

GRAD



Parent Meeting October 14



Introductions

South Kamloops Secondary:

★ Lana Blais - Vice Principal lblais@sd73.bc.ca

Dry Grad 2026 Committee

★ Please introduce yourselves

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Hello

Commencement Schedule

Wednesday, June 23, 2027

Location: Sandman Centre

Rehearsal around 11:30 am

- School busses to arena *students must take the bus if they are attending classes on campus

Banquet around 5:00 pm

- arrive with grad gowns, etc

Commencements at 7pm

Tickets

- 2 commemorative tickets given to each grad
- Kindly request families try to limit guests to 8 people per grad.



Sandman Centre - things to know!

- Event style parking - expect it to be challenging
- Staff parking only behind rink (near Player's Entrance)
- No on floor seating or access for anyone other than staff and grads
- Accessible seating top row for those who cannot navigate the stairs.



The two sides of grad

Commencements

Organized by School - Lana Blais contact

Wednesday, June 23, 7pm

Banquet with Staff and Grads

Cap and Gown Ceremony

\$160 - payable on School Cash



Dry Grad/Prom/Grand March

[Field Trip AP 260 section 7.2](#)

Organized by Dry Grad Parent Committee

**Currently booked at the Tk'emlups Arbour for Grand March and Colombo Lodge for Prom and Dry Grad

Separate Fee from School

Fundraising what is allowed vs not allowed



Right Now Tasks

Baby Photos

Send **1** photo to lblais@sd73.bc.ca or skss-office@sd73.bc.ca

Image file name should be **lastname_firstname.jpg**

Image should be at minimum 500px by 500px

Grad Participation Form - *important for food allergies*

By January 8th

Grad Gown Order Forms

By January 8th

Grad Hoodies

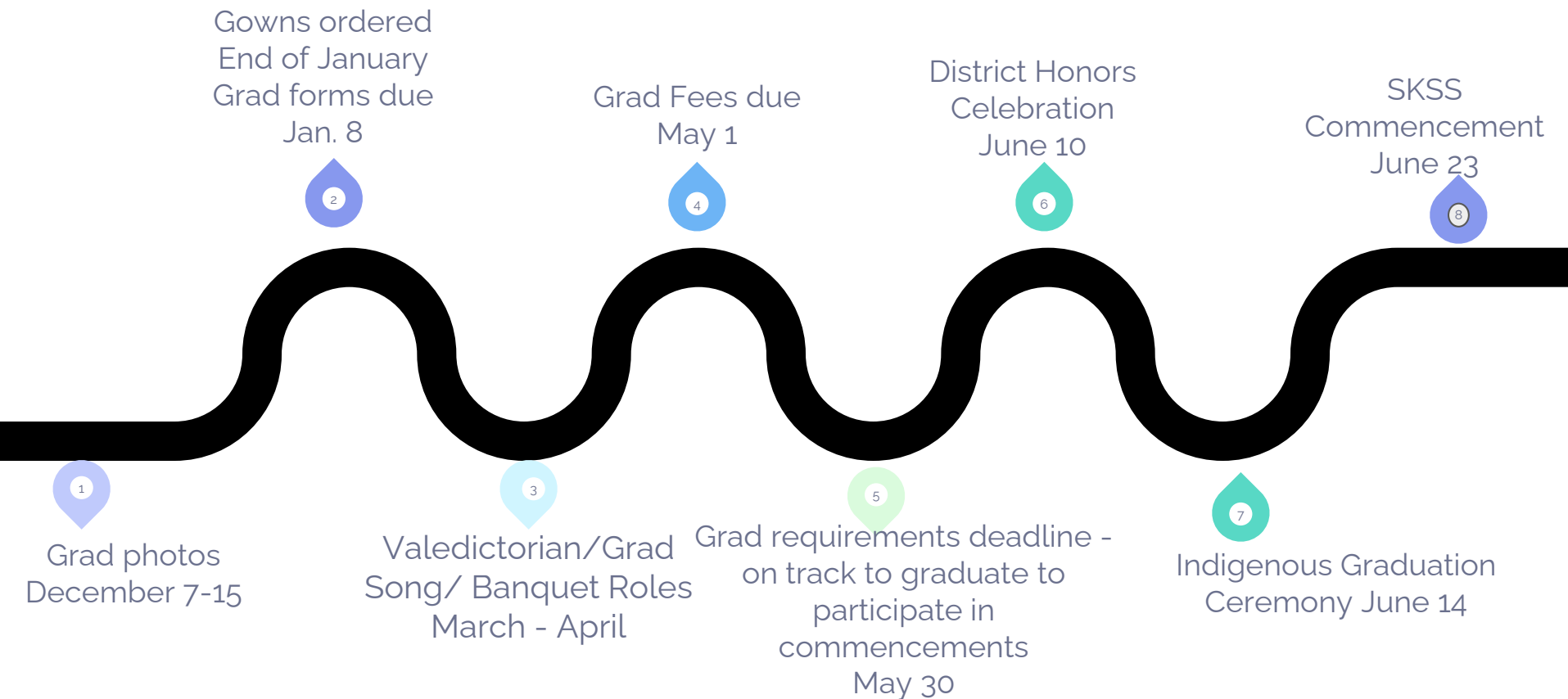
Orders coming soon - still 2 days to submit designs - Store is typically open for a week, maybe 2.

