



GRAD 2026 INFORMATION AND FORM PACKAGE

THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING:

- Graduation Walk on **Monday, June 22, 2026**
- Graduation Ceremony on **Monday, June 22, 2026**
- Dinner & Dance on **Tuesday, June 23, 2026**
- Dry Grad on **Tuesday, June 23, 2026**
 - Please note: Dry Grad is not a school-sponsored event and is run by the Parent Volunteer Dry Grad Committee.

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 WALK, GRADUATION CEREMONY OR DINNER & DANCE?

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GRAD 2026 EVENTS TIMELINE CHECKLIST

- ☐ **February 6:** Grad Information Package emailed home, posted on Grad 2026 TEAMS channel, and on website at wgss.ca/
- ☐ **February 17:**
 - **Step 1:** Ceremony tickets now available to order at:
 - [**WGSS GRAD 2026 CEREMONY TICKET ORDER FORM**](#)
 - **Step 2:** Once you have filled out the above order form, have your parent/guardian go to School Cash Online to complete the order by completing the [**GRAD 2026 CEREMONY TICKET ORDER/PURCHASE AND WALKING FIELD TRIP FORM**](#).
****Please note both of these steps must be completed in order to receive ceremony tickets!***
- ☐ **April 1:**
 - Order deadline for Grad Ceremony tickets (includes extra ticket purchase if applicable).
 - Deadline for completing the [**GRAD 2026 CEREMONY TICKET ORDER/PURCHASE AND WALKING FIELD TRIP FORM**](#) on School Cash Online.
- ☐ **April 1:** Dinner & Dance tickets available for purchase at [**School Cash Online**](#).
- ☐ **April 15:** Hard copy of Dinner & Dance Guest Permission Form, if applicable, due at the office for VP's approval.
- ☐ **April 15:** Allocation of extra Grad Ceremony tickets begins. Families will be notified.
- ☐ **May 5:** Approved Dinner & Dance guest passes picked up from main office.
- ☐ **May 8:** Online order deadline for Dinner & Dance tickets.
- ☐ **May 14:** Table Captains submit all Dinner & Dance paperwork – Table Captain Form, receipts, approved guest passes (if applicable), and Low Risk Field Trip Parent Permission Forms to main office. Please sort forms by student – eg. If John and Jim are on the form, place all of John's paperwork together, then all of Jim's paperwork together, etc.
- ☐ **June 3/4/5:** Cap & Gown, Ceremony tickets, and Dinner & Dance tickets can be picked up. More details to follow. ****Please note – grad ceremony tickets will be placed INSIDE your Cap & Gown package.***
- ☐ **June 22:** Grad Walk and Graduation Ceremony
- ☐ **June 23:** Grad Dinner & Dance
- ☐ **June 23/24:** Dry Grad (This is not a school-sponsored event. It is run by the Parent Volunteer Dry Grad Committee.)



GRADUATION WALK

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When: Monday, June 22 from 8:45-11:15am

Where: Local Elementary Schools

All graduates who plan on attending the Graduation Ceremony MUST attend the Graduation Walk!

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 walk back to WGSS or be transported by bus. Walking groups will have between 5-20 minute walks to arrive at their elementary school.

You can view the 2025 Grad Walk on YouTube [here](#).

8:45am – Grads report to WGSS Cafeteria

9:30am – Staff will form a gauntlet down the hallways. Students will pass through being congratulated by the WGSS Staff.

9:45am – All graduates will line up in their respective school groups. Teacher leaders will help them get organized into the following groups:

- Group 1 – James Kennedy (walking)
- Group 2 – Alex Hope (walking)
- Group 3 – Gordon Greenwood (walking)
- Group 4 – Topham Elementary (bussing)
- Group 5 – Dorothy Peacock (bussing)
- Group 6 – West Langley (walking)

10:05am – Once students have walked or bussed to their past elementary school, they will gather outside and wait for the okay from the designated staff leader and the school's principal before entering.

10:10 – 10:40am – Students participate in the walk, and have pictures taken.

10:45am – Students begin the walk or bus ride back to WGSS.

11:05 – 11:15am – Upon return to WGSS, graduates will be dismissed to get ready for evening Graduation.

