



GRADE 12 PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Traditional Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that our school resides on the shared, unceded territories of the Semiahmoo First Nation. The Semiahmoo people have been the stewards of this land in time immemorial.





Agenda

- ▶ Grad Expectations
- ▶ Graduation and Requirements
- ▶ Scholarships
- ▶ Grad Events

The School Team

- ▶ Principal→ Graham Magnusson
- ▶ Vice Principals→ Pam Sandhu & Virgil Hill
- ▶ Counseling Team
- ▶ Scholarship Coordinator→ Stephanie Canino
- ▶ Youth Care Team
- ▶ Teachers
- ▶ IESWs
- ▶ Safe Schools Liaison→ Chris Nwandu

Three common grade 12 challenges

I have to pass this course... → We want to help, but...

I need to get into this program (or go to this school).... → Plan B, C, D etc. are important

September is all that is important... We want you to not just get in but thrive!

"No single course in high school ever made the difference between a person finding success in their life or not." – Mr. M.

Principal's Message

MR. GRAHAM MAGNUSSON

A welcome from our **P**arent **A**dvisory **C**ouncil

- ▶ Meetings last Monday of every month @ 6:30 pm
 - ▶ School library
 - ▶ Next meeting Tuesday, September 29th !
 - ▶ Everyone welcome!
- ▶ First Dry Grad Parents Meeting TBD

We need grads to lead, not follow...

- ▶ Be up on their communications
- ▶ Be a role model for others-juniors
- ▶ Prevent trouble and help us solve problems
- ▶ Choose kindness
- ▶ Own their choices

...because others are watching!

Student Expectations

School Events vs Non-Sanctioned Events

School Events Include:

Boat Cruise

Grad Game-Canucks

Pasta Night

Fashion Show

Duke of Earl

Commencement

Grad Dinner and Dance

Dry Grad (Parent organized)

Non-Sanctioned Events:

