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## **Grad 2024 – FAQs**

1. Can International Students in Grade 12 come to Grad Events?
  - a. Yes, international students in Grade 12 are considered grads for all events that are exclusive to grade 12s
2. Do the grads get to keep cap and gowns?
  - a. Yes
3. My child is at UFV doing the trades program. Are they still considered grade 12 grads?
  - a. Yes, any student who is listed as a grade 12 student at our school is considered a grade 12 for all grad events.
4. Do students have to take the bus to prom?
  - a. Yes, students must take the provided transport to and from Harrison Hot Springs.
5. What time does Dry Grad start?
  - a. Dry grad starts at 11pm and runs until 5am
6. Where does the money go for fundraisers?
  - a. Any money collected from fundraisers will go towards lowering the cost of events such as prom for the entire grade 12 population. At the grad auction, 50% of what an item sells for will go back to lowering the grad fees for the student that brought in the item.
7. Where do we bring the grad auction items?
  - a. If the items are small such as gift cards, please bring them to the office or directly to Ms. Piorecky or Ms. Clift.
8. Are the grads going to be given hoodies and lanyards this year?
  - a. Yes. Please order your grad hoodie at the link posted in our grad teams page and sent to parents in the email from Mr. Sandberg.
9. When are Grad Photos taking place?
  - a. Grad photos will take place from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>. Vibrant Photography will be sending out information for signing up shortly. All ordering and signing up will be done online. The school will also be sending information out to parents as a reminder. If those dates do not work, February 12<sup>th</sup> is missed grad photo day.
10. If I win an item at the auction, how do I pay for it?
  - a. We will have debit, credit card and cash options to pay for all items.
11. How many grads are allowed on the grad cruise?
  - a. We have 190 spaces available for grads after accounting for teacher chaperones. Students will be bussed from GW. Graham, departing around 2:30PM and arrive at the docks for boarding at 5:30pm. The sailing runs from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. We will return to GW for pick up by parents.

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12. How many commencement tickets does each grad get?
  - a. Each student receives 4 free tickets but can purchase an additional 4 tickets at \$10 per ticket. If you need more than 8 tickets, contact the office and we will see if we can make that happen.
13. Will the box suites be randomly assigned this year?
  - a. This year we will be auctioning off the box suites as part of the grad auction fundraiser. The box suites hold a maximum of 14 people.
14. Will scholarships and awards be given at commencement?
  - a. NO, awards and scholarships have their own specific night. More information on that will come out in the New Year.
15. Who gets to go to commencement and prom?
  - a. Prom and commencement are for students who are in a position to graduate this year. If students are not graduating, they will not be allowed to participate in these events.
16. Do guests of graduates at prom and dry grad pay the same amount?
  - a. Yes, all guests will pay the same amount as grads.

Let me know if you have further questions at [josh\\_sandberg@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:josh_sandberg@sd33.bc.ca)

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