



**Summerland Secondary School  
Graduation 2020  
Information**



## **PARENTS**

The following information is provided to help explain many of the grad activities for this year's grad class. **Please keep this Graduation 2019-20 information package for future reference.** In brackets, at the end of each section, is the name of the staff sponsor. Please contact that person should you have any specific questions about the event. Parents may also check the School Newsletter and the School Website <http://sd67.bc.ca/schools/sss> for the latest grad updates.

(Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson)

## **STUDENTS**

Every possible effort is made to keep grads and parents apprised of important information related to graduation. Grads should keep a close eye on daily school announcements, the Grad Bulletin Board located near the Foods Room, and should frequently check their emails for important announcements. All grad information will be sent to students' pupil I.D. @summer.com email address. We encourage all students to setup their email account to automatically forward to whichever account they most regularly use. Grad meetings will be held several times throughout the year. All grads, including those who complete grad requirements early (January 2020), should make every effort to attend the meetings. **IT IS THE POTENTIAL GRADUATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REMEMBER THE IMPORTANT DATES AND TO MEET ALL DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS.**

(Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Russill, Ms. Wise)

## **GRAD PLANNING COUNSELLOR MEETING**

All graduates are required to meet with a counsellor to discuss their **Graduation Plan**:

- Transcript Verification
- After graduation plan
- Post-secondary application assistance
- Scholarship and Bursary questions

In early August each grade 12 student will receive, in the mail, their transcript from the Ministry of Education. The transcript shows all courses passed and a student's graduation status. Students can access their transcript during the year using the BC Student Transcript Service. Student Transcripts Service (STS) is an online application for students to view their school marks, scholarships and transcript, and send transcripts electronically. To register for STS students will need:

- Personal Education Number (PEN)
- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Email address

**STEP 1** Go to the Ministry of Education's **Transcripts and Certificate website** at:

<http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca>

**STEP 2** Students must register for a BC Government account, a **BCeID**. Follow the system prompts and register for STS. Finally log-in to Student Transcripts Service using the BCeID.

**STEP 3** From a student's STS Dashboard make post-secondary institution selections, view transcript, view assessment results, and send transcripts immediately.

(Mr. Russill, Ms. Wise)

**SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES**

Again this year, local bursaries and scholarships will be presented to graduates during the graduation ceremony on **Friday, June 26, 2020** at 11:00 am at the Summerland Arena. A student information meeting for these awards will be held just before Spring Break. Students who are going on to a full-time, accredited post-secondary program within 18 months of graduation are eligible to apply. Students must attend this meeting if they are applying for local bursaries and scholarships. In general, outside awards are not presented at the ceremonies.

**The following criteria will be used in determining a students' academic average for the local scholarships:**

<b>Grade 11 Courses</b>	<b>English 12 plus three academic university approved Grade 12 courses</b>	
Literary Studies 11	Calculus 12	Social Justice 12
Explorations in Social Studies 11 or Philosophy 12, Law Studies 12, Social Justice 12, History 12	Pre-Calculus Math 12	Law Studies 12
Pre-Calculus Math 11/Foundations Math 12	Anatomy & Physiology 12	French 12
One Science 11 or 12	Chemistry 12	French Immersion Language 12
Life Sciences 11, Physics 11, Chemistry 11	Physics 12	History 12
	Environmental Science 12	Philosophy 12

**NOTE:** Only the final available **school percentages** will be used to calculate averages for **English Studies 12**. Courses taken outside of Summerland Secondary **will not be used** to determine a student's academic average.

**GRAD LISTS**

Students must be in good standing to participate in graduation events. The official list of students who are eligible to take part in the school graduation events will be posted in Student Services and on the Grad Bulletin Board. Students will be added to the Grad list only if they have met their academic and financial requirements, as well as submitted all the required graduation forms. Grads should check the list each time it is posted as names will come on and off as future deadlines and requirements are considered. Grads will be notified by email each time a list is posted.

(Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Russill, Ms. Wise)

**GRAD FEES**

Grad fees this year are \$140.00. Grad fees will cover the cost of the ceremony including the rental of grad gown (grads get to keep the cap and tassel), grad group photo, certificates, scrolls, facility costs and other expenses associated with the ceremony and prom. Grad fees may be paid with student fees in September or in three installments. The first payment will be due on or before **November 15, 2019**, the second payment will be due on or before **January 31, 2020** and the final payment on or before **April 17, 2020**.

(Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson)

### **GRAD PORTRAITS (NEW)**

Grad portraits will be taken at **Stuart Bish Photography** located at 1205 Fairview Road in Penticton **January 13-18 and January 23-25 with retakes scheduled for early February 2020 (date to be advised)**. Weekday appointment times are from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday appointment times are from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Stuart Bish Photography staff will be contacting Grads to arrange appointments times. We ask that all grads have a photo taken as these photos are used in the graduation composite photo, the yearbook and the local newspaper. You are not obligated to purchase photos. More detailed information regarding Grad portraits will be made available at a later date.

(Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson)

### **GRAD RINGS**

Orders for grad rings will take place during the school year. Representatives from various companies will provide opportunities for students to place their orders. Those dates will be announced.

(Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson)

### **GRAD CLOTHING**

This year Grad clothing will be available prior to Winter Break and again in the spring. Unique grad hoodies and sweat pants are designed by SSS students in conjunction with a local supplier. Grad clothing can be ordered through the Student Services Office.

(Mr. Russill, Ms. Wise, Mr. Gupta)

### **CAP & GOWNS**

Cap and gowns are ordered well in advance of the Grad ceremony. The rental fee is included in the \$140 Grad Fee. They will be distributed prior to the Grad Ceremony. All gowns **MUST** be returned immediately after the graduation ceremony; grads may keep the cap & tassel. Grads will be charged the replacement cost of the gown if it is not returned.

(Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson)

### **GRADUATION FORMS (DUE DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE)**

#### **1. PARTICIPATION FORM**

All students must complete a Grad Participation Form.

#### **2. GRAD CEREMONY WRITE UP FORM**

Grad ceremony write-ups will be completed by students. It will be used to create a brief profile that will be read as the graduate crosses the stage at the ceremony. Due date for write-ups will be announced at a later date.

(Mr. Russill, Ms. Wise)

#### **3. BABY PHOTO / YEARBOOK WRITE UP FORM**

The grad section in the school yearbook often includes a baby photo along with the write up for each of the graduates. As yearbook plans unfold, we will notify student should this be required. The photo will be returned to the graduate.

(Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Sands)

**GRADUATION CEREMONY REHEARSALS**

All grads must attend the two grad ceremony rehearsals to be held during the week prior to the Graduation Ceremony at the Summerland Arena. If students are not in attendance at the rehearsals they will not know the routines for the ceremony and will not be allowed to participate in the Grand March. Grads are advised to wear the same shoes to the rehearsal that they plan on wearing to the ceremonies. The rehearsal days and times will be confirmed at a later date.  
(Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson)

**GRAD PROCESSION**

The Grad Procession follows a route from Summerland Middle School parking lot to the Summerland Arena. The Grad Procession precedes the Grand March and Prom on **Thursday, June 25, 2020**. Safety is a primary concern during the procession, therefore unsafe vehicles, un-roadworthy vehicles (as deemed by the R.C.M.P. and/or the School Administration) will not be permitted to participate in the parade. If you are not sure if a particular vehicle is acceptable, please check with the school administration well ahead of time. (Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson)

**GRAD CLASS PHOTOS**

A professional class photograph will also be taken on the evening of the Grand March. Each graduate will receive one class photo; the cost is included in the grad fee. The grad photos will be available for pick up at the main office in the **fall of 2020**.  
(Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson)

**GRADUATION CEREMONY**

This year the Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for **11:00 a.m. Friday, June 26, 2020** and will be held at the Summerland Arena.  
(Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson)

**DRY GRAD CELEBRATION**

Following the official Graduation Ceremonies, a Dry Grad Celebration takes place at Summerland School. Dry Grad is an event for SSS Grads only. A Dry Grad Parent Committee plans, sponsors and organizes this incredible experience for SSS Grads. Parents will be contacted regarding important Dry Grad meetings. Please stay tuned for fundraising opportunities and be sure to get involved.  
(Mr. Stel, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Gupta)