House / Community Parties

Privately Organized Fundraisers

Ski Trips

Camping Trips

Grad Games

Grad Initiatives-Senior Sunrise, Milk Jug Challenge,

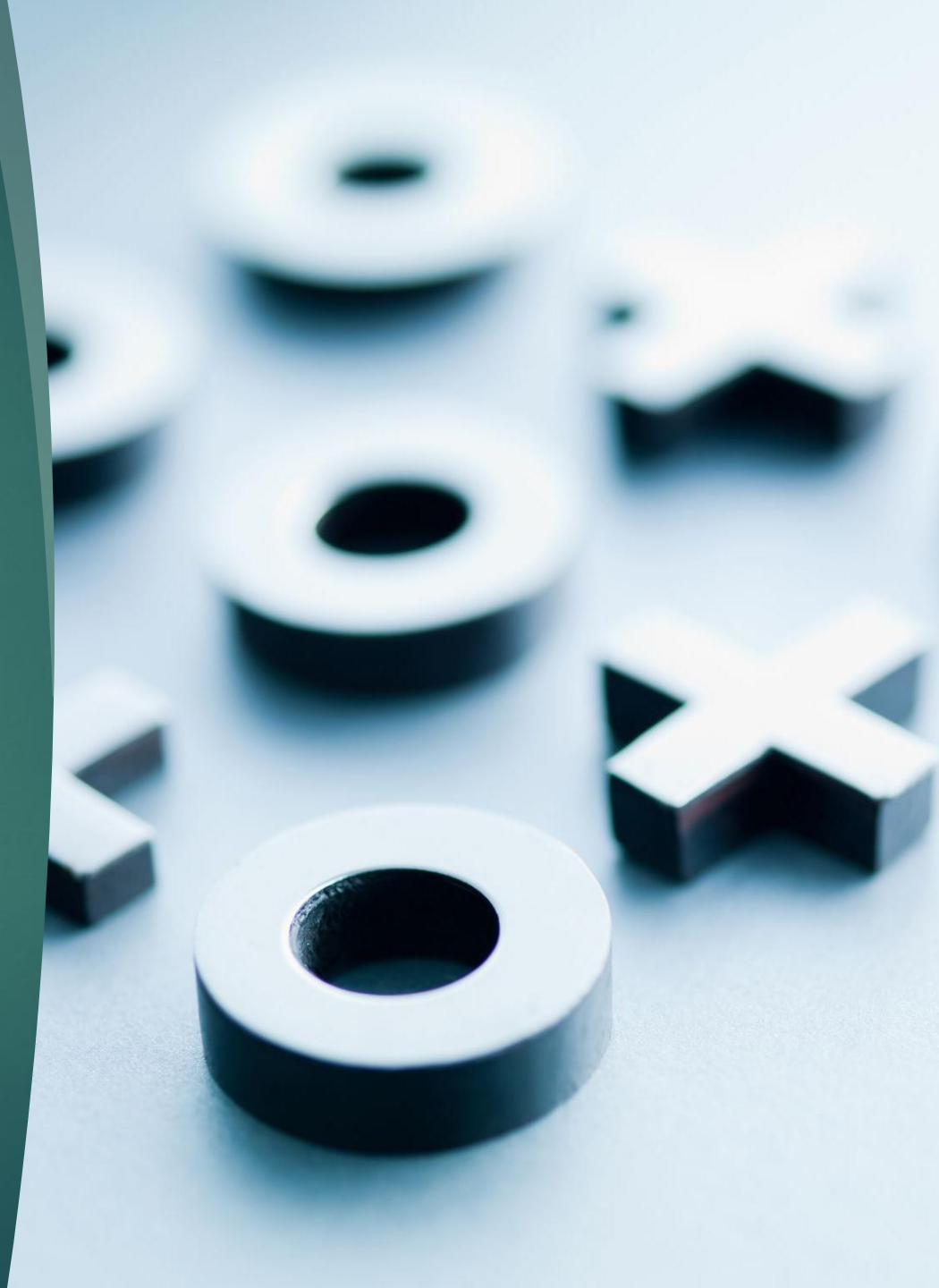


The Grade 12 Experience

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Our Counselling Team

- ▶ Mr. Aaron Haynes. (A – Fo)
- ▶ Ms. Adele Kim (Fr- Le)
- ▶ Ms. Sharon Sall (Le– Sa)
- ▶ Ms. Min-Chee Lo (Sc – Z)



Graduation Credits

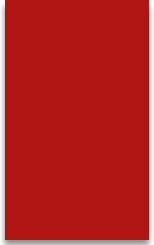
Counsellors

- ▶ Minimum 80 Credits required over 3 years (4 credits per class) **Check MyEdBC**
- ▶ Checking grad status – November- **Counsellors do this and will ONLY contact you if there is an issue**
 - ▶ Transcript Verification Report (TVR)
- ▶ On-line - Make sure it's on your TVR!
 - ▶ External courses must be on your Transcripts (each university has different course completion deadlines)
- ▶ Grade 12 students
 - ▶ Grade 10 Numeracy & Literacy Assessments (if not already written).*
 - ▶ Grade 12 Literacy Assessment
 - ▶ Indigenous Course Requirement
 - ▶ FRAL 12 Assessment



Submitting Final Grades to Universities

- ▶ Required: Student Transcript Service
- ▶ <https://www.bceid.ca/register/>
- ▶ Most Post-Secondary Institutions access student marks electronically from the Ministry of Education (no paper transcripts)
- ▶ Students **MUST** complete their online STS selection to release their marks → link on EMS website under Counselling



**To stay
informed with
Post-Secondary
Updates
throughout the
year...**

Students should attend the GPS meetings that occur the 3rd Thursday of each month at lunch and check the school webpage as the Power points of the GPS meetings are posted there

Welcome to EMS Scholarship!



MRS. CANINO
SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR, ROOM 312
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Have your child join our TEAMS page EMS Scholarships

- The code to join is 60zqlr5
- This is where all the information will be found
- All applications and forms will also be located here
- It is also a great place to ask questions

...then go to the Teams page and
get the Handbook:

- Print it out or save a copy on your device.
- The last page of the Handbook has all your major due dates and meeting dates. I have some copies here with me tonight; however, I have already given out the booklets to most of the grade 12s.

MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIP MEETINGS FOR 2026/2027

Scholarship Meeting - Monthly Topics

Watch Teams (Scholarships EMS) for more information, dates, and times.

September 17th was in my room 312

Follow us on Teams: Teams Code to Join is 60zqlr5

Scholarship Handbook
Types of Scholarships and Financial Awards

October 15th

Getting Started
How to Pay for Post-Secondary School

November 19th

Creating Your Story
Request for letter of Reference

December 17th

Essay Writing (sample questions...comparisons) What Scholarship Committees are looking for

January 21st

Understanding the Scholarship Judging Process

February 18th

- Stress Management
In School Scholarships Application
- Deadline: Monday, **April 5, 2027** (in person submissions only before 3:30 pm)
- Ministry District Awards/Partner 36 Scholarships
- Deadline: Monday, **April 5, 2027** (in person submissions only before 3:30)
 - In School Scholarships Application Q & A Deadline Monday, **April 5, 2027**

March 11th

Scholarship Recipient Procedure

Thank you Letters

What else is in the Handbook?

- ▶ Scholarship definitions such as:
 - ▶ Scholarship: a monetary award based on academic merit or excellence in the area to which the award permits
 - ▶ Bursary: a non-repayable grant made to students in need of financial assistance

What else is in the Handbook?

- ▶ Types of scholarships:

- ▶ **BC Achievement Scholarships:** \$1250 for the top 8,000 BC students; students do not apply for this one (based on GPA for Grades 10-12, including electives)
- ▶ **District Authority Awards:** \$1250 voucher for 5,500 BC students with superior achievement in non-academic fields (deadline = Monday April 5, 2027)
- ▶ **Partners36 Scholarships:** \$250 – \$5,000 for only one student per school per scholarship; there are dozens of scholarships (deadline = Monday April 5, 2027)
- ▶ **Corporate/Service Clubs:** Students must apply for these on their own. These scholarships include union, private company, and corporate groups.
- ▶ **In School Scholarships:** \$250-\$2,500 scholarships available to EMS students (deadline = Monday April 5, 2027)

The *average* first-year tuition in Canada costs \$7,360/year.

Books/year	Living at home/year	Living away from home/year
Least expensive is Computer Science. Most expensive is Business. Average about \$1000	Everything included (tuition, fees, books, transportation, haircuts, etc.) \$10,000	Everything included (same as at home plus off-campus rent, travel home on holidays, food, etc.) \$20,000 - \$30,000

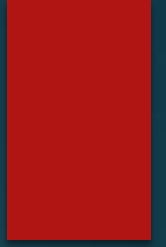
Well, that's terrifying.

“So, what can a
parent do to help?”

1. Buy a paper calendar and start writing in due dates:

- ▶ **Basant \$35,000 in scholarships** – Was due yesterday, Hopefully your child applied.
- ▶ **Loran** – October 15th, 2026 by 8:00 pm Eastern Time
- ▶ (see Teams page)
 - ▶ 85% minimum, Canadian or permanent resident, planning to go to post-secondary

Keep watching the
Teams page, for
updates and new
scholarships!



3. Get your child to the monthly meetings. (See Teams)

- ▶ Each meeting has a theme:
 - ▶ Creating Your Story
 - ▶ Essay Writing
 - ▶ What the Scholarship Committee is Looking For in an Applicant
 - ▶ Stress Management
 - ▶ Thank-you letters

4. Parents, find out your angle:

- ▶ Do you belong to a union?
 - ▶ Every union has a scholarship for members' kids.
- ▶ Does your company have a scholarship for members' kids?
 - ▶ If not, ask about starting one. See me for donation forms.
- ▶ Do you belong to a cultural, religious, or community group?
 - ▶ Think about your heritage and groups in which you and your family participate.