GRADUATION WALK FAQ's

Q: *What if I did not attend a WGSS 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. Non-catchment 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: Parents may come to the parking lot at WGSS or cheer you on in the Elementary School parking lot. 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 not a time to wear heels 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 four hours!

We are really looking forward to the WGSS Graduation 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 WALK SUMMARY

STEP 1: Parents/guardians of all grads **MUST** complete the following permission form by **April 1:**

- [GRAD 2026 CEREMONY TICKET ORDER/PURCHASE AND WALKING FIELD TRIP FORM](#). This form can be found on School Cash Online.

STEP 2: All grads report to the WGSS Cafeteria at 8:45am on Monday, June 22.



GRADUATION CEREMONY

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When: Monday, June 22 at 5:30pm

Grads arrive at 4:45pm

Where: Langley Events Centre (7888 200th Street, Langley)

WGSS Grad 2026 will be held at the Langley Events Centre Arena. Water **is** welcome in the arena, however, outside food is **not** allowed. Wheelchair seating is available, and elevator access is located at Gate 3. Guests must bring their ticket to the main entrance (Gate 2). **NO tickets will be sold at the door.**

Grads enter at **Gate 1**.

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. If you require wheelchair seating, please ensure that you have noted that request on your Ceremony Ticket Order Form.

CEREMONY TICKETS

Every grad on the grad list is eligible to receive six guest tickets. Remember, grads do NOT need a ticket. The first two tickets are free. Each additional ticket can be purchased online for \$10 each through your School Cash Online account. Other forms of payment will not be accepted.

Ceremony tickets can be ordered online starting February 17:

Step 1: Ceremony tickets available to order Feb 17 at:

- [**WGSS GRAD 2026 CEREMONY TICKET ORDER FORM**](#)
- Please note students must complete this form to claim their two free tickets and order any extra tickets.

Step 2: Once you have filled out the above order form, have your parent/guardian go to School Cash Online to complete the order by clicking on the following link:

- [**GRAD 2026 CEREMONY TICKET ORDER/PURCHASE AND WALKING FIELD TRIP FORM.**](#)
- You must complete this step even if you are only claiming your two free tickets.

Both of these steps must be completed in order to receive ceremony tickets!

The deadline to submit ticket requests is Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Tickets and your cap & gown will be distributed in June (more details to come). ***Your tickets will be placed INSIDE your cap & gown package. Keep these in a safe place!*** 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 in order to pick up your tickets and cap & gown. You do not need a copy of your payment receipt to pick up your tickets and cap & gown; we will have a payment list.

GRADUATION CEREMONY FAQ's

Q: *What if I need more than six tickets?*

A: Make sure you request additional tickets on your order form. Additional tickets will be distributed by lottery after April 15, so it is possible you may *not* receive extra tickets. Extra tickets over and above the six you are entitled to receive, can also be paid online. We will notify you if you are receiving extra tickets and when payment can be made.

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 by 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.

CAP AND GOWN

A cap & custom gown has been ordered for every grad who placed a cap & gown order. Once you pick them up, please store these items in a safe place as this is your “uniform” for the ceremony. Both the cap & gown are yours to keep as a memento of Grad 2026!



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GRAD DINNER & DANCE

When: Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Student drop off at WGSS: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Where: Aria Banquet & Convention Centre (12350 Patullo Place, Surrey)

Doors open: 6:30pm | **Dinner:** 7:15pm | **Ends:** 11:15pm

Non-refundable tickets: \$95 per person

You must be a WGSS 2026 Grad to buy tickets. Ticket sales open through your School Cash Online account on April 1. If you are bringing a guest, you will need to purchase a guest ticket once a VP has approved your guest pass.

DINNER & DANCE TICKET PROCESS

- Payment for your Dinner & Dance tickets must be completed on [School Cash Online](#). Each Grad will have the option to buy up to two Dinner & Dance tickets by May 8 (grad and guest ticket if applicable). Print your receipt and provide it to your Table Captain along with your guest pass (if applicable). Tickets are **non-refundable**.
- Designate one person per table group as the **Table Captain** (a table group can be anywhere from 1 to 10 guests). The Table Captain will serve as the main point of contact for your table group. The Table Captain will be responsible for collecting payment receipts, approved guest passes (if applicable) and Low Risk Field Trip Parent Permission Forms from everyone in their table group. They will hand them in, along with the Table Captain Form, to the office by May 14. Table Captains will also be responsible for picking up tickets for everyone in their table group on June 3/4/5 – more details will be available on TEAMS closer to this date.
- 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. Each table group is to have all the names on one Table Captain Form. If you want your table next to another group's table, indicate this on the Table Captain Form. We will **try** to accommodate your request. Once the form has been submitted we are unable to trade or switch seats.

