



# GRAD 2025 INFORMATION AND ORDER FORM PACKAGE

**THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING THE:**

- GRAD WALK ON **MONDAY, JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025**
- GRADUATION CEREMONY ON **MONDAY, JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025**.
- DINNER & DANCE ON **TUESDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2025** INCLUDING TICKET ORDER FORM, GUEST PERMISSION FORM AND DINNER & DANCE FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM.

**PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION WITH YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN AND NOTE DATES AND DEADLINES ON YOUR CALENDAR! EVERY GRAD EVENT HAS A DEADLINE.**

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OR DINNER & DANCE?

SEE MRS. JUSTINE POPE IN THE MAIN OFFICE, SEND A TEAMS CHAT, OR EMAIL at [jpope@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:jpope@sd35.bc.ca)

## **GRAD 2025 EVENTS TIMELINE CHECKLIST**

- **February 6:** Grad Information Package emailed home, posted on Grad 2025 TEAMS channel, and [wgss.ca/](http://wgss.ca/)
- **February 14:** Ceremony tickets available to order/purchase at <https://forms.office.com/r/Xw5LbqSU9y> and [School Cash Online](#).
- **April 2:** Online ordering deadline for Grad Ceremony tickets including extra ticket purchase, if applicable.
- **April 2:** Completed Grad Walk Field Trip Permission Form – found on [School Cash Online](#)
- **April 2:** Dinner & Dance tickets available to purchase at [School Cash Online](#)
- **April 17:** Hard copy of Dinner & Dance guest passes, if applicable, due at the office for VP's approval.
- **April 17:** allocation of extra Grad Ceremony tickets begins. Families will be notified.
- **April 24 (after-school):** Dinner & Dance Grad and guest interviews with VP (if required).
- **May 5:** approved Dinner & Dance guest passes picked up from main office.
- **May 9:** online ordering for Dinner & Dance tickets closes.
- **May 15:** Table Captains submit all Dinner & Dance paperwork - order form, receipts, approved guest passes, and field trip permission forms to main office.
- **June 4/5/6:** Cap & Gown, Ceremony tickets, and Dinner & Dance tickets can be picked up. More details to follow.
- **June 23:** Grad Walk and Graduation Ceremony
- **June 24:** Grad Dinner & Dance
- **June 24/25:** Dry Grad

## **GRADUATION WALK**

When: Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:45-11:15am

Where: Local Elementary Schools

**All graduates who plan on attending the Graduation Ceremony must attend the Graduation Walk on the morning of June 23 from 8:45-11:15am.**

The Graduation Walk involves having students who are dressed in full regalia return to their previous elementary school to walk through the hallways as they are congratulated by elementary-aged children and their former teachers. It is also used as a motivator for our future students. The process usually ends with some fun pictures of the Grads on the playground equipment. Students will then walk back to WGSS or be transported by bus. Walking groups will have between 5-20 minute walks to arrive at their elementary school.

**You can view the 2024 Grad Walk on YouTube [here](#).**

8:45am – Grads report to WGSS Cafeteria.

9:30am – Staff and students will form a gauntlet down the hallways. Students will pass through being congratulated by the WGSS Staff.

9:45am – All graduates will line up in their respective school groups. Teacher leaders will help them get organized into the following groups:

- Group 1 – James Kennedy (walking)
- Group 2 – Alex Hope (walking)
- Group 3 – Gordon Greenwood (walking)
- Group 4 – Topham Elementary (bussing)
- Group 5 – Dorothy Peacock (bussing)
- Group 6 – West Langley (walking)

10:05am – Once students have walked or bussed to their past elementary school, they will gather outside and wait for the okay by the designated staff leader and the school's principal to enter.

10:10 – 10:40am – Students participate in the walk, and have pictures taken.

10:45am – Students begin the walk or bus ride back to WGSS.

11:05 – 11:15am – Upon return to WGSS, graduates will be dismissed to get ready for evening Graduation.

## **GRADUATION WALK FAQ's**

**Q:** *What if I did not attend a WGSS Catchment area school, or if I am an International Student, do I still attend?*

**A:** Absolutely! Most elementary students are just excited to see the Graduates in their regalia. Non-catchment students have already been placed into school groups and lists will be posted in the Grad Team in June of what school you have been assigned to.

**Q:** *Can my parents attend?*

**A:** Parents may come to the parking lot at WGSS or cheer you on in the Elementary School parking lot. They are not allowed to enter the elementary schools, as we are all closed campuses.

**Q:** *What about footwear?*

**A:** Flat shoes or running shoes are a must! This is not a time to wear heels as you will be doing a fair bit of walking.

