



KWALIKUM SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear grade 12 students, families and caregivers,

It is hard to believe that it is the middle of May. Grads – we told you the year would go by in the blink of an eye – and here we are. We will meet with our grads on Tuesday, May 27th to hear from valedictorian candidates, and to walk through some of the more specific details regarding commencement, as well as the end of the year. Here are the main points that we will share in greater detail with the grads:

Commencement:

- Commencement will be held at KSS, in the gym, on June 26th at 12:30 p.m.
- Students are required to gather in the MPR between 11:30 and 12:00; the gym will be open for seating a half hour before the ceremony begins.
- Parking will be tight, so please carpool as much as possible.
- Tickets will be available for pick up as of June 2nd.
 - Each student will receive 5 tickets to begin with
 - If a student does not need all 5 tickets, please only take the necessary number
 - Additional tickets, if available, can be requested by email to nknocke@sd69.bc.ca
- Caps and Gowns (students can keep) will be handed out on the morning of June 11th, at the pancake breakfast, before the Grad Walk, if all fees have been paid. If your grad is unable to pick up their gown package on this date, the packages will be available in the office after the Grad Walk.

Grad Walk/Pancake Breakfast:

- KSS will host a Grad Pancake Breakfast starting at 8:00 AM, on June 11th, in the MPR.
- Graduates will then participate in a field trip back to their elementary school (Grad Walk) – initial details were shared with grads in the Grad Google Classroom and will be revisited on the 27th, at our next assembly.
- Grads are reminded to sign up for this via the form that has been shared in our Grad Google Classroom. This is such a wonderful event that is very meaningful for all grads. Students who did not go to elementary school here can select a school they would like to visit. Do not miss this opportunity.
- There will be a field experience permission form for this trip – forms will be provided to students at the May 27th assembly and will also be available from the counselling office. Forms must be returned to the office or to counselling ASAP.

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Other Important Details:

- Commencement write-ups (what is read as students cross the stage at Commencement) are due on Friday, May 30th - the form for this is in the **Grad Google Classroom**.
- Grad fees are now due (these are separate from prom fees).
- All pertinent information will be shared with students via the **Grad Google Classroom**; if students are not connected to this site, they need to ensure that they are. All students have been invited. The code to join is **zjvbh7q**.

Parent-Organized Parade and Prom Event:

- Prom fees are now due
- Fees can be paid via cash (at the office), cheque (made payable to KSS Prom and Dry Grad Committee), or online through <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>
- The prom/dry grad event will be held at Cuckoos Trattoria & Pizzeria on Saturday, June 7th from 5:00pm – 11:00pm
- Guest tickets are \$100 and a guest approval form should have been filled out already (past due)
- All students attending must complete a waiver form from the office (these are past due)
- If your grad is planning on participating in the parade, they must complete the mandatory registration paperwork, that is available in the KSS office. All packages are due back to the office by May 30th, 2025.
- Parade will start at 3:30pm
- All vehicles in the parade must have, and carry, valid insurance/licensing for driving on public roads. This means that grads can ride in a boat that is on an insured trailer, pulled by a truck that also has insurance, but they may not drive on a lawn tractor, or dirt bike, that does not have road plates.
- Grads who are not participating in the parade are still required to be at the Qualicum Commons (744 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach) by 4pm on June 7th, 2025 to pass the security screening and board the bus to attend the prom/dry grad event. **Due to the insurance, grads are not permitted to arrive at Cuckoos on their own. They must board the bus at Qualicum Commons.**
- The parent group is still in need of volunteer support – please email kssparentgrad@gmail.com if you are able to help, or if you have any questions about this event
- More parent information can be found on our website under 'Grad Parents' <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Thank you all for your continued support of the Grad Class of 2025. We cannot wait to recognize and celebrate this incredible moment with all of you on June 26th.