

GRAD 2025 INFORMATION AND ORDER FORM PACKAGE

THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING THE:

- GRAD WALK ON THURSDAY JUNE 19TH 2025
- GRADUATION CEREMONY ON THURSDAY JUNE 19TH 2025
- DINNER & DANCE ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 25TH 2025

PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION WITH YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN AND NOTE DATES AND DEADLINES ON YOUR CALENDAR! EVERY GRAD EVENT HAS A DEADLINE.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OR DINNER & DANCE?

SEE MS. MARIE BEZANSON IN THE MAIN OFFICE, SEND A TEAMS CHAT, OR EMAIL at <u>mbezanson@sd35.bc.ca</u>

GRAD 2025 EVENTS TIMELINE CHECKLIST

- April 8: Grad Information Package emailed home, posted on Grad 2025 TEAMS channel, and Grad Assembly
- □ April 17: Grad Cruise
- □ **April 30:** Guest pass hard copies due to Ms. Bezanson in the office.
- May 5: Grad Ceremony / Dinner Dance tickets available on school cash online. Extra ticket requests submitted via form
- □ **May 12-23:** Pick up your tickets and pick your table for Dinner Dance. More info to come
- May 23: Online ordering for Commencement and Dinner/Dance tickets, and extra ticket form closes.
- □ **May 26:** Allocation of extra Grad Ceremony tickets begins. Families will be notified.
- □ June 11: Scholarship Tea
- □ June 19: Cap & Gown pick up, lunch, Rehearsal Grad Walk, and Ceremony
- □ June 25: Grad Dinner & Dance
- □ June 25: Dry Grad

GRADUATION WALK

When: Thursday June 19th from 10am – 1:30pm Where: Local Elementary Schools

All graduates who plan on attending the Graduation Ceremony <u>must</u> attend the Graduation Walk on the day of June 19th.

The Graduation Walk involves having students who are dressed in full regalia return to their previous elementary school to walk through the hallways as they are congratulated by elementary-aged children and their former teachers. It is also used as a motivator for our future students. The process usually ends with some fun pictures of the Grads on the playground equipment. Students will then bus back to LSS.

10:00am – Grads report to CLA

10:15am – Cap and Gowns distributed to students

10:45am – Grad Ceremony rehearsal

11:15 am – Pizza Lunch at CLA

11:45 am – All graduates will line up in their respective school groups. Teacher leaders will help them get organized into the groups

12:00pm – Buses depart to HD Stafford and then the Elementary Schools

12:30pm - 1:15pm - Students participate in the walk, and have pictures taken.

1:15pm – Students begin the bus ride back to LSS.

1:30pm – 2:00pm – Students return to LSS, staff and students will form a gauntlet down the hallways. Students will pass through being congratulated by the LSS Staff.

2:00pm - Upon completion of the grad walk, graduates will be dismissed to get ready for evening Graduation.

GRADUATION WALK FAQ's

Q: What if I did not attend a LSS Catchment area school, or if I am an International Student, do I still attend?

A: Absolutely! Most elementary students are just excited to see the Graduates in their regalia. Noncatchment students have already been placed into school groups and lists will be posted in the Grad Team in June of what school you have been assigned to.

Q: Can my parents attend?

A: They are not allowed to enter the elementary schools, as we are all closed campuses.

Q: What about footwear?

A: Flat shoes or running shoes are a must! This is <u>not a time to wear heels</u> as you will be doing a fair bit of walking.

Q: Will we still do the Grad Walk if it is raining?

- A: The Grad Walk will go ahead rain or shine be prepared!
- **Q:** Will we have time to get ready for grad?

A: Yes, you will have plenty of time to get ready for the Ceremony - more than three hours!

We are really looking forward to the LSS Grad Walk with all our graduates and our family of schools. It is an inspiring, emotional, and joyous event; we know it will be an amazing part of your graduation day and a wonderful memory for you moving forward.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

When: Thursday June 19th at 7:00pm *Grads arrive at 5:30pm* Where: Christian Life Assembly 21277 56 Ave, Langley

Ceremony tickets can <u>only</u> be ordered online beginning May 5th at: <u>SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome</u>

The deadline to submit extra ticket requests is Friday May 23rd 2025. Tickets will be available for pick up May 12-23rd 2025.

LSS Grad 2025 will be held at the Christian Life Assembly. Beverages are welcome in the auditorium, however outside food is **not** allowed. Wheelchair seating is available. Guests must bring their ticket to the main entrance. **NO tickets will be sold at the door**.

This event is general admission seating. Please do not leave empty seats between guests! If our staff ask you to make a seating change, please be respectful of their instructions. We will do our best to accommodate guests with mobility issues.

GRADUATION CEREMONY FAQ's

Q: Who will receive guest tickets?

