



**Sardis Secondary
Grad Handbook
2020-2021**

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February

- Due—PSI Choices Form at: www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca
- Order your Sardis grad wear for April delivery
- **February 1**—Commencement ticket purchases via email (\$7 per ticket) log in on website
- **February 10-11**—Grad Photo Retakes
- **February 11**—Group 1 Scholarship Applications due
- **February 18—Grad Information Meeting GIM**
- **February 25**—Group 2 Scholarship Applications due
- Grad information updated at www.myBlueprint.ca

March

- Grad information updated at www.myBlueprint.ca

April

- **April 14**—Dogwood District Authority Award Applications due
- **April 15—Grad Information Meeting GIM**
- **April 16—last day of term 3. Must be in good standing to participate in grad events.**
- April 12-16—Numeracy Assessment Write or Rewrite
- **April 15—Grad Information Meeting GIM**
- **April 29** Guest Applications available at the office (limited number)
- **April 29– May 28** Prom and Dry Grad tickets on sale
- **April 29—May 28** Book a banquet table with 9 friends at the office (must have purchased a B&D ticket to request a table)
- **April 29**—last day to request extra commencement tickets

May

- **May 19** - Athletic Banquet—Best Western
- **May 20—Grad Information Meeting**
- Book a banquet table with friends at the office (must have purchased a B&D ticket to request a table)
- **May 25-28 pick up** Commencement tickets at the office
- **May 26/27 pick up** Scholarship and Awards Invitations in the Falcon’s nest @ 2:45
- **May 28**—last day to submit banquet tables requests. After this, you will be assigned to a table.
- **May 28**—last day to buy prom tickets and/or submit guest applications

June

- **June 1**—attend Scholarship and Awards evening@ 6:00 pm
- **June 2– pick up** grad gown packages in pit @ 2:45
- **June 4**—commencement rehearsal & lunch @ 8:45—12:00 pm
- **June 4**—attend Commencement at Prospera; be there @ 5:00
- **June 7-11 pick up** Banquet & Dance tickets at the office
- **June 16**—last day of classes
- **June 17—23** Assessment & Reporting Week
- **June 14—23** Numeracy Assessment Write and Rewrite
- **June 23**—Banquet and Dance @ 5:00 at Ramada Inn Abbotsford
- **June 23**—attend Community Dry Grad following the Banquet and Dance @ Leisure Center Chilliwack 11:00 pm—5:00 am
- **June 25**— Report Cards available

Grad Checklist

September

- **September 18—Grad Information Meeting GIM**
- **Sept 21—UFV Information Zoom Meeting 3:30**
- Begin **CLC** at www.myBlueprint.ca
- Read through Grad Handbook (school website)
- Check your Graduation Status (meeting Grad requirements)
- Online application form for post-secondary at:
www.educationplannerbc.ca
- Online PSI form at www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca
- **Sept 18– Oct 6 (11:59)**—Book Grad Portrait appointments

October

- **October ____**—Virtual Grad Parent Information meeting TBD
- **October 1,2 & 5** Grad Rings on sale in the PIT at lunch
- **October 1** Begin applications to PSIs for September 2021
- **CLC** continued at www.myBlueprint.ca
- **Sept. 18-Oct. 6** Book appointment for your Grad portraits
- **October 7-17** Grad portraits
- **October 15 @ 6:30** Attend **Financial Opportunities Evening** with Brittany Palmer via Zoom
- **October 19 –20** Virtual PSI Fairs on Zoom—see Ms Christensen

November

- **Nov 2-6** Numeracy Assessment Writes and Rewrites
- November 3—Parents as Career Coaches 6:30—8 pm via Zoom—see Ms Christensen to register
- **CLC** continued at www.myBlueprint.ca
- Check your Transcript Verification Form (TVR) in Counselor Session (Flex sessions in November)
- **November** TVR verifications + PSI s
- **November 19—Grad Information Meeting GIM**

December

- Internal Scholarship Meetings in Zones at lunch—Ms. Christensen
- **CLC** continued at www.myBlueprint.ca
- Commencement data forms available online at the school website
- External Scholarship Meetings in Zones at lunch—Ms. Christensen
- **December 11 DUE—CLC—needs to be completed to graduate**