**Q:** *Will we still do the Grad Walk if it is raining?*

**A:** The Grad Walk will go ahead rain or shine – be prepared!

**Q:** *Will we have time to get ready for grad?*

**A:** Yes, you will have plenty of time to get ready for the Ceremony - more than four hours!

We are really looking forward to the WGSS Grad Walk with all our graduates and our family of schools. It is an inspiring, emotional, and joyous event; we know it will be an amazing part of your graduation day and a wonderful memory for you moving forward.

## **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

When: Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm

\*Grads arrive at 4:45pm\*

Where: Langley Events Centre

7888 200<sup>th</sup> Street, Langley

Ceremony tickets can only be ordered online beginning February 14<sup>th</sup> at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Xw5LbqSU9y>

**The deadline to submit ticket requests is Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.**

Tickets will be available for pick up in June.

WGSS Grad 2025 will be held at the Langley Events Centre Arena. Water **is** welcome in the arena, however outside food is **not** allowed. Wheelchair seating is available, and elevator access is located at gate 3.

Guests must bring their ticket to the main entrance (Gate 2 & 4). **NO tickets will be sold at the door.**

This event is general admission seating. Please do not leave empty seats between guests! If our staff ask you to make a seating change, please be respectful of their instructions. We will do our best to accommodate guests with mobility issues. If you require wheelchair seating, please ensure that you have noted that request on your Ceremony Ticket request.

## **GRADUATION CEREMONY FAQ's**

**Q:** *Who will receive guest tickets?*

**A:** All eligible Grads whose names are on the grad list. Please note, you will **not** be able to pick up your grad ceremony tickets or cap & gown if:

- You have not paid for your ceremony tickets, student fees, or grad fees
- Are on the non-grad status list
- Have not completed the Grad Walk Field Trip Permission form on [School Cash Online](#)
- Have outstanding library items (if you return library items, make sure you get an all-clear slip and bring it with you when you pick-up your tickets and cap & gown).

**Q:** *How many guest tickets will I receive?*

**A:** Every grad on the list is eligible to receive six guest tickets. Remember, grads do NOT need a ticket.

**Q:** *How much do the tickets cost?*

**A:** The first two tickets are free. Each additional ticket can be purchased online for \$10 each through your School Cash Online account. Other forms of payment will not be accepted.

**Q:** *What if I need more than six tickets?*

**A:** Make sure you request additional tickets on your order form: <https://forms.office.com/r/Xw5LbqSU9y>. Additional tickets will be distributed by lottery after April 17<sup>th</sup>, so it is possible you may *not* receive extra tickets. Extra tickets over and above the six you are entitled to receive, can also be paid online. We will notify you if you are receiving extra tickets and when payment can be made.

**Q:** *How do I order and pick-up my guest tickets?*

**A:** Ceremony tickets can only be ordered online starting February 14<sup>th</sup> at <https://forms.office.com/r/Xw5LbqSU9y>. In addition, you must confirm your two free tickets, and any extra tickets, on [School Cash Online](#) along with the Grad Walk Field Trip Permission Form by **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

1. If you miss the ticket order and field trip form deadline, you will not be eligible for any guest tickets until all other orders have been processed.
2. Tickets and cap & gown will be distributed in June. You must have paid for any extra ceremony tickets, completed the field trip form, paid for your student/grad fees, be on the grad list, and have no outstanding library items. You do not need a copy of your payment receipt to pick up your tickets and cap & gown; we will have a payment list.

**Q:** *Can I bring flowers/gifts?*

**A:** We are always amazed at the parent support at Grad. We understand that some families like to show their support in giving their child a bouquet of flowers during the graduation ceremony. Balloons and flowers are not permitted in the facility – please gift them after the ceremony and outside of the venue.

## **CAP AND GOWN**

A cap & custom gown has been ordered for every grad who placed a cap & gown order. Please store these items in a safe place as this is your “uniform” for the ceremony. Both the cap & gown are yours to keep as a memento of Grad 2025!

You will be notified of when and where cap & gown pick-up will be.

# CEREMONY TICKETS SUMMARY

**Step 1:** ALL Grads MUST complete ticket order form before **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/Xw5LbqSU9y>

**Step 2:** Parents visit [School Cash Online](#) to confirm your ceremony tickets, pay for extra ticket(s), and complete Walking Field Trip form before **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## **GRAD DINNER & DANCE**

When: Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Student drop off at WGSS: 4:00pm – 5:30pm  
Doors open: 6:30pm | Dinner: 7:15 – 11:15pm  
Where: Aria Banquet & Convention Centre  
12350 Patullo Place, Surrey

### **Non-refundable tickets: \$95 per person**

You must be a WGSS 2025 Grad to buy tickets. Ticket sales open through your School Cash Online account on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are bringing a guest, you will need to purchase a guest ticket once a VP has approved your guest pass.

