

GRAD 2021

Dear Grads and Families of Grads,

We realize that we are approaching another year of uncertainty. Given that, we will have to follow the provincial guidelines we are given at the time for any grad event scheduled and unfortunately this may mean adjusting it or even cancelling it. We have already made some adjustments to the calendar and may have to make others. Otherwise, here is a list of dates for the events scheduled for this year. We are hopeful that they will be able to go ahead as planned but will be flexible and creative if we need to make adjustments. Nonetheless, we will be working closely with the grad council throughout the year to celebrate your final year in numerous and creative ways.

Be in the Know!

1. Get reminders and information on the school's Instagram account.
2. Be sure to check your email regularly.
3. You will also find information being posted on the school website under the Student Life tab.
4. Join Grad Council – be a member to get information and have input!

Grad Spirit Wear

Grad hoodies and pants can be purchased up to Thursday, September 18th for a Thanksgiving delivery. A second and final order of grad spirit wear will be placed at the end of October for a December delivery. Please see our school website and order on the Pay Fees >School Cash Online page. If you have questions, please email Mrs. Belton at mbelton@sd35.bc.ca.

Grad Yearbook Comments

Due by Tuesday, October 13th

A separate letter will be emailed with requirements and restrictions. Start thinking about what you might want to say. Stay tuned!

Grad Photos

October 26 – November 6th

Appointments will be booked online. More details to come via email.

Snowball Dance

Wednesday, January 27th, 2021

This is a semi-formal dance held in our school's gallery for grade 11 and 12 REMSS students. Tickets will go on sale immediately after the Winter Break.

Grad Cruise

Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021

Tickets will be on sale in February at the main office. The ticket price is \$75 to paid by cash only. Ticket price includes mandatory bus transportation to and from the school, dinner, unlimited soft drinks, DJ and dance. Once all grads have had a chance to purchase a ticket and if there are remaining tickets then guest tickets may be purchased.

Grad Walk

Monday, June 14th, 2021 8:45 to 11:45 am

This year, we will be starting a new "Grad Walk" tradition that other schools have been doing for a few years. The Grad Walk involves having students who are attending the Graduation Ceremony dress in full regalia and return to their previous elementary/middle schools to walk through the hallways as they are congratulated by the younger students and their former teachers. It is also used as a motivator for our future students as they see the goal of graduation being realized. The process usually ends with some fun pictures of the Grads on the playground equipment. Students will then walk or be bused back to REMSS.

Grad Ceremony

Monday, June 14th, 2021, 6:00pm (grads must be there at 5:00pm)

Chandos Pattison Auditorium

10238 168th Street, Surrey, BC

All Grads must complete a comment to be read when they cross the stage to get their diploma. It will be given out in the spring and must be submitted by **MAY 1st** to tabelton@hotmail.com

TICKETS: Due to our increasing grad class size, grads this year will receive **THREE** tickets at a cost of \$5.00 each (Cash only). Tickets will go on sale in May. In order to purchase tickets all school fees and fines must be paid. Grads themselves do not need to purchase a ticket, as they will be seated on the stage. Once all grads have had the opportunity to purchase three tickets, additional tickets, maximum of 2 per grad, may

be purchased. Seating will be assigned on your purchased ticket. We will be live streaming the ceremony for those who cannot attend.

Red Carpet Walk and Gala

REMSS Saturday, June 19th, 2021 3:30 – 5:00 pm

This is a free event. Grads will walk alone, in pairs or small groups along a red carpet while family and friends watch and celebrate our Grads of 2021. This will be followed by a reception in our beautiful gallery space for people to mingle and take pictures. The gala will end with one group picture of the grad class before the grads head to security and the bus for their dance.

DINNER DANCE

Langley Coast Hotel, Ballroom

Saturday, June 19th 6:00-11:00 pm

Approximately \$80.00 per person

Cash only (tickets will go on sale at the end of May)

Please note that due to the growth in grad class size, there will be **no parent dinner or dessert tickets** available. This will be a grads-only event (along with staff supervision of course!).

There will be a more detailed letter going out to grads and families in the spring explaining the process for the June 14th and 19th events. Please be mindful and patient that these events as scheduled are subject to change based on Public Health guidelines.

Kindly,

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