



**Sardis Secondary
Grad Handbook
2021-2022**

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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 onwards**—Commencement ticket purchases online (\$7 per ticket) log in on website
- **February 10-11**—Grad Photo Retakes
- **February 10—Grad Information Meeting GIM**
- **February 10**—Group 1 Financial Award Applications due
- **February 24**—Group 2 Financial Award Applications due
- Grad information updated at www.myBlueprint.ca

March

- Grad information updated at www.myBlueprint.ca

April

- **April 13**—Dogwood District Authority Award Applications due
- **April 14—Grad Information Meeting GIM**
- **April 14—last day of term 3. Must be in good standing to participate in grad events.**
- April 25-29—Numeracy and Literacy Assessments Write or Rewrite
- **April 4** Guest Applications available online (limited number)
- **April 4– May 27** Prom and Dry Grad tickets on sale online
- **April 4–May 27** 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 TBD-** Athletic Banquet—Best Western
- **May 19—Grad Information Meeting**
- Book a banquet table with friends at the office (must have purchased a B&D ticket to request a table)
- **May 30 onwards pick up** Commencement tickets at the office
- **May 25/26 pick up** Scholarship and Awards Invitations in the Falcon's nest @ 2:45
- **May 27**—last day to submit banquet tables requests. After this, you will be assigned to a table.
- **May 27**—last day to buy prom tickets and/or submit guest applications

June

- **May 30 onwards pick up** Banquet & Dance tickets at the office
- **June TBD**—attend Scholarship and Awards evening@ 6:00 pm
- **June 8– pick up** grad gown packages in pit @ 2:45
- **June 10**—commencement rehearsal & lunch @ 8:45—12:00 pm
- **June 10**—attend Commencement at Prospera; be there @ 5:00
- **June 21**—last day of classes
- **June 16-21** Assessment & Reporting Week
- **June 13–17** Numeracy and Literacy Assessments Write/Rewrite
- **June 22**—Banquet and Dance @ 5:00 at Ramada Inn Abbotsford
- **June 22**—Attend Community Dry Grad following the Banquet and Dance @ Leisure Center Chilliwack 11:00 pm—5:00 am
- **June 23**— Report Cards available

Grad Checklist

September

- Beginning September 21 book Grad Photo appointment online on SSS website
- **September 23—Grad Information Meeting GIM**
- **Sept 23—Grad Parent Meeting on Zoom, 7:00 pm**
- 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
- **September 28 @ 6:30 pm** Attend **Unlock Your Future: The Key to Scholarships** with Brittany Palmer via Zoom

October

- **October 1** Begin applications to PSIs for September 2022
- **CLC** continued at www.myBlueprint.ca
- **October 6 @ 6:30** Attend **Parents as Education and Career Coaches** on Zoom
- **Oct 7, 19, Nov. 3, 9, 18, Dec 1 & 7** from **9am-7pm** Post-Secondary BC Virtual Fair
- **October 6-9, 12-15** Grad Portrait Appointments
- **October 14-15** Grad Rings on sale outside the library at lunch
- **October 19 –20** Virtual PSI Fairs on Zoom—see Ms. Christensen

November

- **Nov 1-5** Numeracy and Literacy Assessments Writes and Rewrites
- **Nov. 3, 9, 18, Dec 1 & 7** from **9am-7pm** Post-Secondary BC Virtual Fair
- **CLC** continued at www.myBlueprint.ca
- Check your Transcript Verification Form (TVR) in Counselor Session (Flex sessions in November)
- **November** TVR verifications + PSIs
- **November 18—Grad Information Meeting GIM**

December

- **Dec 1 & 7** from **9am-7pm** Post-Secondary BC Virtual Fair
- Scholarship Meetings in Flex—Ms. Christensen
- **CLC** continued at www.myBlueprint.ca
- Commencement data forms available online at the school website
- **December 10 DUE—CLC—needs to be completed to graduate**

