



# SARDIS GRAD NEWSLETTER

April 5, 2024

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## GRAD CRUISE

- Date:** Thursday, April 25, 2024  
**Time:** Leave SSS @ 4:00 pm.  
**Place:** Harbour Cruises, Vancouver  
**Cost:** \$150.00 (dinner, dance, transportation)  
**On Sale:** Mar 1—Apr 14 on [Student QuickPay](#)



Grads are invited to the Grad Cruise onboard the MV Britannia to enjoy the incredible views of the North Shore and the lights of the downtown along Vancouver Harbour, Granville Island, False Creek, and more. Guests are allowed. Guest apps can be picked up at the office. Chicken dinner will be served. **If you have any food allergies, please contact the office. \*\*\* We will accept applications over the weekend until Monday, Apr 15, at 9:00 am**

WEST COAST CAESAR SALAD WITH CHEF'S CREAMY DRESSING, CRUNCHY CROUTONS  
ORZO GREEK SALAD  
FRESH BAKED ARTISAN BREAD ROLLS & BUTTER  
HERB ROASTED CHICKEN  
BAKED POTATOES WITH SOUR CREAM & GREEN ONIONS  
ASSORTED DESSERT SQUARES (INCLUDING VEGAN BROWNIES)

## AWARDS NIGHT

- Date:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Place:** Sardis Secondary Gym, 45460 Stevenson Road, Chilliwack



Students **pick up awards night invitations at the Falcon's Nest on May 28 and 29**. The awards cover a wide range of activities in our high school. Award winners are selected by academic excellence, involvement, and co-curricular activity leadership. **Students will receive two guest tickets.**

## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

- Date:** Thursday, Jun 13, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00 pm for guests and family  
**Place:** The Chilliwack Coliseum  
**Grads:** Arrive by 5:00 pm—**DO NOT BE LATE.**



- Commencement is a formal ceremony, and student and audience behavior should be consistent with this type of ceremony.
- Grads must remain in their seats in gowns and caps once commencement starts and stay there until the processional leaves at the end of the ceremony.
- Please, no noisemakers, socializing during the ceremony, leaving for pictures or visiting, etc.; inappropriate behavior diminishes the quality of the ceremony for everyone.
- Grads should come to the ceremony dressed in their gown with appropriate attire: black dress pants/ skirts/ dresses, white dress shirt, and dress shoes. **Students KEEP their grad gowns, caps, and stoles.**
- If you want to take pictures at the Coliseum, arrive early and take the pictures with your family before the ceremony.

## Commencement Tickets

- **Graduates** receive **FOUR free tickets for commencement** that have been added to Student Quickpay accounts
- **Tickets are distributed from June 5 onwards** - if you do not need extra tickets, return them to the office.
- **Anyone without a ticket will not be admitted to the Coliseum.**
- **Four (4) additional tickets** are available for \$7/each on **Student Quickpay**, Feb 1 – May 31.
- **For over eight (8) tickets**, please email [sss\\_finance@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:sss_finance@sd33.bc.ca) with your request.

## Grad Gown Distribution – Jun 11 @ 2:45 in the Pit

## Grad Rehearsal – Jun 13

- Students are bussed at 8:35 to the Coliseum after Period 1 attendance and return at noon for a grad lunch- there will be no afternoon classes for grads.
- All grads must attend.

## BANQUET AND DANCE

**Date:** Wednesday, Jun 26, 2024  
**Time:** 5:00 pm—10:00 pm.  
**Place:** Clarion Hotel (Abbotsford)  
**Theme:** Old Hollywood  
**Cost:** \$130 (dinner, dance, transportation)  
**On Sale:** Apr 1—Jun 14 on [Student QuickPay](#)



The Banquet & Dance is a formal event where students dress up and spend a memorable evening together. Grads will share in a gourmet buffet dinner. After a brief formal program, Grads dance the night away. **All school rules apply.**

**TRANSPORTATION:** All grads **MUST** be transported by **BUS** to the Clarion Hotel—no transportation to Dry Grad.

**School doors open:** 3:00 –4:45 pm  
**Depart SSS to Abbotsford:** 4:45 pm  
**Return to SSS:** Busses will return at 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, and 10:00 pm.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** — please mail [jenna\\_clayton@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:jenna_clayton@sd33.bc.ca) if you can volunteer!