DINNER & DANCE GUEST PROCESS

- Please note that an approved guest pass (and possibly an interview) is needed for **ANY guest** of a WGSS 2026 Grad. You AND your guest must complete a guest pass form and submit it to your VP for approval, **no later than April 15**. WGSS Administration may request an interview with your potential guest. Your VP will contact you to set up an interview if needed. Once approved, guest passes can be picked up from the main office starting May 5.
- Grads and any guest under the age of 19 must also submit a completed Low Risk Field Trip Parent Permission Form, and the original approved guest pass (if applicable) to your Table Captain. Keep a copy of the guest pass if you will be purchasing tickets for the Dry Grad event which takes place at the Langley Events Centre immediately following the Dinner & Dance. Please note the following:
 - If the WGSS Grad is bringing another WGSS student, 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 WGSS 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. WGSS Administration may request an interview.
 - If the WGSS 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. **You should NOT give away your original as it must accompany your Dinner & Dance order form.**

DINNER & DANCE PHOTOS

Mountain West Studios will have a professional photography station set up at Aria Banquet Hall for individual portraits with celebratory props. A group photo will also be taken. Each grad will receive a 5x7 print of their individual photo and a digital copy of the group photo. We will send out a message on Teams to all Grads once we receive the 5x7 photos. The digital copy of the group photo will be shared on Teams once it's ready.

DINNER & DANCE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADS

- All graduating students **and** their guests will be bused from Walnut Grove Secondary School to the Aria Banquet & Convention Centre. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS.** If you miss the bus at the school, you **WILL NOT** be allowed into the venue and your ticket purchase will NOT be refunded.
- Grads and their guests will need to arrive at WGSS **between 4:00pm and 5:00pm**. Student and guest bags will be searched by private security at this point.
- Grads and their guests who are attending the Dry Grad event following the Dinner & Dance will also have their bags checked-in and held at the school at this time by the Dry Grad parents to ensure student safety.
- At the school, there will be opportunities for photos prior to boarding the buses.
- Students and their guests will board their assigned bus at 6:00pm and will be bused directly to the Aria Banquet & Convention Centre. Again, if you miss the bus at the school, you **WILL NOT** be allowed into the Dinner & Dance, and your ticket purchase 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. **You must communicate with an Administrator prior to leaving.**
- **There are no in/out privileges at the Aria Banquet & Convention Centre.** Students deemed to have been outside the facility may have their parent/guardian 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 the Langley Events Centre will be bused directly from Aria to the Langley Events Centre. Their checked bags will be waiting for them when they arrive and there will be change rooms available.
- Students not attending the Dry Grad event will be bused directly from Aria back to Walnut Grove Secondary School at the end of the event.
- If students know they will not be attending Dry Grad, please inform Ms. Madray in the office and she will place you on a Non-Dry Grad bus. Please remember to let her know if you change your mind and DO want to attend Dry Grad after all.

DINNER & DANCE SUMMARY

STEP 1: Visit [School Cash Online](#) between **April 1 and May 8** 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, print and fill out Pages 1 AND 2 of the Guest Form to submit to your VP.

STEP 3: Grads AND guests must give a completed Low Risk Field Trip Parent Permission Form and approved Guest Pass to your Table Captain.

STEP 4: Table Captains drop off all required forms to the office **no later than May 14.**

Completed WGSS 2026 Grad Dinner & Dance Guest Permission Form is due in WGSS office by April 15.

Approved forms can be picked up from the WGSS main office beginning May 5.

THIS IS PAGE 1 OF 2 OF GUEST FORM – PRINT BOTH PAGES

1. WGSS Grad

I would like to request permission to bring the guest named below to the Dinner & Dance on Tuesday, June 23. 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 PAGE 2, we will be required to leave the premises **without refund**.