January

- Complete scholarship packages with reference letters
- Check TVR to make sure you meet the Graduation requirements.
- **January 20—Grad Information Meeting GIM**
- **January 24-28 Assessment & Reporting Week**
- **January 28—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 10 due**).....Ms. Ego/Mr. Dartnell/Mrs. Lightle
Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards.....Ms. Christensen
Yearbook.....Mr. Grenier
Grad Auction (TBD).....Ms. Ego/Mrs. Lightle
Awards Ceremony (TBD).....Mr. Watt
Commencement Ceremonies (June 10).....Mrs. VanWinkle
Grad Banquet and Dance (June 23)Mr. Dartnell/Mrs. Lightle
Community Dry Grad (June 23).....Mr. Heisler

Provincial Assessments and Graduation Status

In order to graduate, students must complete a minimum of 80 credits in grades 10-12 courses; some courses are required and some are electives (see the chart following). In addition, every student graduating in 2022 must complete a provincial numeracy assessment and two literacy assessments. Most students did this in their grade 10 or 11 years. If they didn't, they will need to do these assessments this year. The four opportunities to write or re-write these assessments are in November, January, April and June. You cannot graduate without these required assessments. See your counsellor or Vice Principal to register. Students in the French Immersion program are also required to write the Fral 12 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**

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 credits	28
Career Life Connections (CLC) Students must earn 4 credits for Career Life Connections and do not graduate without it	4
OVERALL TOTAL	80
<p>* 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</p>	

Community Dry Grad

Date: June 22nd
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 online beginning April 4, 2022.

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 a SD#33 school principal or vice principal.** Guest applications will be available online beginning [April 4, 2022](#). Guest applications for prom must be returned by May 27, 2022.

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 23, November 18, January 20, February 10, April 14, and May 19.](#)

- 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 8th at 2:45**

Commencement Rehearsal

- **June 10th** 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 10 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 20th. 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 28th** is the last date for submission.

Commencement Tickets

Graduates will receive 2 tickets for commencement. Tickets are picked up from the office **starting May 30th**. 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 online between **April 4 and May 27**. For a table (seating for 10 per table) - process for table seating TBA. Prom tickets are picked up in the office **at the same time as commencement tickets.**

Date: June 22, 2022
 Location: TBD (**bussing will be mandatory to the site**)
 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, Collaboration and Communication, 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 23 (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 10, 2021**

CLC Timeline

September 2021

- CLC presentation to all Grade 12 students in first Grad Information Meeting on **September 23 (Flex)**
- 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, Ms. Ego H-Po or Mrs. Lightle Pr-Z)
- All CLC requirements MUST be completed by **April 14, 2022 (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 6-9 and 12-15** on the stage at Sardis Secondary. Book an appointment for portrait sittings beginning September 21st at www.signupgenius.com/go/sardis_2022grad_photo_signup. The link is on the SSS website. 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. They will be here outside the library on October 14-15 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

Virtual BC PSI Information Fairs are scheduled for Oct. 7, 19, Nov. 3, 9, 18, Dec. 1 and 7 from 9am-7pm. Grade 12s will be given the opportunity to register and attend the Oct. 7th virtual session during Flex. Follow sss_careers for important dates or e-mail lori_christensen@sd33.bc.ca for information.

Scholarships and Post-Secondary

Unlock Your Future—The Key to Scholarships on September 28th at 6:30 pm provides parents and students with information about the process of applying for money to assist with post secondary costs. Brittany Palmer will be doing a presentation on Zoom for all parents and students interested. **Parents as Education and Career Coaches on October 6th** is another evening Zoom presentation for parents to learn how to assist their children in navigating careers and post-secondary. The Zoom links will be sent out by email. 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.

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 completed 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 14, you MUST be in a position to complete the course requirements necessary to graduate by June 2022. 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 Fall Grad Cruise. This will 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 10, 2022
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.