January

- Complete scholarship packages with reference letters
- Scholarship Meetings in Zones at lunch—see Ms. Christensen for details
- Check TVR to make sure you meet the Graduation requirements.
- **January 22—Grad Information Meeting GIM**
- **January 25-29 Assessment & Reporting Week**
- **January 29—Commencement data forms due**
- Grad information updated at www.myBlueprint.ca

** Remember to check the school website for updates to this checklist

Message to Parents

We know you are extremely proud and excited about this BIG year! We strongly encourage you as parents to get involved and help out with the Grad Activities. There are a lot of activities where help is needed and input is always appreciated. There will be a virtual Grad **Parent Information Evening Meeting** in the future. Stay tuned for details. Please check the school website regularly www.sss.sd33.bc.ca for updates. If you have any questions about a specific event, please contact the Sponsor Teacher for that function.

Sponsor Teachers

Sponsor Teachers are teachers who have volunteered their time to oversee a particular Grad event. If you are interested in helping them out please see them directly.

CLC portfolio (**Dec 11 due**).....Ms. Schramm/Mr. Dartnell/Mr. Wiseman
Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards.....Ms. Christensen
Yearbook.....Mr. Grenier
Grad Auction (TBD)..... Mr. Wiseman/Mr. Dartnell
Awards Ceremony (June 1).....Mr. Watt
Commencement Ceremonies (June 4).....Mrs. VanWinkle/Mr. Sandberg
Grad Banquet and Dance (June 23)TBD
Community Dry Grad (June 23)..... Mr. Wiseman

Provincial Assessments and Graduation Status

In order to graduate, students must complete a minimum of 80 credits (grade 10-12 courses) of which some, specific courses are required and some are elective (see the chart following). In addition, every student graduating in 2021 must complete a provincial numeracy assessment. Most students did this in their grade 11 year. If they didn't, they will need to do this assessment this year. The four opportunities to write, or re-write, this assessment are in November, January, April and June. You cannot graduate without this required assessment. See your counsellor or Vice Principal to register. Students in the French Immersion program are also required to write the Fra12 exam in June. See Mr. Hawkenson for more information. If you have questions about your graduation status, please see your counsellor.

Graduation Requirements At a Glance Requirements - What You Need to Graduate

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Subject Area	Minimum Credits
Planning 10 or CLE 10	4
a Language Arts 10	4
a Language Arts 11	4
a Language Arts 12	4
a Mathematics 10	4
a Mathematics 11 or 12	4
a Fine Arts and/or Applied Skills 10, 11 or 12	4
Social Studies 10	4
a Social Studies 11 or Political Studies 12 or FNS 12 or Hi 12 or Phil 12 or Law 12 or Geog 12 or Social Justice 12	4
Science 10	4
a Science 11 or 12	4
Physical Education 10	4
	48 credits
ELECTIVE COURSES	
Students must earn at least 28 elective credits (12 credits at the grade 12 level in addition to Language Arts 12)	Minimum Credits
Additional Grade 10-12	28
Career Life Connections (CLC) Students must earn 4 credits for Career Life Connections and do not graduate without it	4
OVERALL TOTAL	80
* Of the 80 credits for graduation, at least 16 must be at the Grade 12 level, including a Grade 12 Language Arts course. Others may be required or elective courses for Post Secondary Institutions (PSIs). *Also need to write the Numeracy Assessment	

Community Dry Grad

Date: June 23rd
Time: 11:00pm until 5:00am the next morning
Location: Leisure Landing Sports Center

Once the Banquet and Dance is over the night is just beginning!! There are plenty of fun things to do including casino games, character artists, games, bands, food and drinks. Grads should wear comfortable clothing and shoes as this is an activity packed event. Tickets will be available at the main window at the school office between April 12-May 28.

Grad Auction

Date: TBD
Time: 5:00pm

IF the grad auction is a go (To be decided in the Spring), grade 12 students will be asked to bring in business and community donations in the form of product or gift certificates prior to the event. 50% of the value of the auctioned donation will go directly into the student's grad account to pay for graduation tickets (prom, dry grad) or grad clothing. The remainder of the funds raised go toward reducing graduation event costs and supporting student scholarships for our Grad Legacy Fund.

Graduation Fee

The Graduation fee of **\$70.00** covers the cost of commencement including the grad gown, cap, tassel, stole, memento, one 5x7 grad photo and diploma, facility rental, and decorations.

