

May 29, 2019

Grad Update! (for Grads and Parents)

Friday, June 7th is not far away and plans are coming together for the SDSS Grad Walk, the Grad Dinner & Dance, and the Dry Grad after party! Ticket sales are now closed and we are looking forward to a safe and fun celebration with 250+ of the grads of 2019. Special thanks to all the volunteers who have come together to plan an amazing program of events.

To assist with your planning, here's a complete rundown of the lead up and the day ...

Thursday, June 6th

3:00-4:00 pm - West Gym

Following the Dinner/Dance on Friday night, busses will bring the grads back to SDSS to change for Dry Grad. On Thursday afternoon, Grads will drop off a garment bag (clearly labelled) including a hanger with a change of clothing, hoodie or light sweater and casual shoes to wear at dry grad. The garment bag will be used to hang up formal wear following the Dinner/Dance, and be picked up at the end of the night. Grads will also be given a white t-shirt at the clothing drop off to put into the garment bag and wear to Dry Grad.

Friday, June 7th – The Big Day!

Grad Walk at SDSS

- 4:00 pm Students meet in the **East Gym** to organize for the Grad Walk.
- 4:15 pm The Grad Walk begins. The walk will proceed through the theatre before heading outside to the ramp located at the northwest corner of the track. Parents and guests will be able to view the Grad Walk in the theatre or outside on the track or from the bleachers. It is advisable for parents and guests to arrive early to secure prime viewing space. In the event of rain, an alternate route is planned through the school.
- 5:00 pm There will be a **Parent/Grad Dance** in the West Gym at the conclusion of the Grad Walk (approximately 5:15 pm). This is an opportunity for parents and grads to share a special dance prior to the Grad Dinner and Dance at Tsawwassen Springs. Space is limited, so grads and parents only please.

Immediately following the Parent/Grad Dance, Grads depart for Tsawwassen Springs. Parents are requested to drop grads off at Tsawwassen Springs as transportation is not provided.

Graduation Dinner & Dance Tsawwassen Springs – Springs Ballroom:

- 6:00 pm Grads begin to arrive at Tsawwassen Springs.
- 6:30 pm Grad Group Photo – professional photograph by Artona
- 7:00 pm Dinner begins. Reserved seating. **There will be no “in/out” privileges during the evening. Smoking, vaping, alcohol or drugs are not permitted.**
- 8:30 pm Speeches, Dessert, and Dancing
- 9:30 pm The Dinner/Dance ends and students will load busses for transport to Dry Grad.

Busses will stop at SDSS for students to change out of their formal wear and into casual and comfortable clothes for Dry Grad.

Dry Grad After-Party

- 11:00 pm The Dry Grad After-Party begins. Music, Dancing, Games, Food and Prizes! This event is supervised by parents of Grade 11 students (not school personnel) and is scheduled to end at 3:00 am. Busses will transport students back to SDSS, arriving at approximately 4:00am.
- 4:00 am Busses return grads to SDSS. Grads pick up their garment bags and formal clothes. Parents are requested to arrange for safe transportation or to pick up their student from the school.

The Grad Walk, and the Grad Dinner/Dance are school functions and the Dry Grad is organized and run by volunteer parents. All school rules apply. The possession or use of drugs or alcohol is unacceptable and students who violate this expectation will be refused entry or required to leave. No refunds will be provided. We ask parents to support us by reinforcing this expectation.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING GRAD 2019 WITH YOU!