

EARL MARRIOTT GRAD 2024

Information Update and Ticket Order Form Package

GRADS, this package contains the following:

- information regarding the Commencement Ceremony, Family Celebration, Dinner/Dance and Dry Grad
- order form for the individual ticket requests (Dry Grad)
- order form for the group ticket requests (Dinner/Dance)

IMPORTANT DATES

March 5	Fashion Show
April 19	Dinner/Dance Guest Pass Available from Main Office (due May 2 nd)
April 24	Distribution of Commencement Tickets – 3 each
April 26	Online payment option opens to purchase extra Commencement tickets
May 10	Online payment option opens to purchase Dinner/Dance & Family Celebration tickets
May 10	Dry Grad Plant Sale
May 16	Duke of Earl
May 17	Grad Dinner/Dance Ticket Order Form (group) due Family Celebration, Dry Grad Ticket payments due
May 21	Commencement Rehearsal (Block A, Main Gym @ EMS) - Mandatory
May 22	Commencement at Chandos Pattison Auditorium @6:30 (Grads arrive 5:30)
June 6 (Lunch @EMS)	Scholarship Recipient Tea (Mandatory attendance for all scholarship recipients)
June 7	Grad Sports Day
June 8/9	Family Reception/Grad Banquet/Dry Grad

The graduation events at Earl Marriott are intended to build community among the members of the **Class of 2024** and to contribute to the development of positive school culture and traditions. It is very important that we remind parents and grads that **all events organized and sponsored by the school must be alcohol and drug free**. Everyone should understand that this is for the safety of students. Students and guests must behave appropriately and act with good judgement at all times.

Commencement Ceremony

The Commencement Ceremony will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium (@ Pacific Academy, 10238 – 168th Street, Surrey). *Grads are asked to arrive at 5:30 for the Processional line up.*

Graduates will receive 3 **free tickets, which will be distributed on April 24th in C block**. Please return any tickets that will not be used to Ms. McLean in the office. Remaining tickets will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis (limit 1 per graduate, at first) at a cost of \$5.00, with money collected used for scholarships for graduating students. This online option will open April 26th and these additional tickets will be distributed May 13th in the office. All guests, including children must have a ticket and this ticket must be presented at the door for admission. Graduates do not require tickets. If any tickets remain after May 13th, announcements will be made at school for students to purchase them at the office.

Please note—Grads will not be issued commencement tickets unless all grad fees, school fees, outstanding textbook charges are paid.

Grad Gowns and Rehearsal

There will be a mandatory rehearsal and assembly for all grads on Tuesday, May 21, Block A, in the main gym. Following the assembly, grads will receive their grad gowns. Gowns are for grads to keep. Do not iron the gown. Grads are to arrive at Commencement wearing their cap and gown. Dress for the ceremony is semi-formal with appropriate footwear to be seen below the gown length. Remember, purses and cell phones are to be left with grads' families or at home as there will be no storage location and these items are not permitted on stage. **EMS is not responsible for lost or stolen items.**

Grad Banquet and Family Celebration – June 8, 2024

There will be a Family Celebration at the school prior to the Grad Banquet on Saturday, June 8. Students will arrive at the school by 3:30pm. A stand-up reception for parents and extended family will follow with light dessert, refreshments, coffee and tea. It will be an opportunity for families to take pictures with graduates and their friends against beautiful backdrops at the school. Tickets for parents/family members will cost \$5 per person and are to be purchased through School Cash Online (<https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>).

Bus transportation to Tsawwassen Springs is mandatory for all grads (and approved guests). Grads must check in and be screened through security by 4:30pm at the school. Failure to do so will result in grads not able to attend the grad banquet. There are no private cars or limousines to Tsawwassen Springs.

Following the Family Celebration at 5:00pm, grads will depart the school by coach bus to be transported to Tsawwassen Springs for the Grad Banquet.

Tickets for the Dinner/Dance cost \$130 (includes transportation, dinner, DJ and Grad group photo) and can be paid through School Cash Online starting May 10th (<https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>). **Tickets are non-refundable.** Please elect a table captain who will complete the order form included in this package and submit **for all of the grads at that table.** Once students have paid online, they may submit one order form for each table. Please notify Ms. McLean in the office if you have any dietary restrictions.

