



# **Kamloops School of the Arts**

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## **Grad 2026 Newsletter**

Dear Grade 12 Parents/Guardians & Students,

Welcome to the Graduating Class of 2026! Students started achieving credits for their Grad Plan in the grade 10 school year. This school year marks the final year of each student's high school Grad Plan so it is very important that students achieve all necessary credits in order to successfully graduate in June of 2026.

### **Important Dates**

<b>Thursday, October 16, 2025 -</b>	Grad Parent Meeting @ 6:30 pm in Drama Studio
<b>Monday, January 19, 2026-</b>	Grad Photos (sign up will be at the office)
<b>Tuesday, February 17, 2026-</b>	Grad Photo Retakes @ SKSS
<b>Wednesday, February 18, 2026 -</b>	Grad Photo Retakes @ SKSS
<b>Friday, June 12, 2026 -</b>	Commencements at TRU Grand Hall

### **Graduation Requirements**

In order to be eligible to participate in the June Commencement Ceremony, a student must have completed graduation requirements by the end of their grade 12 year. At the midterm point of second semester, there will be an adjudication of any student in grade 12 with failing grades. Failing grades will be formally warned if their graduation is in jeopardy. Students will have until the middle of May to improve.

I urge you to go to the following website: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/) to see what courses and credits make up the secondary school grad plan in British Columbia. We have a copy of each student's Grad Plan on file and students and parents are welcome to contact our school counselor- Suanne Wallin ([swallin@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:swallin@sd73.bc.ca)) to set up an appointment to discuss and view their plan. This is your grad year, make it count!

### **Provincial Assessments**

Students **MUST** complete Grade 10 and Grade 12 Provincial assessments to graduate. Numeracy and Literacy Assessments. Communication about assessments will be shared at school with students and through emails to parents to review with students.

### **Entrance Bursaries and Scholarships**

Almost all institutions and companies offer money to qualified students seeking admission to their institution. Some scholarships are based on academic performance and others focus more on community achievements and contributions. Bursaries are based on similar criteria, however they are specifically for those students who have financial need. The college and university calendars provide information about such awards but the websites will have the most up to date



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information about such funding. TRU has several entrance scholarships and the application is by March 1 of each year.

School District 73 has many scholarships available for grade 12 students. The deadlines for our local awards typically come up in March. Students are learning how to write scholarship applications in their career education classes this term. Here is the link to our school district website where you can access more information regarding the various awards.

[Scholarships Bursaries - School District No. 73 \(sd73.bc.ca\)](http://sd73.bc.ca)

## **Grad Gowns and Fees**

At KSA, graduating students will be purchasing a grad gown souvenir package that will include all of the necessary parts needed for commencement. Students will be measured by our office staff within the next month.

\$250 for Grad Fees is **due Feb 5, 2026** which includes:

- Rental of facility
- The graduate's food ticket
- Group Photo Package
  - 12 poses/proofs per grad
  - 11x14 vinyl diploma folder customized with the school name and logo
  - 11x14 mini composite of the grad class
  - 11x14 group photo from the grad ceremony
  - 1 – 5x7 of them at the grad ceremony
- Decorating for the commencement banquet
- Keepsakes (KSA grad souvenirs)
- Grad Gown Souvenir Package (gown, cap, tassel, V-Stole)

## **Grad Parent Meeting**

Lastly, we would like to invite all grad parents to join us for a very important grad meeting **Thursday, October 16th @ 6:30pm** in our drama studio. At this meeting we will be able to share with you some plans from the school and **provide parents an opportunity to join a grad parent committee and begin planning for grad events and fundraising ideas.** We hope you will be able to join us this evening!

Thank-you for your continued support. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. (250) 374-3200 or [jtraudt@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:jtraudt@sd73.bc.ca)

Kind regards,

Mrs. Jeanine Traudt, Vice Principal