A: All eligible Grads whose names are on the grad list. Please note, you will <u>not</u> be able to pick up your grad ceremony tickets or cap & gown if:

- Your school cash online account is not in good standing
- o Are on the non-grad status list
- Have not completed the Grad Walk Field Trip Permission form on <u>School Cash</u> <u>Online</u>
- Have outstanding library items (if you return library items, make sure you get an all-clear slip and bring it with you when you pick-up your tickets and cap & gown).

Q: How many guest tickets will I receive?

A: Every grad on the list is eligible to receive 4 guest tickets. Remember, grads do NOT need a ticket.

Q: How much do the tickets cost?

A: Tickets are free

Q: What if I need more than 4 tickets?

A: Make sure you request additional tickets on your order form: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/a4je292kZY</u> Additional tickets will be distributed by lottery after May 23rd so it is possible you may *not* receive extra tickets. We will notify you if you are receiving extra tickets and when they can be picked up.

Q: How do I order and pick-up my guest tickets?

A: Ceremony tickets can only be ordered online starting May 5th on school cash online. In addition, you must fill out the Grad Walk Field Trip Permission Form by **Friday May 23rd.**

- 1. If you miss the ticket order and field trip form deadline, you <u>will not be eligible for any</u> guest tickets until all other orders have been processed.
- 2. Tickets and cap & gown will be distributed in June. You must have paid for any extra ceremony tickets, completed the field trip form, paid for your student/grad fees, be on the grad list, and have no outstanding library items.

Q: Can I bring flowers/gifts?

A: We are always amazed at the parent support at Grad. We understand that some families like to show their support in giving their child a bouquet of flowers during the graduation ceremony. Balloons and flowers are not permitted in the facility – please gift them after the ceremony and outside of the venue.

Q: Can I take pictures during the ceremony?

A: We encourage you to take pictures from the ceremony <u>from your seat</u>. Please do not get up during the ceremony as it can be very disruptive. We have a photographer on site who will take a picture of each grad after they walk the stage. Pictures can also be taken before or after the ceremony.

CAP AND GOWN

A cap & custom gown has been ordered for every grad. Both the cap & gown are yours to keep as a memento of Grad 2025!

CEREMONY TICKETS SUMMARY

Step 1: ALL Grads/Parents MUST complete ticket order form on school cash online before **May 23rd 2025**:

SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome

Step 2: If needed place your <a>Extra ticket requests here!

GRAD DINNER & DANCE

When: Wednesday June 25th 2025 Doors open: 6:00pm | Dinner: 6:30pm Where: Coast Hotel Langley 20393 Fraser Hwy Langley

Non-refundable tickets: \$95 per person

You must be a LSS 2025 Grad to buy tickets. Ticket sales open through your School Cash Online account on May 5th If you are bringing a guest, you will need to purchase a guest ticket once a VP has approved your guest pass.

DINNER & DANCE GUEST PROCESS

- Please note that an approved guest pass (and possibly an interview) is needed for ANY guest of a LSS 2025 Grad. You AND your guest must complete a guest pass and submit it to your VP for approval, no later than April 30th. LSS Administration may request an interview with your potential guest. Once approved, guest passes can be purchased on your school cash online account.
- Grads with an approved guest will also need a guest ticket for dry grad purchased through the dry grad committee. Please note the following:
 - If the LSS Grad is bringing another LSS student (not in grade 12), the guest pass needs to be completed and then approved by the Grad's VP and the guest's VP. An interview may be required.
 - If the LSS Grad is bringing a guest from another school, the guest pass needs to be completed and signed by the guest's parent and their school administration. LSS Administration may request an interview.
 - If the LSS Grad is bringing a guest who does not attend high school, the guest pass needs to be completed and then approved by the grad's VP. Administration may request an interview.
 - You must provide a copy of the signed guest pass to purchase a Dry Grad ticket for your guest.
 - Please note any guest brought by an LSS grad must be either 1 year older or younger, anyone that doesn't fit into that age range will be denied.

DINNER & DANCE TICKET PROCESS

- Payment for your Dinner & Dance tickets must be completed on <u>School Cash Online</u>. Each Grad will have the option to buy up to two Dinner & Dance tickets by May 23rd (grad and guest ticket if applicable). Tickets are **non-refundable**.
- Come pick up your tickets between May 12-23 2025, if you want to sit together you need to show up together.
- Grad tables are filled in groups of ten or less. If you do not have a full table of ten people, you may be seated with another group to complete a group of ten.