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| Registration/Check-in (School) | 7 people  | Wednesday, Jun 26 | 3:00—4:45 pm. |
| Supervision/Security (School)  | 14 people | Wednesday, Jun 26 | 2:45—4:45 pm. |
| Clean-up (School)              | 6 people  | Wednesday, Jun 26 | 4:45 pm.      |
| Clean-up (Clarion Hotel)       | 6 people  | Wednesday, Jun 26 | 10:00 pm.     |

## GRAD BANQUET TABLE SEATING OPEN APR 1—Jun 14

- Submit tables online <https://sss.sd33.bc.ca/grad-banquet-table-seating>
- Maximum of 10 people per table - no exceptions.
- Submit all people on one form—full names only.
- The first name on the form is the contact person for the whole table.
- For anyone at the table who is a guest, please type GUEST after their name.
- The office must make corrections to your table. Do not resubmit your table.
- **DO NOT ADD PEOPLE TO YOUR TABLE WITHOUT ASKING THEM FIRST.**
- To be assigned a table, you must have purchased a ticket online.



## GUEST APPLICATIONS

Grads may bring a guest to the grad events (Grad Cruise, Banquet, and Dry Grad). For Prom, Grads will have the option of purchasing their tickets first, and if space is available, **guests will be considered**.

Applications can be picked up at the office, and the Administration must approve guests. All guests must be secondary students from the Chilliwack School District (grades 10-12). Once approved, the guest ticket will be added to their student Quickpay account.

**Cruise:** Mar 1—Apr 15

**Banquet:** Apr 1—Jun 14

## DRY GRAD

**Date:** Wednesday, Jun 26, 2024

**Time:** 11:00 pm to 5:00 am.

**Place:** Landing Sports Center

**Cost:** \$60.00

**On Sale:** Apr 1—Jun 7 on [Student QuickPay](#)



Once the Banquet and Dance is over, the night is just beginning. Dry Grad is a Chilliwack community event, and tickets are available for Sardis Secondary students and their guests at the school and door the night of Dry Grad. Activities include casino games, character artists, games, bands, food, and drinks. Grads should wear comfortable clothes and shoes, as this is an activity-packed event.

### ALL SCHOOL RULES APPLY!

**All graduation events are free of drugs and alcohol.** Students who attend events suspected of or under the influence or possessing drugs or alcohol will not be admitted. Consequences may follow. There will be no refunds.

**There are NO in and out privileges, and if you leave, you will not be allowed back in.**

## 2024 COMMUNITY DRY GRAD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Community Dry Grad needs adult volunteers to work at the event. We need approximately 140 parent volunteers to help make this event a success, and we are desperately short at the moment. Please attend the next meeting on Feb. 13th if you are interested in helping. Our grads need you! **Questions? Contact: Gordon Bennett at [gordonbennett@telus.net](mailto:gordonbennett@telus.net)**

**Meeting Dates:** Apr. 09<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, May 28<sup>th</sup>, Jun. 11<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm at 45530 Spadina Ave., Clover Room

| DATE   | TIME             | POSITION                        | # OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED |
|--------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| JUN 25 | 10:00 am-5:00 pm | DECORATIONS SET-UP              | 20                     |
| JUN 26 | 6:00 pm-11:00 pm | FOOD PREPARATIONS               | 6                      |
| JUN 26 | 11:00 pm-1:30 am | FRONT TABLE & STUDENT CHECK-INS | 10                     |
| JUN 26 | 11:00 pm-5:00 am | REFRESHMENT AREA                | 20                     |
| JUN 26 | 11:00 pm-5:00 am | CANDY STATION                   | 6                      |
| JUN 26 | 11:00 pm-5:00 am | GAME/ACTIVITY STATIONS          | 20                     |
| JUN 26 | 11:00 pm-5:00 am | AIR CASH MACHINES               | 4                      |
| JUN 26 | 11:00 pm-5:00 am | PRIZE AREA                      | 20                     |
| JUN 26 | 11:00 pm-5:00 am | CASINO AREA                     | 35                     |
| JUN 27 | 5:00 am-10:00 am | CLEAN UP & TEAR DOWN            | 20                     |