5. Add up the numbers:

- ▶ Are you in need? Bursaries are available if money is preventing your child from attending post-secondary.
 - ▶ The Cmolik Foundation offers full tuition to students who have, for many different reasons, not been able to save for school.
- ▶ How are you and your child going to pay for school?
 - ▶ RESPs, scholarships, jobs, gifts from family, bursaries?
Make a plan now.

6. Time spent working on scholarships is time saved flipping burgers.

- ▶ See page 16 of The Handbook for “Places to Look for Scholarship Information”
 - ▶ Yconic.com
 - ▶ Bced.gov.bc.ca/awards
 - ▶ ScholarTree
 - ▶ GrantMe.com

Good luck!

- ▶ Please contact me at canino_s@surreyschools if you have any questions
- ▶ Sign on to the Teams page to ask questions.
 - ▶ Code to join is 60zqlr5
 - ▶ Get the Handbook

Grad Events

MS. SANDHU

Timeline: Grad Events

- ▶ Grad Photos October 26th-30th
- ▶ Grad Cruise September 22nd
- ▶ Grad Game October 20th
- ▶ Grad Fashion Show February
- ▶ Grad Pasta Night November
- ▶ Dry Grad Plant Sale May
- ▶ Duke of Earl June
- ▶ Grad Walk/ Rehearsal May 18th
- ▶ Commencement May 19
- ▶ Grad Sports June 12th
- ▶ Family Celebration June 12th
- ▶ Grad Dinner & Dry Grad June 12th

Grad Photos (Artona Studios)

- ▶ Grad Photos in “Mobile Studio” in our parking lot
 - ▶ October 26th-30th
 - ▶ Bookings done online @ <https://artona.com/bookings>
 - ▶ Information posted on TEAMS
- ▶ All students are to take photo even if they are not ordering a package—no one will be turned away,
 - ▶ Your photo will appear:
 - ▶ On our composite posted in the school
 - ▶ In our Yearbook
 - ▶ If a deposit is not possible, see Ms. Sandhu

Commencement

Wednesday, May 19th , Chandos Pattison @ 6:30 pm

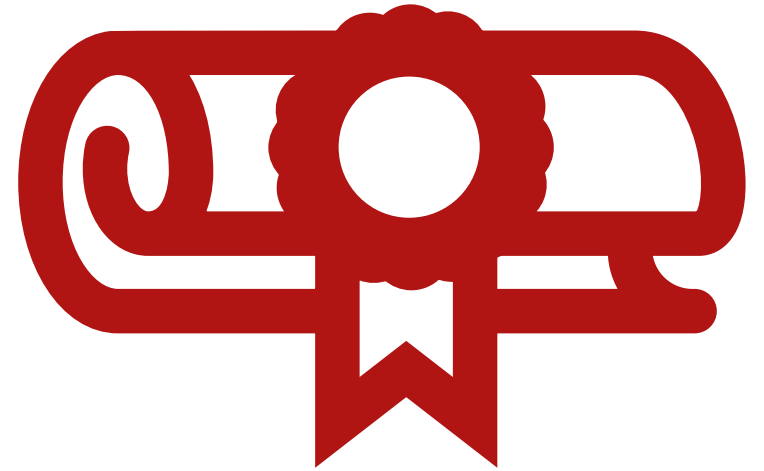
Grad Fee \$50

- ▶ Grad Gown orders-height measured by Artona
- ▶ Gowns distributed to Grade 12 gowns on the morning of the Grad walk (day before the commencement ceremony-May 18th)
- ▶ Covers facility rentals, printing, decorations, gown rental, cap/tassel fees, etc.
- ▶ Commencement write-ups collected in second semester
- ▶ Tickets: Two tickets per family, more given after everyone has received the first two.
 - ▶ We have a process for families requesting more tickets.

Stay Informed

How information is shared

- ▶ Website (Parents → Graduation Information)
- ▶ Grad Newsletter
- ▶ Mari-Time App
- ▶ Email List
- ▶ TEAMS



Parents and Grads of 2027

Thank you for coming
this evening!

