

# GRAD 2026

**Dear Grads and Families of Grads,**

This is a brief update of the recent grad material and deadlines that are out right now. A much more detailed package will go out to you in April with all the finer details about the June events.

## **Be in the Know!**

Be sure to check your email and the Grad 2026 Teams page regularly.

## **Grad Fees**

Grad Fees this year are \$65. This fee goes towards the ceremony, grad gown purchase, and grad related school events, etc. This is a mandatory fee. Please pay this by February 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Grad Ceremony Cap & Gown Order - due February 14th**

These were ordered in the grad assembly. If you missed it, here is the link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/w8mvDZRbb5>

## **Grad Ceremony Comments – due February 27th**

This was introduced in the grad assembly. Details are also posted on the Grads Team page. Feel free to talk with any staff member if you need help. Here is the link to submit:

<https://forms.office.com/r/M6bMcBaCWH>

## **GRAD WALK**

**Date: Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 10:30 - noon**

**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. Students will then walk or be bussed back to REMSS. Space is limited, so please watch for the sign up in the Spring.

## **Red Carpet Walk and Family Gala**

**REMSS Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 4:30 pm (weather permitting)**

This is a free event that takes place outside **if the weather permits**. Grads will walk alone, in pairs or small groups along a red carpet while family and friends watch and celebrate our Graduates of 2026. Afterwards people may mingle outside and take pictures. The event 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**

**Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00-11:00 pm**

Cost: Approximately \$115.00 per person (exact price still to be determined). Tickets will go on sale early May (date will be announced in the April newsletter).

Guests: We have a limited number of guest seats available and therefore these will be determined by a lottery. The application form is now available at the office or on your Grad Team page. The due date to have your completed application into the office by is February 27<sup>th</sup>. No late applications will be accepted. Grads who have won the lottery will be notified in early March. Final approval will be determined in April after an administrator completes an interview with the Grad and their guest.

### **DRY GRAD AFTER PARTY**

**Central City Fun Park**

**Friday June 19 – Saturday June 20**

This event is NOT put on by school staff, rather it is organized and led by a parent Dry Grad Committee. Details about the event will also come out in the spring. Guests are only allowed at this event if they also attended the Dinner Dance. The event follows the dinner dance and ends at 3:30 am when students will be bussed back to the school. If you would like to help with the Dry Grad, please contact: Remssdrygrad2026@gmail.com

### **GRAD CEREMONY REHEARSAL- MANDATORY**

**Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Time: 11:00 am - noon**

**Main Gym REMSS**

### **GRAD CEREMONY**

**Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm (Grads must be there by 4:45 pm)**

**Langley Events Centre**

All Grads must complete a brief comment to be read when they cross the stage to get their diploma. It must be submitted by February 27<sup>th</sup>. All Grads must complete the Grad Gown order form (see above).

**TICKETS:** Each grad will have the option to purchase up to four guest tickets. 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 their fellow grads. If there are extra tickets after the window to purchase is closed, then the remaining tickets will be allotted in a lottery.

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

*Kindly,*

*Ms. Candice Wong*

*On behalf of the Grad Committee*