DINNER & DANCE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADS

- All graduating students **and** their dates will need to provide their own transportation to the Coast Hotel.
- Grads and their dates will need to arrive at the Coast Hotel **between 5:00pm and 5:15pm.** Students will take the grad photo in the parking lot and then enter the venue where bags will be searched by private security at this point.
- Grads and their dates who are attending the Dry Grad event following the Dinner & Dance will also have their bags checked-in and held at the hotel at this time to ensure student safety.
- Any student or guest deemed to be under the influence will not be permitted to attend the event and be asked to leave, tickets will not be refunded.

- Students may choose to attend the Dinner & Dance and not the Dry Grad event, but they may not attend Dry Grad without attending the Dinner & Dance. Students who wish to leave the Dinner & Dance early can only be signed out and picked up by a parent. <u>You must communicate with an Administrator prior to leaving.</u>
- There are no in/out privileges at the Coast Hotel & Convention Centre. Students deemed to have been outside the facility may have their parent contacted for pick-up and may not be allowed to attend the Dry Grad event. No refunds will be given for either event.
- After the Dinner & Dance, students going to the Dry Grad event at Central City Fun Park will be bused directly from the Coast Hotel to the Events Centre. Their checked bags will be available to them before they leave the Dinner Dance.
- Students not attending the Dry Grad will be responsible for getting themselves home after the event.

DINNER & DANCE SUMMARY

Step 1: Visit <u>School Cash Online</u> between May 5th – 23rd to purchase your non-refundable ticket(s) for \$95. Print receipt to provide to your Table Captain.

Step 2: If you are bringing a guest, fill out Pages 1 AND 2 of the Guest Form and the field trip form and submit to Ms. Bezanson in the office before April 30th

Step 3: Pick your table and pick up your tickets between May 12-23,2025





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1. LSS Grad

I would like to request permission to bring the guest named below to the Dinner & Dance on Wednesday June 25. I accept that my guest and I will attend and leave the Dinner & Dance together, regardless of circumstances. Finally, I accept that if I or my guest behaves in a manner that contravenes WGSS's expectations as described on the reverse side, we will be required to leave the premises **without refund**.

LSS Student Name (print)

Signature (*I have read and agree to the above*)

2. Parent of LSS Grad:

I support my student bringing the guest named below to the Dinner & Dance. I accept the expectations as outlined on the reverse side, including the consequences for inappropriate student and/or guest behaviour.

Date

Parent Name (print)

Signature

3. Guest:

If I am approved as a guest to attend the Dinner & Dance, I am aware of and agree to follow all the rules for the event (guest and parent, please read reverse side).

Guest Name (print)		Guest's Signature	-
	Grade	*If not currently attending high school, provide reference below in Section 5.	
Name of Guest's Parent (print)	Phone Number	Parent Signature	-

4. Guest's School Administrator:

I am confident the above-named student will behave responsibly at the Dinner & Dance and recommend that she/he/they be allowed to attend. Name of school:

Administrator's Name

Phone Number

Administrator's Signature

5. <u>COMPLETE IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY ATTENDING A HIGH</u> <u>SCHOOL</u>

Name and relationship to guest (e.g., employer)

Phone Number

6. <u>LSS</u>		
Approved	Date	Signature of Administrator

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EXPECTATIONS OF ALL GRADS AND THEIR GUESTS ATTENDING THE LSS DINNER & DANCE

FOR THE GRAD:

- Only one guest per grad is permitted.
- Guest Permission form is to be completed and presented to Ms. Bezanson no later than Wednesday April 30. You will need a copy of this form in order to purchase a Dry Grad ticket and the original, along with your completed field trip permission form, will need to be handed in with your Dinner & Dance ticket order.
- On the evening of the Dinner & Dance, you must arrive and leave with your guest. **There** are no exceptions.

THE GUEST MUST:

- Arrive and leave with his/her/their grad host on your assigned bus. There are no exceptions.
- Present picture identification at the event.
- Obey all staff supervisors, chaperones, facility, and security staff.
- Have a parent/guardian fill out the Low Risk Parent Permission Form (attached)

GRADS & THEIR GUESTS ARE ADVISED:

- Smoking or vaping is not permitted. Please note that cigarettes or vapes will be confiscated and destroyed by security.
- Possession or drinking of alcohol before or during the Dinner & Dance is not permitted.
- Use of drugs before or during the Dinner & Dance is also prohibited.
- Swearing is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Vandalism will not be tolerated.
- Fighting will not be tolerated.
- <u>Appropriate and respectful behaviour</u> toward staff (both school and facilities) and any other Grad and guest is a requirement.

GRADS AND GUESTS WILL BE SEARCHED UPON ARRIVAL BY SECURITY STAFF. ANYONE IN POSSESSION OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE EVENT AND <u>NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN</u>.

I have read the above expectations and agree to meet them:

Grad's Signature

LOW RISK FIELD TRIP - PARENT PERMISSION FORM

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Medical Information Update (please include any medical or health concerns):