’ grad gowns. Please note we will require any ‘loaner’ gowns to be returned prior to student’s receiving their ‘keeper’ gowns.

TRADES AND ALTERNATE PROGRAM STUDENTS:

If you are a student enrolled in a Trade at TRU, Work Experience or another alternate program that has you graduating EARLY, please make sure you have joined the Google Classroom. Contact Ms. Waage with any questions.

SAFE GRAD:

Safe Grad will be held on May 30 with the Grand March at the T’Kemplups Arbour and the dinner and dance at Columbo Lodge. *Please note this is NOT a school run event.*

For more information about Safe Grad, visit the Sa-Hali Safe Grad Facebook page and/or Instagram: **Sahali Grad 2026**, or email sahaligrad26@gmail.com

All parents are encouraged to complete the [google form](#) ‘Sa-Hali Grad Parent Info’ if you have not done so already.

***For the most updated Grad information, please visit our website at sahali.sd73.bc.ca.**

All Grad information will be posted on our website under “Path to Graduation” then “Graduation”.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Graduation, please contact Ms. Waage by email at cwaage@sd73.bc.ca or telephone at 250-374-0861

Thank you for your Support!