



# Sullivan Heights Grad' 22

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## Grad Calendar & Timeline

<b>February 4</b>	Partners 36 Scholarship application form available on-line In-School Scholarship & District Authority application form available on-line
<b>February 24</b>	Grad write-ups due for yearbook and commencement
<b>April 4</b>	Valedictorian applications open
<b>April 8</b>	Dry Grad Early Bird Tickets go on sale (\$100) to April 29
<b>April 12</b>	Partners 36 Scholarship application deadline – 4:00pm
<b>April 13</b>	Parent/Guardian/Student Meeting in Teams – 7:00pm.
<b>April 18</b>	Grad fee and all other outstanding debts due
<b>April 19</b>	Valedictorian applications deadline - 3:00pm.
<b>April 26</b>	In-School Scholarship & District Authority applications deadline – 4:00pm.
<b>April 29</b>	Last day for Dry Grad Early Bird Tickets @ \$100
<b>April 30</b>	Dry Grad Evening Bird ticket sale begins (\$120)
<b>May 5</b>	Commencement tickets (2 free per student) distributed in Period 2
<b>May 2-9</b>	Grad Dinner Dance (\$130) and Dry Grad ticket (\$120) sales at lunch in hub.
<b>May 9</b>	<u>Last day</u> to purchase Grad Dinner Dance (\$130) and Dry Grad (\$120) tickets in the hub
<b>May 10</b>	Grade 12 assembly – Period 2 - in theatre
<b>May 13</b>	<u>Last day</u> to submit request form for additional Commencement tickets to the office.
<b>May 18-20</b>	Additional Commencement tickets available for pickup & payment (\$5 each) in C110 @ lunch or after period 4.
<b>May 20</b>	<u>Last Day</u> to purchase Dry Grad tickets
<b>May 26</b>	Coat Check for Dry Grad in library - 7:30am-9:30am
<b>May 26</b>	Grads arrive at Sullivan Heights with parent/guardian for grad sign-in - 2:45pm Grads board coach busses and leave for Newlands Golf & Country Club – 3:45pm Grad Banquet at Newlands Golf & Country Club - 5:00pm - 11:00pm
<b>May 26-27</b>	Dry Grad at Sullivan Heights Secondary - 11:30pm - 5:00am
<b>June 8</b>	Gown distribution - in the hub following rehearsal. Commencement Rehearsal - 11:30am in the theatre.
<b>June 8</b>	Commencement Ceremony – 7:00pm

### Graduation Requirements

By this time, your child will have had one opportunity already to review their transcript verification. This document reviews all the courses taken during the graduation program (grades 10-12) and graduation status. If you are concerned about whether or not your child will be graduating, please contact their counsellor. Students who are not in a position to graduate this year will not participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

### Career Life Connections

All graduating students must present a Capstone Project and completion of the CLC course in order to meet the Ministry of Education requirements for Graduation. Please contact Ms. Mark or Mr. Taylor in the Career Centre office for more details.

### **Grad Expectation Letter**

All grads were given a Grad Expectation letter in September. In order to attend any graduation events during the school year, all grads must have had a parent/guardian sign and return the letter to the school office. The signature verifies that the parent/guardian has read the letter and are aware of the rules being in effect for all grad events. Grads who still have not handed in this letter will not be able to purchase a Dinner Dance ticket until they have submitted this signed form into the school office.

### **Fees and Commencement Gown Order Form**

All fees must be paid for by **April 18<sup>th</sup>** before students purchase their Grad Dinner Dance/Dry Grad tickets as well as their Commencement tickets. Fees can be paid for online; on the Sullivan Heights website click on the Parents top tab, and the Pay Fees Online drop down.

- \$40 Commencement Fee
- All other outstanding fees

### **Scholarships**

Graduating students are encouraged to apply on-line using the school website for the Partners 36, In-School Scholarships and District Authority Scholarships. Remember to research your family contacts, clubs, unions, workplaces, banks, etc. as well. Organize and submit your documents well in advance. For letters of reference or recommendation, choose people who know you well and can describe your achievements. Contact them well in advance. Note deadlines carefully!!! Applications for the scholarships are done on-line. Partners 36 are due **April 12** at 4pm, and the In-School and District Authority are due 4pm on **April 26<sup>th</sup>**. Ms. Becker is chair of the Scholarship Committee.

### **The 2022 Class Valedictorian**

Students will have an opportunity to submit applications for Class Valedictorian. Applications are open. Applications can be downloaded from the school website and are due back to the office by 3pm on **April 19<sup>th</sup>**. The successful candidate will be selected by the Valedictorian Committee and student vote. Mr. Begg is the chair of the Valedictorian Committee.

### **Commencement**

The Commencement Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm** at **The Bell Performing Arts Centre** at Sullivan Heights Secondary School. Students should report to the large gym at 6:30pm to prepare for the processional and ceremony. Theatre doors open at 6:30pm for guests. Tickets must be presented at the door. Grads do not need tickets but all family/guests must have tickets.

Online Commencement statements were due Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Changes to statements after that date (ie. won a scholarship you'd like to include in your statement) can be made with Mr. Nilson in Room B109.

**A mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday, June 8th at 11:30am** in the theatre will start the official preparations for the commencement activities. All grads must attend this rehearsal where they will receive important information about their grad gowns and procedures for the Commencement Ceremony.

After the rehearsal, grads will pick up their caps and gowns from the hub. We encourage grads to take their gowns home and press (with low heat) or steam them before wearing. These gowns are souvenir gowns which students may keep.

