



Kamloops School of the Arts

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Wednesday, March 1, 2026

Dear KSA Grad Families,

We are in the process of finalizing the details of the banquet and commencement ceremony for this graduation year. Today we would like to provide families with a bit more information of what our commencement ceremony will look like. Our hope is this will help with your family planning.

Kamloops School of the Arts Commencement Ceremony 2026 Friday June 12, 2026 @ Thompson Rivers University 805 TRU Way, Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8	
Friday, June 12th	
9:00 am	Grad Rehearsal meet at TRU Grand Hall - reach out to admin if ride is required; Students BE ON TIME. Admin will be present at 8:30am
3:30- 4:45pm	Photos of students in commencement gowns in the TRU Horticultural Garden (1.5 hr rental) with friends and family
4:45- 5pm	Grads hang up their gowns in the TRU Summit Room, walk around review art displays, photo opportunities in Grad Hall or on campus, prepare for dinner
5 pm	Dinner in the Grand Hall (This will include Teacher Tribute and Historian speeches)
6:15 pm	Dinner is cleared and Grads prepare for commencement ceremony in Summit Room and rest of guests arrive
6:30 pm	Commencement Ceremony (This will include Valedictorian speech and student performances)
9-9:30 pm	Evening Finishes



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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 their standing.**

Grad Fees: Please note Grad Fees are now due. Thank-you to those of you that have paid their \$250 for Grad Fees. **All fees must be paid in full** if your child is planning on participating in the commencement activities. **All outstanding school fees from previous years must also be paid in full** before grads will be able to participate in commencement. Please contact the school if you need to discuss a payment plan arrangement.

Dress for Commencements: June 12th will be a semi formal dress event as the students will be in their caps and gowns most of the afternoon/night. Students may wear a collared shirt and tie, dress pants, dress or skirt and dress shoes. This will be for dinner when they are not wearing their commencement gown. The grad cap for commencements is the only acceptable attire for their head. **The Prom (Sat. June 13th) that the parent committee is planning is the formal dress event where students will wear their tux or gown.**

Banquet Dinner Tickets: Each grad will be able to bring two family members to join them at the banquet dinner. Students are not required to buy tickets. Dinner tickets for the family are \$50 each. **Tickets will be on sale at the office the first week in May until May 30th.**

For the commencement portion of the ceremony, grads will also receive an additional 6 tickets for friends and family to join them during the evening. The tickets will be assigned at the office for students to pick up in the second week of May. We do keep a waitlist if families are needing extra tickets.

COMPLETE SHORT SURVEY to help us with planning.

It will take you less than 2 minutes to complete:

[Grad Banquet and Commencement 2026](#)



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Grad Special Roles: It is time for students to begin thinking about who they would like to have represent them as their Valedictorian, Historian and the Teacher Tribute. Applications will be available outside the office after spring break and due **Friday, May 1st**. Information is provided on these forms about what these roles entail. Nominated students will be contacted by the School Administration to ask if they wish to fulfill the responsibilities of this role.

Baby Photos: We are collecting baby photos to use when the students cross the stage and they will be included in the yearbook. **Complete this [FORM](#) for submitting your photo by **Friday May 1, 2026**.**

Arts Performances: KSA has a tradition of including our graduating artists in the commencement ceremony. We encourage grads from all Art Majors to consider a drama, music, media arts or dance performance. **Students can complete this [FORM](#) if they want to participate. Please sign up by **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**.** This may be a solo, duet, trio and/or media selection. If students have an art piece that they would like to have on display they can submit their contribution to Mrs. Traudt/Ms. Kubin in the office.

If you have any questions contact me via email.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Jeanine Traudt

Vice Principal

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