

GRAD 2024

Dear Grads and Families of Grads,

This will be an exciting final year for you! We have many things planned and want you to be aware of what to expect and how to get involved. Here is a list of dates for the events scheduled for this year. We will be working closely with 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 and the Grad 2024 Teams page 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! Meetings will take place at lunch on Tuesdays. Listen for announcements at school!

Grad Fees

Grad Fees this year are \$65. This fee goes towards the ceremony, grad gown purchase, grad related school events, etc. This is a mandatory fee to participate in events. Please pay this in a timely manner.

Grad Cruise

Wednesday, September 27th

Start time: Grads will need to be at the school by 3:45 pm

End time: Event ends at 10 pm at the school

Tickets will be on sale Sept. 8th to 15th or until sold out whichever comes first. The ticket price is \$100 and can be purchased on School Cash Online. Ticket price includes MANDATORY bus transportation to and from the school, dinner, unlimited soft drinks, DJ and dance. Tickets are not transferable and no refunds after Sept. 15th. This is a REMSS Grad only event – no guests allowed. Students MUST bring photo ID at the time of check-in.

This year there will be **TWO BOATS**. Grads need to select which boat they would like to go on when they purchase their ticket. Choose either **GOLD** or **SILVER**.

Grad Hoodie

Grad hoodies may be purchased if you choose. Watch for an upcoming vote on a design! Please see our school website on the Pay Fees >School Cash Online page once a decision has been made.

Grad Yearbook Comments

Due mid-November

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

Grad Photos

October 24 – November 10th

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

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Snowball Dance

Thursday, December 7th, 2023

This is a semi-formal dance held in our school's gallery for REMSS students. Tickets will go on sale mid-November. More details to come closer to the event!

Red Carpet Walk and Family Gala

REMSS Saturday, June 15th, 2024 3:30 – 4:30 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 2024. This will be followed by a reception in our beautiful gallery space as well as outside 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

Aria Convention Centre

Saturday, June 15th 2024 6:00-11:00 pm

Approximately \$120.00 per person

(tickets will go on sale at the end of May, details to follow in the spring).

GRAD WALK

Date: TBD

Willoughby Slope Elementary and Middle schools

The Grad Walk involves having students 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. 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 24th, 2024, 6:00 pm (tentative date)

Langley Events Centre

All Grads must complete a brief comment to be read when they cross the stage to get their diploma. It will be emailed in the spring and must be submitted by April 19th.

All Grads must complete a Grad Gown order form when it is released late November. Grads need to arrive at the venue by 5:15 pm.

TICKETS: Each grad will be given two tickets as part of their grad fees. Extra tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$10.00 each. The extra tickets will go on sale in April. 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 with the grads. We will be recording the ceremony for those who cannot attend.

There will be a more detailed letter going out to grads and families in the spring explaining the process for the June events.

Kindly,

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