

Hello KSS Grad Parents,

## Only 14 Weeks left until Dry Grad 2024!!!!

We are super excited with what the parent and student grad committees have planned for Prom this year!!!! We have an amazing day lined up and are excited to share the details with you. The date is **Saturday June 22, 2024** and the details are as follows:

1. **Informal Photo Session** at Qualicum Beach waterfront (by the “Four Poles”) or Saahtlam Park (still to be determined) This will be early afternoon (exact time TBA at a later date). This is a school tradition where students, family and friends can get together with other grads for informal photos (taken by families). Grads who want to participate in the parade will then carry on to gather with their vehicles on Harlech Road. The parade has traditionally started at approximately 3:00/3:30, but a final time will be announced at a later date.
2. **Grad Parade** - Also a tradition! The grads will parade through the Town of Qualicum Beach in vehicles. Students can drive or be driven in registered vehicles in their formal attire. The route, time and mustering point will be confirmed at a later date. Grads will then have a slight pause in their schedule to prepare for the prom and join up with their pre-arranged transport to Arbutus Meadows.
3. **Prom** - Prom is being held at Arbutus Meadows in the small event barn. The venue will be beautifully decorated in a Woodland Elegant Theme. It is a red carpet event starting at **5:00pm and going until 12:00 midnight**. Families and friends are welcome to take photos outside the venue while their graduates walk the red carpet. The graduates will then enter the venue and enjoy a memorable night with a formal sit-down dinner, desserts, mocktail bar, DJ and dancing, fire spinning entertainment, photo booth and games. There will also be a photographer on site to capture the evenings festivities.
4. **Pancake Breakfast** – On the morning after Prom (**Sunday, June 23**), a pancake breakfast will be held at the Rotary Club venue at the Qualicum Beach Waterfront.

\*\*Grads are welcome and encouraged to attend all of the festivities or just a few to celebrate their successes.

**Transportation and security** - Graduates and guests are not permitted to drive themselves to or from Arbutus Meadows. Popular means of transportation are parents, grandparents, relatives, etc or by limousine or taxi. A discreet security check will be done at Arbutus Meadows prior to entry. There will be no in/out privileges, and zero tolerance for cigarettes, vapes, drugs, alcohol, or weapons. Graduates and guests will be signed in upon arrival and signed out upon departure from Arbutus Meadows.

**Prom/Dry Grad Fees** are due by **May 24** and can be paid by School Cash Online (<https://qualicum.schoolcashionline.com/>). We urge you to make the payment as soon as possible so we can get a sense of numbers. This will help greatly in the planning with the caterer, rentals, etc

- Graduate \$150
- Guest \$75

\*\* If you feel that your family will have challenges paying the grad fee, we encourage you to reach out to Ms. Martens at the school to discuss a support plan. We do not want any Grad to miss out on this wonderful event. We do not want any Grad to be left behind due to financial hardship if they wish to attend.

**Fundraising** - Fundraising is an integral part of putting on such an event, and we still have several fundraising events coming up before June. Please consider volunteering your time to help out where you can. Some upcoming fundraisers are:

- KSS Bottle Drive – April 13
- Cuckoo Trattoria Pizza and Pasta Fundraiser – April 28

We understand that not everyone can make it out to these fundraisers and have set up School Cash Online to accept donations in lieu of volunteer time. You can find this under the School District 69 Qualicum column when you go onto the School Cash Online site.

To sign up for **volunteering** at fundraising events, please see below for instructions. There are 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/dRUXETP>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually ([kssparentgrad@gmail.com](mailto:kssparentgrad@gmail.com))

We are looking forward to this amazing event for your graduates as they mark the transition from high school into a new chapter! Some will be heading off to post-secondary schooling, others will find careers of their choice and some might travel and discover themselves.

**“Celebrate endings – for they precede new beginnings” – Jonathan Lockwood Huie.**

More information will follow in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to get involved, please reach out to us at [kssparentgrad@gmail.com](mailto:kssparentgrad@gmail.com)

Kind regards,

KSS Prom and Dry Grad Committee 2024