



Sullivan Heights Grad 2025

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Grad Calendar & Timeline

February 7	Grad write-ups for commencement open
February 14	Partner 36 Scholarship application form click here
February 14	In-School Scholarship and District Authority application form click here
February 25	Dry Grad "Early Bird" tickets go on sale \$125.00 each
March 3	Grad write-ups for Commencement due click here
March 14	Commencement and all other school fees due (SchoolCash Online) click here
March 31	Last day to purchase Dry Grad "Early Bird" tickets, \$125.00 each
April 1	Dry Grad "Evening Bird" tickets go on sale, \$140.00 each—updates coming soon
April 4	Valedictorian information session at lunch in Room C209
April 8	Partners 36 Scholarship application deadline – 2:00PM in the Career Centre
April 22	Grad Dinner Dance tickets go on sale, \$140.00 each (SchoolCash Online) click here
April 23	Valedictorian applications deadline – 3:30PM – submit to main office
April 30	In-School Scholarship and District Authority applications deadline – 4:00PM
April 30	Commencement tickets (2 tickets per student) distributed in Block A
May 1-9	Students with Study Block A can pick up Commencement Tickets from school office
May 8	Last day to purchase Dry Grad "Evening Bird" tickets, \$140.00 each
May 9	Last day to submit request form for 1 additional Commencement ticket to the office (extra tickets will be allocated via lottery)
May 12	Last day to purchase Grad Dinner Dance tickets \$140.00 each (SchoolCash Online) click here
May 14-16	Commencement ticket lottery list posted. Students on list purchase ticket at lunch or after school in room C110 (\$5)
May 28	Grade 12 assembly, Block A
May 30	Coat Check for Dry Grad in Library, 7:30-9:30AM
May 30	Grads arrive at Sullivan Heights with Parent/Guardian for grad sign in – 3:30PM
May 30	Grads board coach buses and leave for Newlands Golf and Country Club – 4:45PM
May 30	Grad Banquet 5:30PM-11:00PM --- Dry Grad 11:30PM – 4:30AM
June 4	Gown Distribution in Multi Purpose Room at lunch – Rehearsal in theatre 11:45AM
June 4	Commencement Ceremony – 7:00PM
June 11	Scholarship Celebration Tea, 3:00PM-4:00PM in the Multi Purpose Room

Graduation Requirements

By this time, your child will have had one opportunity to review their transcript and graduation status. If you are concerned whether your child will be graduating or not, please contact their counsellor. Contact home has been made through a formal letter with any student not currently meeting graduation requirements.

Career Life Connections

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

Grad Expectation Letter

All grads were given a Grad Expectation letter in September. 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 is 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 Grad Dinner Dance ticket until they have submitted this signed form to the office.

Commencement and Other School Fees – due March 14

We would appreciate the following fees be paid before the purchase of a Grad Dinner/Dance ticket or Dry Grad ticket:

- All outstanding school fees on your student's SchoolCashOnline account
- \$50 Commencement fee **only if your student is attending the Commencement Ceremony**

If you have any financial difficulties with these fees, please speak to Mrs. Taylor in the office or your student's counsellor or Vice-Principal.

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 8th at 2:00PM, and the In-School and District Authority are due 4:00PM on April 30th. Ms. Rogerson is chair of the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship info is shared on the ScholarTEAM. Please visit the Career Centre to get the code to join the team.

The 2025 Class Valedictorian

Students interested in becoming this year's Valedictorian need to attend the information session on April 4 at lunch in room C109. Applications are due to the office by 3:30PM on April 23rd. The successful candidate will be selected by the Valedictorian Committee and student vote occurring at the Grad Assembly. Mr. Begg is the chair of the Valedictorian Committee.

Commencement June 4, 2025

The Commencement Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 4th, 2025 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 are due March 3. Changes to statements after that date (i.e. won a scholarship you'd like to include in your statement) can be made to Ms. Khosa through email or Teams.

Mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday, June 4th at 11:45AM: At lunch, prior to rehearsal, grads will pick up their caps and gowns from the Multi Purpose Room. These gowns are souvenir gowns which students may keep. Gowns are to be worn for the rehearsal and immediately following the rehearsal all grads will participate in the school-wide grad walk. After picking up caps and gowns, go to the theatre where we will start the official preparations for the commencement activities. All grads must attend this rehearsal where they will receive important information about the procedures for the Commencement Ceremony.