## **DINNER & DANCE GUEST PROCESS**

- **Please note that an approved guest pass (and possibly an interview) is needed for ANY guest of a WGSS 2025 Grad.** You AND your guest must complete a guest pass and submit it to your VP for approval, **no later than April 17<sup>th</sup>**. WGSS Administration may request an interview with your potential guest. Interviews can be booked at the office and will take place on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> after school. Once approved, guest passes can be picked up from the main office starting May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Grads and any guest under the age of 19 must also submit a completed field trip permission form, and the original approved guest pass (if applicable) to your Table Captain** (see more info below about Table Captains) **to include with the Dinner & Dance order form.** Keep a copy of the guest pass if you will be purchasing tickets for the Dry Grad event which takes place at the Langley Events Centre immediately following the Dinner & Dance. Please note the following:
  - If the WGSS Grad is bringing another WGSS student, the guest pass needs to be completed and then approved by the Grad's VP and the guest's VP. An interview may be required.
  - If the WGSS Grad is bringing a guest from another school, the guest pass needs to be completed and signed by the guest's parent and their school administration. WGSS Administration may request an interview.
  - If the WGSS Grad is bringing a guest who does not attend high school, the guest pass needs to be completed and then approved by the grad's VP. Administration may request an interview.
  - You must provide a copy of the signed guest pass to purchase a Dry Grad ticket for your guest. **You should NOT give away your original as it must accompany your Dinner & Dance order form.**



## **DINNER & DANCE TICKET PROCESS**

- Payment for your Dinner & Dance tickets must be completed on [School Cash Online](#). Each Grad will have the option to buy up to two Dinner & Dance tickets by May 9<sup>th</sup> (grad and guest ticket if applicable). Print your receipt and provide it to your Table Captain along your guest pass (if applicable). Tickets are **non-refundable**.
- Parents/guardians are welcome to attend the Aria between 8:00-9:30pm for the parent/student first dance and Cake & Coffee. There is a limited number of tickets available for this portion of the evening; up to two Parent Cake & Coffee tickets can be ordered on [School Cash Online](#) before May 9<sup>th</sup> for \$10 each. If more than two tickets are required, please contact [jpope@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:jpope@sd35.bc.ca). There is plenty of free parking at the Aria and the facility is located across the street from the Scott Road SkyTrain.
- Please designate one person per friend group as the **Table Captain**. This person will be responsible for collecting payment receipts, handing them in with the order form & any applicable guest passes, and picking up the tickets in the office on **June 4/5/6<sup>th</sup>** – more details will be available on TEAMS closer to the date.
- Grad tables are filled in groups of ten or less. If you do not have a full table of ten people, you may be seated with another group to complete a group of ten. Each table is to have all the names on one order form and a copy of the payment receipt(s) and completed field trip permission form(s) must be included at the time of ordering. Table Captains will drop off all required forms at the office no later than **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you want your table next to another group's table, indicate this on the order form. We will **try** to accommodate your request. Once the form has been submitted we are unable to trade or switch seats.

## **DINNER & DANCE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADS**

- All graduating students **and** their dates will be bused from Walnut Grove Secondary School to the Aria Banquet & Convention Centre. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS.** If you miss the bus at the school, you **WILL NOT** be allowed into the venue and your ticket purchase will NOT be refunded.
- Grads and their dates will need to arrive at WGSS **between 4:00pm and 5:30pm**. Students and bags will be searched by private security at this point.
- Grads and their dates who are attending the Dry Grad event following the Dinner & Dance will also have their bags checked-in and held at the school at this time by the Dry Grad parents to ensure student safety.
- At the school, there will be opportunities for photos prior to boarding the buses.
- Students and their dates will board their assigned bus at 6:00pm and will be bused directly to the Aria Banquet & Convention Centre. Again, if you miss the bus at the school, you **WILL NOT** be allowed into the Dinner & Dance, and your ticket purchase will not be refunded.

- Students may choose to attend the Dinner & Dance and not the Dry Grad event, but they may not attend Dry Grad without attending the Dinner & Dance. Students who wish to leave the Dinner & Dance early can only be signed out and picked up by a parent. **You must communicate with an Administrator prior to leaving.**
- **There are no in/out privileges at the Aria Banquet & Convention Centre.** Students deemed to have been outside the facility may have their parent contacted for pick-up and may not be allowed to attend the Dry Grad event. No refunds will be given for either event.
- After the Dinner & Dance, students going to the Dry Grad event at the Langley Events Centre will be bused directly from the Aria to the Events Centre. Their checked bags will be waiting for them when they arrive and there will be change rooms available.
- Students not attending the Dry Grad will be bused directly from the Aria back to Walnut Grove Secondary School at the end of the event.
- If students know they will not be attending Dry Grad, please inform Mrs. Pope in the office and she will place you on a Non-Dry Grad bus.

# **DINNER & DANCE SUMMARY**

**Step 1:** Visit [School Cash Online](#) between **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **May 10<sup>th</sup>** to purchase your non-refundable ticket(s) for \$95. Print receipt to provide to your Table Captain.