Grad 2027 Google Classroom

Code: **2wzg5v5d**

For students only - parents will get updates only if the student signs-up

Timeline



Grad Photos

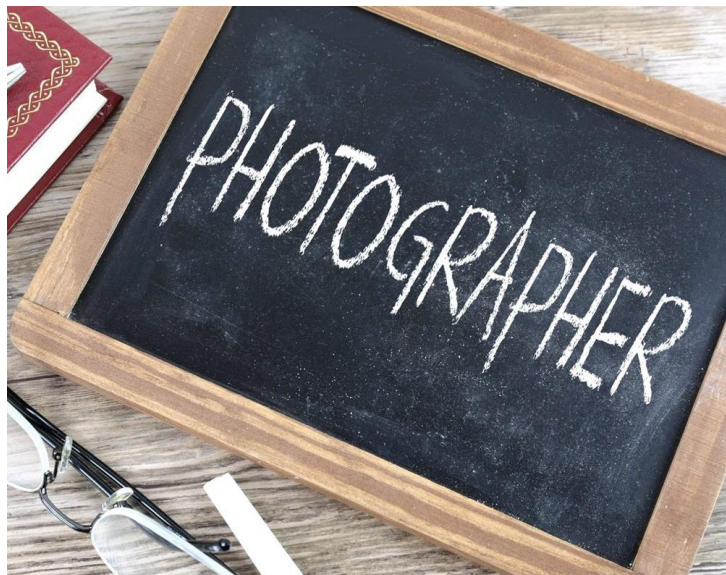
December 7 - 15

(Possibly Dec. 16 if needed. Not over the weekend)

Sign-ups via PTCFast

Retakes January 21

(possibly Jan. 22 if needed)



Sitting Fee is \$45 Paid directly to photographer (Cash, Cheque, Visa/MasterCard, Debit) - 12 poses

Online ordering will be possible but there is a 10% surcharge

****ALL** grads must be photographed for the yearbook/commencement ceremony

****If** not planning to purchase photos can be photographed for free - only 4 poses

Early Grad and Off-Campus Grads

STAY CONNECTED!

Talk to friends, check the [SKSS website](#), pay attention to the Grad 2027 Google Classroom

You can still vote for valedictorian, grad song, etc

Watch out for [scholarship deadlines](#)

Check in with your counsellor about Gold Cord if you think you may have met the criteria

GOLD CORD

It is all grads (including off campus) responsibility to check the Gold Cord list in the spring if they feel they may have met the criteria:

- SKSS honour roll every term in grades 10-12
 - academic or distinction honor roll grades 10 -12



GRAD REQUIREMENTS

80 credits (20 classes)

- 16 credits (4 classes) at the grade 12 level
- 28 elective credits (7 classes)
- 52 required credits:
 - CLE and CLC
 - PE 10
 - Science 10 + 1 Science 11 or 12 course
 - Socials 10 + 1 Socials 11 or 12 course
 - Math 10 + 1 Math 11 or 12 course
 - English 10, 11, and 12
 - Art or ADST 10, 11, or 12
- Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and Literacy 12 assessment