Grads will receive two (2) free tickets. These tickets will be distributed to students on April 30th in the Block A class. Students who are absent on April 30th and students with a study in Block A can pick up their tickets from the school office during lunch from May 1st to May 9th. Tickets not claimed by May 9th will be re-allocated. **Students who owe debts or are on academic probation (must be in good standing, in all classes) may not be issued tickets.**

Families should also be aware that this formal ceremony often lasts two (2) hours and is not suitable for small children who have difficulties sitting quietly. Getting more than 2 tickets is NOT likely – please invite extended family to watch the live stream of the ceremony.

Students requiring one additional ticket can submit a request form to the office (the request form is given out, along with the two free tickets in an envelope). Additional tickets are awarded via lottery.

Due to limited seating, a maximum of 1 additional ticket per student may be requested, not all requests will be accommodated. Additional tickets (awarded via lottery) and cost \$5. All proceeds will go towards scholarships.

Ms. Hill is the chair of the Commencement Committee.

Grad Dinner and Dance May 30, 2025

The 2025 Dinner/Dance will be held on **Friday May 30th**, from **5:30PM - 11:00PM**. Starting at Sullivan Heights Secondary, the students will board the coach buses at 4:45PM for Newlands Golf & Country Club in Langley.

Ticket sales will take place from **Tuesday, April 22nd to Monday, May 12th**. Tickets for the **Grad Dinner Dance are \$140 each**. Due to limited seating grads will only be able to purchase a ticket for themselves.

Students must have their Grad Expectation letter signed and returned to purchase tickets.

*****Parents/Guardians will need to drop off their child at Sullivan Heights at 3:30PM on Friday, May 30th.** 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 Tea prior to the grads boarding coach buses for the Grad Dinner Dance at Newlands Golf & Country Club in Langley.

No student will be allowed into the Grad Dinner Dance or Dry Grad unless transported by coach buses provided by the school. If students are not participating in Dry Grad, **parents/guardians MUST pick up students from Newlands Golf and Country Club at 10:45PM. This must be pre-approved by Admin.**

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

****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 30 – May 31, 2025 (Friday-Saturday)

A committee of parents are working hard to coordinate this event which takes place immediately after the Grad Dinner Dance on Friday, May 30th. This year's Dry Grad celebration will be held at The REC ROOM at Brentwood Mall in Burnaby. Students will be transported by the coach bus from the Grad Dinner Dance directly to the Dry Grad event. Many fun activities, entertainers, food, music, and even prizes will be offered to students at this drug and alcohol-free evening.

1. Early Bird tickets are now available until March 31st at a cost of \$125 per ticket. Evening Bird tickets will be available from April 1st to May 8th at a cost of \$140 per ticket. For planning purposes, all Grads will be asked to register online for Dry Grad, even if they do not plan on attending. All students who are attending Dry Grad will need to be registered before they can purchase tickets.
2. Students **must take the coach bus** from the Grad Dinner Dance at Newlands Golf & Country Club directly to The REC Room for the Dry Grad event. Students may **not use private transportation** to get to Dry Grad.
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 Friday, May 30, between 7:30-9:30am. Bags will be transported to The REC Room by parent volunteers, where students can change when they arrive. 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. The Dry Grad party goes all night long and students will need to be picked up at The REC Room by 4:30am on Saturday, May 31st. There are no in and out privileges so any time a student leaves Dry Grad, they **must be picked up and signed out** by an authorized parent/guardian, as provided in the registration form. ID will be required at pick up and no student will be released to anyone not pre-approved on the registration form.
5. Please contact drygrad@sullivanstarspac.ca for any questions.

Grad Dinner and Dry Grad Timeline Friday May 30, 2025

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>
3:30pm	Grads arrive at Sullivan Heights <u>with their parents/guardians</u> for grad sign-in/registration. <u>A parent/guardian must sign their student in.</u>
3:30-4:45pm	Parent Tea. Parents and grad stay for a “proud parent moment”, photos, red carpet exit to buses.
4:45pm	Parents/Guardians leave and Grads board coach buses.
5:00pm	Coach buses leave for Grad Dinner Dance in Langley
5:30pm	Grads arrive at Newlands Golf and Country Club in Langley
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 to Dry Grad. If not attending Dry Grad, students must be picked up by a parent at Newlands by 10:45 pm. This must be pre-arranged with Admin.
11:30pm	Grads with a Dry Grad ticket arrive at The REC room in Burnaby to begin Dry Grad portion of the night.
4:30am	Parents pick up students from The REC Room (Dry Grad). Students must be picked up and signed out of Dry Grad by a parent.