Guest Application for Grad Events

Grads **may apply** to bring a guest to grad events (Grad Cruise, Grad Banquet and Dance, Dry Grad) however, the number of guests depends on space available. These are school events, and therefore the school reserves the right to deny guest applications. **All guests must be a secondary student (gr 10-12) from the Chilliwack School District and will require a character reference from an SD#33 school principal or vice principal.** Guest applications will be available at the office **April 28, 2021**. Students attending the April 25 GIM will be first in line to receive a guest application—distributed at the GIM. Guest applications for prom must be returned by May 28, 2020.

Grad Information Meetings (GIM)

There will be a series of **Grad Information Meetings** that inform the students of important dates and information regarding grad events. The GIMs are on the following dates: **September 18, November 19, January 22, February 18, April 15, May 20**

- Come to the ceremony already dressed in your gown with clothes underneath. (Guys: black dress pants, white dress shirt and black dress shoes. Girls: skirts or dresses with dress shoes). Students keep their gowns, hats and stoles. Gowns must be worn throughout the ceremony.
- If you want to take pictures at Prospera Centre arrive early and take the pictures with your family before the ceremony. Grads remain in seats during ceremony.

You must be in the Processional line up by 5:30. NO LATER!

Grad Gowns

- Grad Gown packages will be distributed in the PIT on **June 2 at 2:45**

Commencement Rehearsal

- **June 4th** at Prospera Centre (the morning of Commencement)
- All Grads are bussed to and from the Centre at 8:45 a.m.
- **NO EXCEPTIONS! Report to period 1 first.**
- Following the June 4 rehearsal, Grads will be bussed back to Sardis Secondary for a lunch (provided)
- There will be no afternoon classes for Grade 12s

Commencement Data Form

This form will be completed in the Grad Information Meeting on January 22. It is also available on the school website. It is important to fill it out and return it to the Main Office so we can order your graduation gown in the **correct size**. You need to write a brief statement which will be read as you cross the stage. This also ensures that your name (spelled correctly) appears in the Grad program. **January 29th** is the last date for submission.

Commencement Tickets

Graduates will receive 2 tickets for commencement. Tickets are picked up from the office **May 25—28**. Four (4) additional tickets may be requested via email between February 1 and April 29. After April 29, you will be put on the waitlist, and distribution will be limited to availability. Additional tickets cost \$7 per ticket and payment must be made at the time of pickup. All guests must have a ticket to be admitted to commencement.

Grad Banquet and Dance

Prom is a formal event where students dress up and spend a memorable evening together. Grads will share in a gourmet buffet dinner. There will be a brief formal program and then Grads dance the night away. Students purchase tickets at the office between **April 12 and May 28**. For a table (seating for 10 per table) - process for table seating TBA. Prom tickets are picked up in the office **June 7-11**.

Date: June 23rd
 Location: Ramada Inn, Abbotsford (**bussing will be mandatory to the site for all students**)
 Time: 5:00pm

Career Life Connections (CLC) 4 credits

- **All students must complete CLC in order to graduate.** A final mark (%) will be given for CLC and will appear on your report card and transcript
- Students are expected to complete a number of assignments that will demonstrate their Self-Awareness, Ability to work with others, collaborate and communicate, Career Knowledge and Career Awareness.
- Students will be given a rubric for how their mark (%) will be earned.
- An exit interview will be completed as the final activity for CLC.
- More information will be shared at the first Grad Information meeting, September 18. (Done in Flex)
- Make sure you have created your account for your CLC portfolio at www.myblueprint.ca (new user activation key is "sardis")
- **CLC is due December 11, 2020**

CLC Timeline

September 2020

- CLC presentation to all Grade 12 students in first Grad Information Meeting on **September 18 (Flex teacher provided this.)**
- Students should have set up their **myBlueprint** account and been working on portfolio fundamentals. If you have questions about CLC, contact your **supervisor (Mr. Dartnell A-G, Mr. Wiseman H-N or Ms. Schramm O-Z)**

December 11, 2020

- All CLC requirements MUST be completed

April 16, 2021 (end of term 3)

- Students who have not completed the CLC requirements will be removed from the Graduation list. **Students will not be able to attend graduation activities until CLC requirements have been met.**

Grad Portraits

Grad portraits are separate from the regular school pictures and will be taken by a professional photographer from **October 7-17** on the stage at Sardis Secondary. Book an appointment for portrait sittings September 18—October 6 (11:45pm) at www.signupgenius.com/go/sardis_2021grad_photos This portrait will be shown at commencement, will be on our grad composite that is hung in the hall and is in the yearbook. All students must get a photo taken.

