# Sardis Grad Newsletter

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Event	Cost	Date	Time	Tickets available on QuickPay	Location
Arcade Night	\$95	Nov 18	5:00-10:30 pm	Sep 20	Central City Fun Park - Surrey
Auction	\$30	Nov 27	6:00 pm	Oct 14	Sardis Secondary
Awards Night	ı	June 2	6:00 pm	-	Sardis Secondary
Commencement	\$100	June 5	5:00 pm (Grads) 6:00 pm (Guests)	Feb 1 – May 31	Chilliwack Coliseum
Banquet/Dance	\$130	June 25	5:00-10:00 pm	April 1 – June 14	Clarion Hotel, Abbotsford
Dry Grad	\$70	June 25	11:00pm-5:00am	Feb 1 – May 31	Landing Sports Centre, Chilliwack

#### **GRAD ARCADE NIGHT**

An opportunity for Grads to spend a fun-filled evening playing arcade games, bowling, roller skating, mini golfing, singing karaoke, playing laser tag, and so much more! <a href="https://www.centralcityfunpark.com/">https://www.centralcityfunpark.com/</a>

# **GRAD AUCTION**

Grade 12 students are asked to bring in products or gift certificates for the grad auction. Half of the value goes to the student's grad account to help with graduation costs (Prom, Dry Grad, Clothing, Commencement), and the other half supports grad events and scholarships through the Grad Legacy Fund. Tickets for the dinner auction are available in October; this event will sell out!

## **AWARDS NIGHT**

The awards recognize academic excellence, involvement, and leadership in co-curricular activities. Award winners will receive 2 guest tickets.

#### **GRAD COMMENCEMENT FORM**

A link and QR code will be shared with students through Teams to complete a **very important grad form,** that includes gradgown sizing, commencement blurb for walking across the stage and name for the commemorative diploma Grads pick up their gowns in June. This form is required for ALL Grade 12 students.

#### **GRAD PHOTOS**

All Grade 12's must have a grad photo sitting, as the photo will be in the yearbook and the grad composite photo that hangs in the school. Any questions pertaining to photos, photo packages, booking errors, etc. please email Dawn at Vibrant photos at: dawn@vibrantphotos.ca. Grad Photo's will be scheduled for January and a link will be advertised to sign up.

## **COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL**

Students will be bussed to the Coliseum on Jun 5 at 8:35am after Period 1 attendance and return at noon for a grad lunch- no afternoon classes for grads, and attendance is mandatory for all grads attending Commencement.

#### COMMENCEMENT TICKETS

Grads receive 4 free tickets for commencement, which are added to their QuickPay accounts. Tickets will be distributed in the last week of May, and any extra tickets should be returned to the office if not needed. Tickets are needed for guests' entry to the Coliseum. 2 additional tickets can be purchased on Quickpay.

#### COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Commencement is a formal event, and everyone should behave appropriately. Graduates must remain seated in their gowns and caps from start to finish. Avoid disruptive behaviors such as using noisemakers, socializing, or leaving for photos during the ceremony.

Graduates should wear black pants, skirts, or dresses, a white dress shirt, and dress shoes under their gowns, which they will keep along with their caps and stoles. For photos at the Coliseum, arrive early and take pictures with your family before the ceremony.

#### **BANQUET AND DANCE**

The Banquet & Dance is a formal event with a gourmet buffet dinner, followed by dancing. All school rules apply. Grads must be transported by bus to the Clarion Hotel, as there is no transportation to Dry Grad. School doors open from 3:00 to 4:45 pm, and buses depart for Abbotsford at 4:45 pm. Buses will return to SSS at 8:00- 10:00 pm.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

If you're interested in volunteering for the Banquet and Dance or Community Dry Grad, please visit our website for more details and to complete the volunteer form: <u>Grad Parent Volunteer Form</u>

Community Dry Grad is seeking about 140 adult volunteers to help with the event. There's an urgent need for more volunteers. For questions, contact Gordon Bennett at <a href="mailto:gordonbennett@telus.net">gordonbennett@telus.net</a> <a href="mailto:meeting-needing-bennett.">Meeting Dates:</a> will be posted on our website | 7:00 pm at The Landing Sports Center, 45530 Spadina Ave., Clover Room

#### **GRAD BANQUET TABLE SEATING**

Submit your table seating online Banquet Table Seating Form available Mar 1-Jun 14

Each table holds 10 people max. List all full names on one form—the first name will be the contact. Add "GUEST" after any guest names. Don't resubmit; the office will make corrections. You must buy a ticket online to get a table.

## **GUEST APPLICATIONS**

Grads can bring a guest to the Grad Cruise, Banquet, and Dry Grad. For Prom, grads purchase their tickets first, and guests may be considered if space allows. Guest applications are available at the office and must be approved by the administration. Guests must be secondary students from the Chilliwack School District (grades 10-12).

## **DRY GRAD**

After the Banquet and Dance, the night continues with Dry Grad, a Chilliwack community event. Tickets are available for Sardis Secondary students and their guests at the school. **NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR.** Activities include casino games, character artists, games, bands, food, and drinks. Grads should wear comfortable clothes and shoes for this action-packed event.

All graduation events are drug- and alcohol-free. Students suspected of being under the influence or possessing drugs or alcohol will be denied entry and may face consequences with no refunds. There are no in-and-out privileges; you cannot re-enter once you leave.