

GRADUATION NEWSLETTER 2017

Graduation Ceremony
Thursday, June 1, 6:00 p.m.
Christian Life Assembly
21277 56 Avenue, Langley, BC

Strawberry Tea
Friday, June 2, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
ACSS

Graduation Banquet
Friday, June 2, 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Quality Hotel and Conference Centre
36035 North Parallel Road, Abbotsford, BC

Grad Fees

Most Grads paid the \$75 Grad Fee at the beginning of the year. Please be aware that all grad fees and overdue accounts **must be paid** and all library books, uniforms, etc. returned before you can purchase strawberry tea or banquet tickets.

Guest Passes

Guest Passes will be available at the Grad Meeting at lunch, in the Library on Thursday, April 13, 2017. If your date/guest is not a 2017 ACSS Grad, you must have a Guest Pass. **Current ACSS students in other grades will also require a Guest Pass!! All Grads bringing a Grad Guest are required to meet with Administration, similar to the Grad Cruise process.** Guest Passes are due in the office by May 12, 2017. **Guests also must have paid all student fees before tickets can be purchased for them.**

Grad Ceremony – Tickets

Students who submit their Grad Write-Ups by Thursday, April 27, 2017 will initially be given six (6) ceremony tickets at the Grad Meeting on May 11. All other grads will be given four (4) ceremony tickets on May 11. Additional tickets will be released on May 18. (See Mrs. Gloch in Room 120 to reserve additional tickets). Guests will be required to show their tickets at the door. If you find that you do not need all your tickets, please return them to Mrs. Gloch in Room 120. If you are not planning to attend the ceremony, please contact the school as soon as possible so that tickets are not set aside for you.

Gown Pick Up

Grad gowns will be handed out in the Counselling Office after school from Monday, May 29 to Thursday, June 1. There is a \$100 charge for gowns that are not returned shortly after the Ceremony on the evening of June 1.

Grad Rehearsal

Thursday, June 1
1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Christian Life Assembly
21277 56 Avenue, Langley, BC
(604) 530-7344

Please make arrangements to attend, as it is very important that you know what to do, where to line up, where to walk, etc. The rehearsal will last approximately 1 hour. Please arrange your own transportation to the rehearsal. If you are unable to arrange transportation, please speak to Mr. Malo in advance.

GRADS! Please return to the church by 5:00 p.m. for pictures and to line up for the ceremony.

Grad Ceremony

Grads!
Return to the church by 5:00 p.m. to line up
Thursday, June 1
Ceremony: 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. (approximately)

As the ceremony will last approximately 2 hours, it is advisable that young children NOT attend. Grads! – There are NO “in and out” privileges. Plan to remain seated for the entire length of time. Disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated out of respect for our Grads and their families.

After the Ceremony

If you plan to go out for dinner with your family after the ceremony, it is advisable to make reservations in advance as the restaurants will be very busy. (Reservations should be made from 8:30 p.m. onward).

Strawberry Tea

Friday, June 2
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
ACSS Courtyard/Main Gym

ACSS hosts a ‘Strawberry Tea’ for parents and guests. This is complimentary for Grads, but tickets are required for all guests. Pre-purchase tickets from the secretaries in the office. Price: \$12.00 per ticket.

A Grad group photo will be taken in the courtyard, weather permitting, any time from 3:40 p.m. onward. Don't be late! A copy will be given to all grads by the end of the school year. There will be a short program and the tea in the main gym. Between 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. you will clear security and board buses which will transport you to the banquet. **All students and guests** must clear security and ride the buses to the banquet. No Exceptions!

Grad Banquet

Friday, June 2
5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Quality Hotel and Conference Centre
36035 North Parallel Road, Abbotsford, BC
(604) 870-1050

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Security Check and Boarding Bus to the Quality Hotel
5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Grad Banquet & Dance
7:45 p.m.	Short Program

The banquet is open to Grads and their guests. Guest Passes MUST be approved and all fees paid BEFORE purchasing a guest banquet ticket.

Tickets for the banquet will be on sale for Grads and their guests from Tuesday, May 16 – Friday, May 19, 2017 throughout the day, **from the secretaries in the main office**. The price is \$90 per ticket. The \$75 grad fee must be paid before banquet tickets can be purchased.

Chartered buses will pick up the Grads at ACSS at 5:00 p.m. sharp and take them to the banquet. At approximately 10:30 p.m. buses will then pick up the Grads from the Quality Hotel and take them to the Dry Grad Event which is being held in New Westminster, this year. Additional details about the Dry Grad event should be forthcoming from the Dry Grad Committee.

It is mandatory for all Grads to take the chartered buses to the banquet and to Dry Grad.

Students who are not attending Dry Grad will be transported by bus back to the school arriving at approximately 11:00 p.m. and then dismissed. Please arrange your own transportation home.

How to Purchase Tickets for the Strawberry Tea and the Grad Banquet & Dance

Please pick-up and complete the Ticket Request Form and return the form and money to the office, between May 16 – 19. A Low-Risk Field Trip Form for the **Grad and the Grad Guest and a Grad Guest Form** must be completed and returned to the office by May 13. All Grad Fees and all outstanding fees must be paid before you can purchase your tickets.

Bus Sign-Up for Grad and Grad Guest

Sign-up of for a Bus Seat once you have purchased your tickets for the Grad Banquet and Dance.

Banquet Seating

The dinner tables at the banquet will seat 8 people. No seats are 'held'. You are assigned a table when you buy your ticket. So, if you would like to guarantee seating with your friends and/or family, everyone needs to buy tickets at the same time. In most cases, there are no empty seats. If they are attending the dinner, you may choose whether or not to sit with your parents. That is for you and your parents to decide!

Dry Grad Event

Friday, June 2 – Saturday, June 3

Time: TBA

New Westminster

The Dry Grad Event will take place in New Westminster after the Grad Banquet and Dance. Details will be provided at a later date.

Congratulations, Graduates!