Grads will receive two (2) free tickets. These tickets will be distributed to students on May 5<sup>th</sup> in their Period 2 classes. Students who are absent on May 5<sup>th</sup> and students with a study in Period 2 can pick up their tickets from the school office, starting at lunch on May 6<sup>th</sup>, right up to May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Tickets not claimed by May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 may be re-allocated. **Students who owe debts or are on academic probation (must be in good standing in all classes) will not be issued tickets.**

### **Commencement...continued**

Families should also be aware that this formal ceremony often lasts two hours and is not suitable for small children who have difficulties sitting quietly. Students requiring additional tickets can submit a request form to the office (the request form is given out along with the 2 free tickets in an envelope). **A maximum of 2 additional tickets may be requested and tickets will cost \$5 each.** The last day to submit request forms is Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. **Requests after May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, will not be considered.** Due to limited seating, there are no guarantees that requests will be honoured. Additional tickets can be picked up and paid for May 18-20, 2022 at lunch hour or after Period 4 in Room C110. All proceeds will go towards scholarships. Ms. Barry is the chair of the Commencement Committee.

### **Grad Dinner and Dance**

The 2022 Dinner/Dance will be held on **Thursday, May 26, 2022** from **2:45pm - 11:00pm** starting at Sullivan Heights Secondary, with the students boarding coach busses for Newlands Golf & Country Club in Langley, BC.

Students will select a table for the banquet when they purchase tickets. Ticket sales will take place from **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets for the **Grad Dinner Dance are \$130 each**. Due to limited seating grads will only be able to purchase a ticket for themselves. Students must be debt free, not on academic probation (must be in good standing in all classes) and must have their Grad Expectation letter signed and returned in order to purchase tickets.

**\*\*\*Parents/Guardians will need to drop off their child at Sullivan Heights at 2:45pm on Thursday, May 26.** All students participating in the Grad Dinner Dance **must be signed in by a parent/guardian at the school.** Once grads have been signed in by a parent/guardian, parents/guardians are encouraged to stay for pictures and a Parent/Grad dance prior to the grads boarding coach busses for the Grad Dinner Dance at Newlands Golf & Country Club in Langley, BC.

No student will be allowed into the Grad Dinner Dance or Dry Grad unless transported by coach busses provided by the school. If students are not participating in Dry Grad, parents/guardians must pick up students from Sullivan Heights Secondary at 11:30pm.

The sponsors for Grad Council are Ms. Hearty, Ms. Kailla, Mr. Nilson and Ms. Hill.

**\*\*This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and students are reminded that the Grad Dinner Dance is a school-sponsored event. All school rules apply - use of alcohol or drugs before or during these events will result in removal from the events and disciplinary action\*\***

### **Dry Grad**

#### **May 26-27, 2022 (Thursday & Friday)**

A committee of parents are working hard to coordinate this event which takes place immediately after the Grad Dinner Dance. Students **must take the coach bus** from the Grad Dinner Dance directly to the Dry Grad event. **\*\*Students may not use private transportation to get to Dry Grad\*\*.** Many fun activities and prizes will be offered to students at this drug and alcohol-free evening.

1. Dry Grad ticket early bird sales (**\$100 each**) are due Apr. 29. Evening Bird sales (**\$120 each**) and will be on sale Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Students **must take the coach bus** from the Grad Dinner Dance at Newlands Golf & Country Club back to Sullivan Heights Secondary for the Dry Grad event, no private transportation will be allowed.
3. Change of clothing for the Dry Grad event must be dropped off at the school library along with a hanger and labelled garment bag on Thursday, May 26, 2022, between 7:30-9:30am. No bags will be allowed at the Newlands Golf & Country Club and brought to the Dry Grad event. No outside food or drinks will be allowed at Dry Grad.
4. There are no in and out privileges so any time a student leaves Dry Grad, they **must be picked up and signed out** by a parent/guardian.
5. Please contact [sullivandrygrad2022@gmail.com](mailto:sullivandrygrad2022@gmail.com) for further details.

## **Grad Dinner and Dry Grad Timeline Thursday, May 26, 2022**

7:30-9:30am	Coat Check in school library – Bag with change of clothes for the Dry Grad event must be dropped off at the school library. As well please include a hanger and labelled garment bag. All bags will be locked up and held for the Dry Grad event. <u>No bags should be brought to Newlands as there is no bag check.</u>
2:45pm	Grads arrive at Sullivan Heights <u>with their parents/guardians</u> for grad sign-in/registration. <u>A parent/guardian must</u> sign their student in.
3:45pm	Parents/Guardians leave and Grads board coach buses
4:30pm	Coach buses leave for Grad Dinner Dance at Newlands Golf & CC in Langley
5:15pm	Grads arrive at Newlands
5:30pm	Grad photo
6:00pm	Grad dinner
7:00pm	Grad dinner program (speeches, slideshow, etc.)
10:45pm	Grad Dinner Dance finished
10:45pm	Begin boarding coach buses in Langley (Newlands) for Dry Grad event. Students may not arrange their own transportation back to Sullivan Heights. All students must take the bus.
11:30pm	Grads arrive at Sullivan Heights.
11:30pm	For Grads who purchased a Dry Grad ticket, Dry Grad begins at Sullivan Heights. Grads who did not purchase a ticket <b><u>must be</u></b> picked up at Sullivan Heights by parents/guardians.
5:00am	Parents pick up students from Sullivan Heights Secondary (Dry Grad). Students must be picked up and signed out of Dry Grad by a parent. NO cars should be left in the