Additional French Immersion Dual Dogwood

- FRAL 10, 11, 12
- Sciences 10
- Sciences Humaines 10 & 11
- oral and written Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année



VALEDICTORIAN

- Multiple teacher and peer endorsements
- Other criteria (academic standing - distinction honor roll, no conduct)
- 1 - 2 min. video introducing self and why you would be a good valedictorian posted on Grad Google Classroom
- Anonymous vote
- 2 Valedictorians - create 1 speech together
- Nominations will occur in second semester



BANQUET ROLES

Grads also nominate people to fill the following roles during the grad/staff banquet:

- Emcees - 2 grads to organize the speeches and food distribution
- Giving thanks - 1 grad to acknowledge our time together and the efforts of our catering and serving staff
- Toast to staff - 1 grad to toast the SKSS staff
- Toast to grads - 1 staff member to reminisce and toast the grads
- Guest speaker - 1 staff member to provide words of encouragement and life lessons to grads



GRAD SCAV and other non-sanctioned events

Grad Scav - late June

- Some tasks could be criminal in nature
- Police Aware
- Special Concerns for Torch Holder's role

Grad Campout - late June

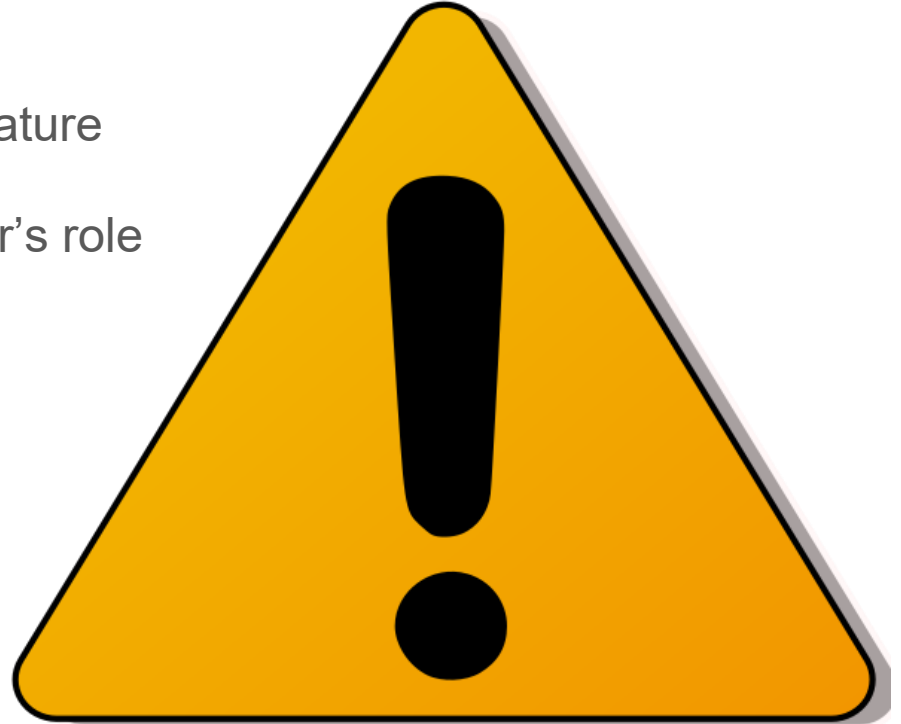
Grad kidnapping and Grad skip day

Torch Holder - late June

Party Safety

SNAPCHAT Group

Grad Assassin Game



Dry Grad Positions and Responsibilities

Thank you to our GRAD 2026 Committee for joining us! Please encourage others to get involved and to join when in possible - invite all to future meetings.

Grad 2027 Dry Grad Parent Committee:

Thank you for stepping up!



THANK YOU!

Lana Blais, Vice Principal

Connect with me:

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Stay updated:

[SKSS Webpage](#) - Parents and students

GRAD 2027 Google Classroom (code: **2wzg5v5d**) - Students