WGSS Student Name (print)

Date

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

2. Parent of WGSS Grad:

I support my student bringing the guest named below to the Dinner & Dance. I accept the expectations as outlined on PAGE 2, including the consequences for inappropriate student and/or guest behaviour.

Parent Name (print)

Signature

3. Guest:

☐ **GUEST IS A WGSS STUDENT**

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 PAGE 2).

Guest Name (print)

Guest's Signature

Name of School Currently Attending

Grade

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. COMPLETE IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY ATTENDING A HIGH SCHOOL

Please provide a reference name and phone number:

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

Phone Number

6. WGSS

Approved

Date

Signature of Administrator

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

FOR THE GRAD:

- Only one guest per grad is permitted.
- Guest Permission Form is to be completed and presented to your Vice Principal **no later than April 15**. Approved forms can be picked up from the main office starting May 5. You will need a copy of this form in order to purchase a Dry Grad ticket and the original, along with your completed Low Risk Field Trip Parent 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 on your assigned bus. **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 Field Trip 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.
- Appropriate and respectful behaviour toward staff (both school and facilities) and any other Grad and guest is a requirement.

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

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

Grad's Signature

Guest's Signature

LOW RISK FIELD TRIP - PARENT PERMISSION FORM



(Please return by May 14)

Name of student: _____ ("my child")

Name of school: C/O WALNUT GROVE SECONDARY Grade: _____

Date of trip: TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026

I have read and am informed about the proposed field trip to ARIA BANQUET CENTRE
(Location)

on JUNE 23, 2026. I request that my child _____
(Student's Name)

participate in this field trip.

I understand there is a cost involved and have enclosed N/A with this form.
(amount)

In the event of an emergency when a family member cannot be contacted at home, please try to reach one of the following emergency contacts:

Name _____ Phone: _____

Name _____ Phone: _____

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the above-named student, request that my son/daughter be allowed to participate in the event described above (or to the series of events listed on the back of this form).

Both my son/daughter and I understand that the Langley School District, Pupil Discipline Policy applies on all field trips. The use of alcohol or drugs and/or inappropriate student conduct may result in suspension from school. Students engaging in these behaviours are liable to be sent home at their family's expense.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date: _____

Student Signature Home
Phone: _____
Work
Phone: _____

Care Card Number: _____

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

TABLE CAPTAIN FORM - return to office by May 14, 2026

Name of Table Captain	Cell Phone #	Receipt from School Cash Online attached	Field Trip Form Attached	Are you attending Dry Grad? (circle one)	Are you a guest of a grad? (circle one)	Approved Guest Pass attached (if applicable)
Names of people at your table:						
1. _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes / No	Yes / No	<input type="checkbox"/>

IMPORTANT DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:

Does anyone have a **life-threatening** food allergy or condition such as Celiac Disease/Nut Allergy? Provide name and info below:

SPECIAL REQUEST:

If possible, please seat this table

next to: _____

(name of Table Captain you want to sit beside)

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Table number: _____

Ticket number: _____

DRY GRAD

INFO

CLASS OF 2026 DRY GRAD



WHEN: Tuesday, June 23rd (immediately following the Dinner/Dance)
TIME: 11:30pm to 6:00am
WHERE: Langley Events Centre – Field House
COST: TBA (pending fundraising)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Bus transportation from Aria Banquet Hall to Langley Events Centre
- Food, snacks, and awesome beverages throughout the night
- Hypnotist Show
- Classic and Digital Photo Booths, Casino with Blackjack, Slot Machines, Prize wheel and Roulette, DJ and Dancing, Oxygen Bar and so much more!!
- Attractions including Inflatable Bootcamp Obstacle Course, The Eliminator, Wipe Out, Hamster Ball, Human Hungry Hippo, Human Foosball, and Mini Golf just to name a few!!

HOW TO GET MY TICKET

The Dry Grad Committee is finalizing the details on when ticket sales will begin so mark your calendar for the last week of May! They will announce the official date and location within the school shortly.

The ticket sales launch party will give you a chance to **buy your ticket and reserve your seat on the same bus as your friends!** When you buy your ticket at the party, you'll be entered into the **Kick-Off prize draw!** Follow us on Facebook so you don't miss the official date reveal!



Please contact wgssdrygrad2026@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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