**Step 2:** If you are bringing a guest, fill out Pages 1 AND 2 of the Guest Form and submit to your VP

**Step 3:** Grads AND Guests must submit a completed Field Trip Permission Form and approved Guest pass to your Table Captain

**Step 4:** Parent Cake & Coffee tickets are available to purchase on [School Cash Online](#) for \$10 each before May 9<sup>th</sup>

**Step 5:** Table Captains drop off all required forms **no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>**



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**EXPECTATIONS OF ALL GRADS AND THEIR GUESTS ATTENDING THE WGSS DINNER & DANCE**

**FOR THE GRAD:**

- Only one guest per grad is permitted.
- Guest Permission form is to be completed and presented to your Vice Principal **no later than Thursday, April 17**. Approved forms can be picked up from the main office starting May 5. You will need a copy of this form in order to purchase a Dry Grad ticket and the original, along with your completed field trip permission form, will need to be handed in with your Dinner & Dance ticket order.
- On the evening of the Dinner & Dance, you must arrive and leave with your guest on your assigned bus. **There are no exceptions.**

**THE GUEST MUST:**

- Arrive and leave with his/her/their grad host on your assigned bus. **There are no exceptions.**
- Present picture identification at the event.
- Obey all staff supervisors, chaperones, facility, and security staff.
- Have a parent/guardian fill out the Low Risk Parent Permission Form (attached)

**GRADS & THEIR GUESTS ARE ADVISED:**

- Smoking or vaping is not permitted. Please note that cigarettes or vapes will be confiscated and destroyed by security.
- Possession or drinking of alcohol before or during the Dinner & Dance is not permitted.
- Use of drugs before or during the Dinner & Dance is also prohibited.
- Swearing is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Vandalism will not be tolerated.
- Fighting will not be tolerated.
- Appropriate and respectful behaviour toward staff (both school and facilities) and any other Grad and guest is a requirement.

**GRADS AND GUESTS WILL BE SEARCHED UPON ARRIVAL AT WGSS BY SECURITY STAFF. ANYONE IN POSSESSION OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE EVENT AND NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**

***I have read the above expectations and agree to meet them:***

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Grad's Signature

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Guest's Signature

LOW RISK FIELD TRIP - PARENT PERMISSION FORM



(Please return by <sup>MAY 15 2025</sup> \_\_\_\_\_)

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ (“my child”)

Name of school: C/O WALNUT GROVE SECONDARY

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of trip: TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

I have read and am informed about the proposed field trip to ARIA BANQUET CENTRE

on JUNE 24, 2025. I request that my child \_\_\_\_\_ (Location)

\_\_\_\_\_ (student's name)

participate in this field trip.

I understand there is a cost involved and have enclosed N/A with this form.

\_\_\_\_\_ (amount)

In the event of an emergency when a family member cannot be contacted at home, please try to reach one of the following emergency contacts:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the above-named student, request that my son/daughter be allowed to participate in the event described above (or to the series of events listed on the back of this form).

Both my son/daughter and I understand that the Langley School District, Pupil Discipline Policy applies on all field trips. The use of alcohol or drugs and/or inappropriate student conduct may result in suspension from school. Students engaging in these behaviours are liable to be sent home at their family's expense.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Care Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Information Update (please include any medical or health concerns):

**TICKET ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT - return to office by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

| Name of Table Captain | cell phone | Are you a grad (WG) or a guest (G)? | Approved guest pass attached (Y/N)? | Are you attending Dry Grad (Y/N)? | Payment (attach receipt from schoolcashonline) |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Names:                |            |                                     |                                     |                                   |  |
| 1. _____              | _____      | _____                               | _____                               | _____                             | _____  |
| 2. _____              | _____      | _____                               | _____                               | _____                             | _____  |
| 3. _____              | _____      | _____                               | _____                               | _____                             | _____  |
| 4. _____              | _____      | _____                               | _____                               | _____                             | _____  |
| 5. _____              | _____      | _____                               | _____                               | _____                             | _____  |
| 6. _____              | _____      | _____                               | _____                               | _____                             | _____  |
| 7. _____              | _____      | _____                               | _____                               | _____                             | _____  |
| 8. _____              | _____      | _____                               | _____                               | _____                             | _____  |
| 9. _____              | _____      | _____                               | _____                               | _____                             | _____  |
| 10. _____             | _____      | _____                               | _____                               | _____                             | _____  |

**IMPORTANT DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:**  
 Does anyone have a **life-threatening** food allergy or condition such as Celiac Disease? Provide name and info below:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL REQUEST:**  
 If **possible**, please seat this table next to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (name of Table Captain you want to sit beside)

Total \$ of receipts: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**  
 Table number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ticket number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_