Grad Rings

Grad rings can be purchased through Jostens Grad Rings. There will be here in Zone 1 on October 1, Zone 2 Oct 2 and Zone 3 Oct 5 at lunch. Orders may be placed by contacting Annette Van de Kamp at 604-341-4321 or 1-888-746-4626 or by going to www.jostens.com

Grad Information

Important information will be provided at Grad Information Meetings held on specific dates during Flex. As well, information and input (survey, grad forms, etc) will be required by Grads through their school district e-mail. This gives Grads the opportunity to have input into the Prom theme (colors, flowers, etc.), and selecting a class Valedictorian. It is important to have your voice heard.....this is your Graduation!! Make sure you access the **Grad Info Meetings** (see pages 10/11 for dates).

BC Post Secondary Institution (PSI) Information Nights

Due to Covid-19 and the safety measure we are practicing, there will not be a PSI Information Night held at Sardis Secondary. Instead, there are two virtual Information fairs scheduled for October 19 and 20. Follow [sss_career_center](https://www.sss-career-center.com) for important dates or e-mail lori_christensen@sd33.bc.ca for information.

Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

Financial Opportunities Evening provides parents and students with information about the process of applying for money to assist with post secondary costs. Mark **October 15** at 6:30—7:30 pm on your calendar for this year's informative meeting. Brittany Palmer will be doing a presentation on Zoom for all parents and students interested. Organizations want to give money away to deserving students, BUT you must apply. All scholarships, bursaries and awards will be formally presented at the Awards, Bursaries and Scholarships Evening on **June 1, 2021**.

Post-Secondary Application and PSI Choices Form

The Ministry of Education will send your transcripts, for free (up to 25), to a post secondary institution (PSI) of your choice once final marks are complete in June. To direct the sending of your transcripts, you must complete a form online at www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca. Students must log into their secure account and complete the form by June 20. In November you will be asked to attend the Transcript Verification session with your counsellor. During this session you will verify that your transcript information is correct, be led through the PSI choices form completion and receive assistance/direction on how to apply for PSIs at www.educationplannerbc.ca Students should start applying to PSIs beginning of October 1st.

Graduation Events

As the grad events take place, school administration has a responsibility to ensure that all guests in attendance will conduct themselves appropriately, be respectful to all other graduates and guests, and comply with requests/follow direction from school staff.

NOTE:

- All guests must be a secondary student (gr 10-12) from the Chilliwack School District
- All guests will be required to have a character reference from an SD#33 school principal or vice-principal
- For all grad functions outside of the City of Chilliwack, transportation will be provided by the School District, and it is expected that the guest will use the provided transportation.

***PLEASE NOTE:** These are events that are free of drugs and alcohol. Students that come to these events suspected to be or under the influence or in possession of drug or alcohol will not be admitted. There will be no refunds. All school rules apply. If it becomes apparent that a student is under the influence, he/she will be directed to leave. RCMP are in attendance. There are NO in and out privileges... once you leave you will not be allowed back in! (Auction, Commencement, Grad Prom, Dry Grad) At the end of Term 3, **April 16**, you MUST be in a position to complete the course requirements necessary to graduate by June 2021. If you are not in a position to graduate, you are **NOT** eligible to participate in the Commencement ceremonies, Grad Prom, and Dry Grad.

Grad Cruise

Due to Covid, we do not currently have plans to run a Grad Cruise. This may be reviewed/revisited in the Spring.

Commencement Ceremony

This is a formal ceremony sponsored by the staff and administration of Sardis Secondary School for parents and the community.

Date: Friday, June 4, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm (Grads need to be in line by 5:30)
Place: Prospera Centre

Grads—please be at Prospera Centre by 5:00. DO NOT BE LATE!

Things to know about Commencement night:

- This is a formal ceremony. Students must remain in their seats in gown and cap once commencement starts, and remain until the processional leaves at the end of the ceremony.
- Student and audience behavior is expected to be consistent with a formal ceremony of this type. (no noise makers, socializing during ceremony, leaving for pictures or visiting, etc) Inappropriate behavior diminishes the quality of the ceremony for everyone.