



2024 GRAD EVENTS

Grad Cruise: On March 1st, **Grad Cruise Tickets** go on sale. Each ticket will cost \$105. Tickets will be available through the student QuickPay account (<https://www.studentquickpay.com/sd33/>). Grade 12 students are given priority to this event; tickets for grade 11 guests (must be accompanying a GWG graduate) will be available to purchase after April 2nd. Grade 11 students will need to be approved to attend by administration.

The **Grad Cruise** will take place on April 25th. Students will need to be at the school at 3:00pm to get prepared to load the bus. Busses will leave around 3:30pm. Students will be allowed to leave school early to change into their formal wear as this is a formal event. Students will board the vessel at 5:30pm. No outside food or drinks will be allowed on the boat so please only bring what you need. Seats and busses will be pre-selected – students will sign up in early April. The boat will return to the docks at 9:00pm and we should be back at GW Graham around 11:00pm depending on traffic.



Awards and Scholarship Ceremony: Our awards and scholarship ceremony will be on June 3rd. This event will take place in the G.W. Graham Theatre at 6:00pm. Students will be notified if they have won an award the week prior to the awards ceremony. Additionally, students who won a scholarship will also be notified one week prior, however, in some cases it might be the day before. It all depends on when the donors have sent in their confirmation.

Note: Entrance Scholarships for Post-Secondary have various deadlines. Please review each specific school





Commencement Tickets: February 28th – May 12th **Extra Commencement Tickets** are made available. Each graduate receives 4 complimentary tickets and can purchase 4 additional tickets through the student QuickPay account. Each additional ticket costs \$7. If you are needing over 8 tickets total, please email gwg-finance@sd33.bc.ca

To access the extra commencement tickets please follow these steps:

1. Visit <https://www.studentquickpay.com/sd33/>
2. Sign into your account and select your grade 12 student.
3. On the bottom of the page you will see the following titles Optional Items, Grad, Donations please select Grad.
4. You will then see 2023/2024 Commencement Tickets; you will click on the Icon and the extra commencement ticket fee will be added to your student's account.



Commencement Rehearsal: On June 14th, busses will leave for the Chilliwack Coliseum at 8:45AM from GW Graham. Students **must** be on the bus as they are **not** allowed to drive themselves. During this time students will rehearse what to do for the live commencement that night. This rehearsal is mandatory. The busses will leave the Chilliwack Coliseum at 11:00 and return to the school where lunch will be provided for the students.

Commencement: Commencement will be in the evening on June 14th at the Chilliwack Coliseum. The ceremony starts at 6:00pm and ends around 8:30pm. Students need to arrive at the Zamboni entrance of the Coliseum at 5:00pm to ensure students are lined up properly and any wardrobe issues are fixed. There will be snacks and water provided in the back staging area. Commencement Fees are \$100 which includes Cap and Gown, facility rental, diploma, and photo.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Here are some reasons why students may not buy tickets or attend Grad Events

1. Outstanding Fees
2. Not in a place (academically) to graduate
3. Have not finished Career ED
4. Have not finished CAPSTONE

If you are not in a place to graduate, you will NOT be allowed to cross the stage at commencement. Students who are at a risk of not graduating will be notified after Spring Break





Prom (June 26th): **prom tickets** will be on sale from April 2nd – May 31st and the cost is \$105 per ticket. Tickets will be available online via Student QuickPay. At this time students will also select the table they and their guest/date would like to sit at. There will be **no changing** of tables once they are selected. Guests will be allowed but they **must** be a current student from SD #33 and approved by an administrator. Forms will be made available to students on April 4th.



Prom will be hosted at Harrison Hot Springs Resort. Students need to arrive at GW Graham at 3:00pm for photo opportunities prior to boarding busses at 3:30. Busses will leave GW Graham at 3:45pm and arrive at the resort around 4:30. This will allow for 30 minutes of time to take pictures around the area that is supervised by chaperones.

Students **MUST** take the bus and no student will be allowed to enter prom that did not arrive on the bus. Prom officially starts at 5:00pm where students will be asked to start entering the venue. Prom ends at 10:00pm. Students must also take the bus back to GW Graham and are not allowed to stay at the venue or take other modes of transportation home.



Chilliwack Community Dry Grad: On June 26th, students are invited to the community dry grad at the Landing Sports Center from 11:00pm – 5:00am. This event is organized by the Chilliwack Community Dry Grad Committee. This event will cost \$60 and ticket sales will end on June 15th. Tickets can be purchased through the school and guests from outside the school district are allowed. Students must arrive before 1:30am or they will not be allowed in. There is also no re-entry policy, once you leave you are not allowed back in. No backpacks or purses allowed. There will be RCMP, security, chaperones, and paramedics on-site. This is a school supported event, which means that all school rules apply. **Parent Volunteers:** To make this event a success, we need a minimum of 20 parent volunteers from GW Graham. Please email Gordon Bennett at gordonbennett@telus.net to volunteer.

****Commencement, Prom, and Dry Grad tickets will be handed out between May 27th – 31st ****