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Grad 2025-26 – FAQs

1. **Can International Students in Grade 12 come to Grad Events?**
 - Yes, international students in Grade 12 are considered grads for all events that are exclusive to Grade 12s
2. **Do the grads get to keep cap and gowns?**
 - Yes
3. **My child is at UFV doing the trades program. Are they still considered a Grade 12 Grad?**
 - Yes, any student who is listed as a Grade 12 student at our school is considered a Grade 12 for all grad events.
4. **Do students have to take the bus to prom?**
 - Yes, students must take the provided transport to and from Harrison Hot Springs.
5. **What time does Dry Grad start?**
 - Dry grad starts at 11 p.m. and runs until 5 a.m.
 - Students are responsible for their own transportation to this community event.
6. **Where does the money go for fundraisers?**
 - All money raised by students at the grad auction may only be used to pay their own grad fees and to purchase tickets to grad events for themselves and one guest.
7. **Where do we bring the grad auction items?**
 - If the items are small such as gift cards, please bring them directly to the office, or to Ms. Olafson or Ms. Daly
8. **Are the grads going to be given hoodies and lanyards this year?**
 - Yes.
 - Hoodies – will be available for sale. Link to come at a later date.
9. **When are Grad Photos taking place?**
 - Grad photos will take place **November 24 – December 4 between 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Vibrant Photography will be sending out information for signing up shortly.
 - **All ordering and signing up will be done online.**
 - If those dates do not work, February 3 and 4 between 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. is missed grad photo day.

10. If I win an item at the auction, how do I pay for it?

- We will have debit, credit card, and cash options to pay for all items.

11. How many grads are allowed on the grad cruise?

- We have 180 spaces available for grads after accounting for teacher chaperones.
- Students will be bussed from GW. Graham, departing around 3 PM and arrive at the docks for boarding at 5:30pm. The sailing runs from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. We will return to GWG for pick up by parents at 11:00 p.m.

12. How many commencement tickets does each grad get?

- Each student receives 4 tickets (as part of their commencement fee), but grads can purchase an additional 4 tickets at \$7.00 per ticket. We will not be having a waitlist this year and **cannot** accommodate more than the 4 extra tickets per family.

13. Will the box suites be randomly assigned this year?

- This year we will be auctioning off 5 box suites as part of the grad auction fundraiser. The box suites hold a maximum of 14 people.

14. Will scholarships and awards be given at commencement?

- NO, awards and scholarships have their own specific night. More information on that will come out in the New Year. Check the website to stay up to date.

15. Who gets to go to commencement and prom?

- Prom and commencement are for students who are in a position to graduate this year. If students are not graduating, they will not be allowed to participate in these events. Additionally, any guests of GWG grads must currently be attending a Chilliwack School District School in Grades 10-12. Grads **cannot** bring guests who have already graduated, are attending a private school or who are attending school in another town or school district.

16. Do guests of graduates at prom and dry grad pay the same amount?

- Yes, all guests will pay the same amount as grads.

If you have any questions or want to stay up to date with grad information and events, check out the school website at: <https://gwgss.sd33.bc.ca/grad-2025>