



GRAD NEWSLETTER #1



October 2018

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 11 - 20, 2018.....	Grad Photo Session #1
January 31, 2019.....	Graduation Forms due
February 5 - 6, 2019.....	Grad Photo Re-takes
February 15, 2019.....	Grad Transitions Deadline
May 1, 2019.....	Grad Fee Deadline
May 2019.....	Grad program review by Admin
June 14, 2019.....	Grad Banquet - 5:15 pm Commencement Ceremony - 7:00 pm
T.B.A.....	Prom and Safe Grad

All Grads and their Parents/Guardians are encouraged to check the SKSS website regularly for updated information. Visit the 'Graduation News & Info' folder as well as the 'Dry Grad / Prom' folder to see current information.

EARLY GRADS AND ALTERNATE PROGRAM STUDENTS:

If you are an early Grad, a student enrolled in ACE-IT at TRU, Work Experience or another alternate program please contact Mrs. Recchi at the school with an e-mail address so we can keep you informed and pass on any important information and deadlines.

GRADUATION FORM:

All grads are asked to complete the attached Graduation Form and return it to the office no later than January 31, 2019. This is a collection of information to be used by the school as well as the Dry Grad Committee to plan events in June.

GRAD PHOTO INFORMATION:



Grad photos will be taken December 11 - 20, 2018 prior to the Winter Break. Sign up sheets will be posted in the office around the end of November for Grads to select their session date & time. These photos are used for yearbook and class composite purposes so **all Grads are encouraged to have their photo taken even if you do not plan on purchasing a photo package.**

If you are planning to have your photos taken by a photographer other than Right Photography, a rental cap and gown is available through the main office. Rental cost is \$5.00 plus a \$20.00 refundable deposit. Deposit is refunded upon return of the cap, v-stole and gown. *For information about photos and/or photo packages please visit Right Photography's website: www.rightphotography.com*

BABY PHOTOS:

We will be putting together a slideshow to run during the Commencement Ceremony on Friday, June 14th that will include baby photos of our Grads. Please submit your photo (infant to pre-school age) to the main office by April 1st. This can be done by emailing a digital or scanned photo (minimum size 500px by 500px, JPEG or PNG file type, file name: lastname_firstname.jpg) to skss-office@sd73.bc.ca. If you are unable to scan the image we can do it for you. Please bring the photo to the main office where we will scan it for you while you wait!

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

In order to be eligible to participate in the June Commencement Ceremony, a student must complete graduation requirements by the end of his or her grade 12 year. At midterm of the second semester, there will be an adjudication of any students in grade 12 with failing grades. Administration, in consultation with counselors and teachers, will conduct this process. Failing students will be warned formally as part of this process. Students will have until the last week of May to improve any failing marks. Students who are still failing at the end of May will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement ceremony.

GRADUATION TRANSITION REMINDERS:

All graduates of 2019 will have to complete a student transition plan in order to earn four credits towards graduation. In the fall, counselors will be around to the grade 12 classes to talk to students about what is required and the process here at SKSS. Students graduating in January of 2019 should aim to have their plans and exit interviews completed by the end of December 2018, and all others should plan to have their requirements met by February 15, 2019 to ensure they are not rushing to meet requirements at the end of the year. Students are encouraged to see their counselor for further clarification.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS:

Students need to show they have participated in at least 80 hours of physical activity during their last two years of school (inside or outside of school - any grade 11 or 12 PE or athletic activities would go towards meeting this requirement). They also have to provide evidence of 30 hours of paid work or community volunteer time during their last three years of school. As evidence of that, we ask that the student be prepared to provide the name and phone number of his/her employer or supervisor. They will also be required to complete an elementary budget which has them think about how they will finance their first year following public school whether going on in school or into the workforce.

Forms will be provided by the counselors in their meetings with grade 12 students.

GRAD FEE INFORMATION:

The school grad fee is \$120 and covers:

1. All commencement costs including your gown, memento grad cap and tassel, graduation certificate, composite photo and commencement ceremony photo.
2. All banquet costs including meal and decorations at McArthur Island Sports Centre and other grad events at the school.

Please pay your grad fee in the main office before May 1, 2019.

GRAD DINNER & COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY:

Both the Grad Dinner and Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 14th at the McArthur Island Sports Centre.

- A rehearsal will be held at 11:45pm on Friday, June 14th. Students will be bused from SKSS to McArthur Island at 11:30am. All students are required to ride the bus to the rehearsal.
- The Grad Dinner will begin at 5:15pm in the Curling Arena. This function is for Grads and SKSS faculty only.
- The Commencement Ceremony will follow dinner in the Ice Arena area at 7:00pm.
- Tickets are required for family and friends to attend the Commencement Ceremony. Each Grad will receive 10 tickets. Requests for additional tickets will be taken at the office.



GRAND MARCH/PROM & SAFE GRAD EVENT:

The Grand March / Prom and Safe Grad events are being organized by the Parent Dry Grad Committee. These are not school events and not included in the previously mentioned school Grad Fees. A separate fee will be charged - amount to be determined by the Dry Grad Committee.

The committee for the 2019 Grad Class has not yet been formed. Parents are called to a meeting on October 17th and information will be available soon. We will forward names and contact information via the school website as soon as possible.

ADOPT-A-GRAD PROGRAM:

Grads in need of assistance to get decked out for Prom events are encouraged to contact the Adopt-a-Grad Program. Visit their Facebook page or email them at adoptagrad106@gmail.com for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Grad please contact Mrs. Mattes at the school: 250-374-1405