Order forms are due to Ms. McLean by May 17, 2024.

Smaller groups will be combined at a table.

Grads, their guests, and parents are reminded that this is a school sponsored event. Upon entry, there will be a security check of bags and purses. **Anyone under the influence or in possession of drugs or alcohol will not be allowed entrance to the Family Celebration or Grad Banquet.** In addition, there is no smoking for any grads or guests during the duration of the event as **there will be no in/out privileges for anyone attending the Family Celebration and Banquet.**

Grads and their guests **will be required to drop off their change of clothes for the Dry Grad to the school on Friday, June 7 in the box gym from 3:30 to 6:30pm. All bags will be checked by security at this time. Bringing bags to the grad Family Celebration/Banquet will not be permitted, nor will storing bags in parent vehicles.** Bags will be transported securely from the school to the Dry Grad event and grads will change at Dry Grad. All grads and guests will be required to be transported to the Dry Grad event by bus.

Grad 2024 Group Ticket Order Form

Dinner/Dance Banquet

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED by MAY 17, 2024

Tickets cost \$130. Only one order form should be completed for each table. Please elect a **table captain** who will complete the order form for all of the grads at that table. All names must be clearly written on the same form. If you do not have a full table of 10 people, you may be seated with another group to complete a group of 10.

Name of Table Captain: _____ **(Cell #:)** _____

	Grads (and/or Guest) Names	App'd Guest Pass (Y/N?)	Online Receipt No.
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____

Office Use Only:
Debts: _____

Office Use Only:
Table No.: _____

Dry Grad Ticket purchased online at <https://munchalunch.com/schools/ems/>. If you need to pay by cash/cheque, please submit completed form and cash/cheque to the EMS office by May 17th, 2024.

The Dry Grad Event will follow the Graduation Banquet on Saturday/Sunday, June 8/9, 2024, from 11:00 pm to 4:00 am. It will be held at the South Surrey Recreation Center. This is a school-supported event, however it is organized directly by our Grad parents. **We need volunteers.** If you would like to remain in the loop with regards to Dry Grad fundraising, events, planning, and volunteer opportunities, please email emsdrygrad2024@gmail.com indicating you would like to be added to the dry grad email list.

Here are the details:

- Saturday, June 8th following the school organized dinner/dance taking place at Tsawwassen Springs, the Dry Grad evening activities will begin.
- Those purchasing a ticket for the Dry Grad event will board buses at 10:30 pm from Tsawwassen Springs and be transported back to the South Surrey Recreation Center for an evening full of fun and games. Those not attending Dry Grad will be released at Tsawwassen Springs after the Dinner/Dance. They will need to find their own ride home.
- The Dry Grad event will run from 11:00 pm on Saturday, June 8th to approximately 4:00 am on Sunday, June 9th.
- Two large gyms will house oversized inflatable activities for the grads to enjoy.
- Another large gym will house a casino room where grads can try their hand at poker, roulette, and blackjack.
- Games, food, a DJ, a magician, caricature artists and a photo booth are just a few other entertainment options available throughout the evening.
- Grads will be able to enter to win raffle prizes (winners will be drawn at the end of the event).
- Parents will pick up grads from the South Surrey Recreation Centre on Sunday June 9th at approximately 4:00 am.

Students attending the dry grad must ride on the buses from the banquet event to the South Surrey Recreation Center. **Parents of students who have purchased Dry Grad tickets but who do not enter the dry grad event will be called.** The order for Dry Grad tickets will also be included on the individual ticket form. Ticket price is \$55 (early bird) each for student and approved guest. After May 31st each ticket will be \$65.

Grad 2024 Individual Ticket Order Form

Dry Grad

Please enclose this form in a SEPARATE envelope with cash/cheque (payable to EMS PAC)

ONLINE PAYMENT: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/ems/>

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED MAY 17th, 2024

Grads, if you would like to attend Dry Grad, you must purchase a ticket for both you and your approved guest (if you have one).

Yes, I would like a Dry Grad ticket and I have enclosed \$55.00 _____

Yes, I would like a Dry Grad ticket for my approved guest and have enclosed an additional \$55.00 _____

Student Name: _____

Name of Approved Guest: _____

Tickets will be \$65 after May 31st.