## GRADS—Important Dates

| Event           | Cost                           | Date   | Time                           | Location  |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|---|
| Grad Cruise     | \$150                          | Apr 25 | 4:00 pm—11:30 pm               | <a href="#">Harbour Cruises</a> , Vancouver                 |
| Awards Night    | No Cost                        | Jun 4  | 6:00 pm.                       | Sardis Secondary Gym<br>45460 Stevenson Rd                  |
| Commencement    | \$100 included in student fees | Jun 13 | 6:00 pm.<br>(Grads at 5:00 pm) | The Chilliwack Coliseum<br>45323 Hodgins Avenue, Chilliwack |
| Banquet / Dance | \$ 130                         | Jun 26 | 5:00 pm—10:00 pm.              | <a href="#">Clarion Hotel</a><br>Abbotsford, BC             |
| Dry Grad        | \$60                           | Jun 26 | 11:00 pm—5:00 am.              | Landing Sports Centre<br>45530 Spadina Avenue, Chilliwack   |

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| Feb. 1 – May 31 | <a href="#">Quickpay</a>           | Commencement tickets onsale online. Grads receive 4 complimentary tickets. Extras are \$7 on Student Quickpay. Email <a href="mailto:sss_finance@sd33.bc.ca">sss_finance@sd33.bc.ca</a> to request more than 8 tickets. No refunds. You must have a ticket to be admitted entrance. |
| Mar 1—Apr 14    | <a href="#">Quickpay</a>           | Grad Cruise Permission forms and tickets available online. Guest apps available at the office and on the website.   |
| Mar. 7 & 8      | SSS Website                        | Sign up for Grad photo retakes on the Sardis Secondary website.   |
| Mar. 14         | Mrs. Van Winkle                    | Career Life Connections are due.  |
| Apr 1—Jun 14    | <a href="#">Quickpay</a><br>Office | Banquet and Dance permission forms and tickets available to purchase<br>Dry Grad Tickets available to purchase<br>DEADLINE to submit B & D GUEST APPLICATIONS   |
| Apr 1—Jun 14    | Office                             | Guest applications available for Banquet and Dance  |
| Apr 1 - Jun 14  | Online                             | Deadline to choose your table at prom at <a href="https://sss.sd33.bc.ca/banquet-table-seating">https://sss.sd33.bc.ca/banquet-table-seating</a>  |
| May 28, 29      | Falcons Nest                       | Distribution of Scholarship Awards Night invitations.   |
| May 31          | <a href="#">Quickpay</a>           | Last day to request extra commencement tickets  |
| Jun 4           | Sardis Secondary                   | Scholarship Awards Night at 6:00 pm (invitations distributed to award winners)  |
| Jun 5 - Onwards | Office                             | Distribution of commencement tickets, Prom & Dry Grad Tickets.<br>Students must have a ZERO balance on their account to pick up tickets.  |
| Jun 11          | SSS Pit Area                       | Distribution of grad gowns @ 2:45 pm.   |
| Jun 13          | Coliseum                           | Rehearsal at 8:35 am (students bussed from and back to SSS)   |
| Jun 13          | Coliseum                           | Commencement (Grads to be at Prospera at 5:00 p.m.)   |
| Jun 14          | <a href="#">Quickpay</a>           | DEADLINE to purchase banquet and dance tickets.   |
| Jun 26          | Clarion Hotel                      | Banquet/Dance at 5:00–10:00 p.m. All transportation to the event is by bus ONLY.  |
| Jun 26          | Landing Sports Centre              | Dry Grad at 11:00 pm—5:00 am.   |