



## Summerland Secondary School

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Congratulations to the 2017 Grad Class! In order to assist you in planning for this special event we wanted to provide you with the expectations as well as the dates and times of the graduation activities. We ask that parents and grads review this information together. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure the deadlines are met so please keep this information at hand.

As Graduation approaches, a number of events will be planned to celebrate this milestone. There are two types of grad events – school sanctioned events and non-sanctioned events. Prom and Dry Grad are sanctioned events that have been planned cooperatively with school administration and parents. Non-sanctioned events are those that have no school involvement. Examples of non-sanctioned events are “Sunrise” and “Sunset” parties. As many of you are aware, activities that have taken place at these parties have resulted in serious injury and in death. Many of the non-sanctioned events involve young adults that have already graduated or who are not attending school. This can add a significant amount of peer pressure to our grade 12 students at these non-sanctioned events. We encourage parents to ensure they are aware of the nature and details of all events and help our grads make responsible and safe decisions.

### **Grad Fees Are Due**

Grad fees are \$140.00. Grad fees will cover the cost of the ceremony including rental of a 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 Grad school activities through the year.

Students must be in good standing to participate in graduation events. The official list of students eligible to take part in the school graduation events is posted in Student Services. The grad list clearly indicates if the potential grad has not completed all course and credit requirements, necessary forms or paid fees. Grads should check the graduation 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.

## ***Important Dates and Times to Remember***

June 2		The final grad list will be posted in Student Services and on the Grad Board.
June 5	3:30 p.m.	Deadline for all graduation forms to be submitted to the main office.
June 23	3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Grad gown pick-up at SSS in room 3. Gowns need to be picked up by each grad (or their parent) in advance of the ceremony. This gives you the opportunity to take pictures with your family prior to the ceremony as gowns need to be returned immediately after. You will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony if you do not bring your gown (in good order). Please note that unreturned or damaged gowns will be assessed a \$200.00 replacement charge.
June 26	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	
June 28	Immediately following rehearsal (at Arena)	
June 27	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Grad rehearsals at Summerland Arena. All grads are required to attend both rehearsals which will last 60 to 90 minutes on both days. Book time off work now so that you are able to attend the rehearsals. Grads are advised to wear the shoes that they plan to wear to the ceremonies to the rehearsal. Students who do not attend rehearsals may not be permitted to participate in the Grand March.
June 28	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	
June 29	4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Grads (and guests) taking part in the grad procession should have their vehicles to the SMS parking lot between 4:45 pm and 5:00 pm. A reminder that safety is the primary concern during the procession. All vehicles must be road worthy and safe (as deemed by the RCMP and School Administration) in order to participate.
	5:15 p.m.	The Grad Procession to Summerland Arena begins.
	5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Formal Grad Class Photo followed by the Grand March at Summerland Arena
	7:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.	Grads will be transported by bus to the Waterfront Resort.
	7:20 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner for Grads at the Waterfront Resort.
	9:00 p.m.	Grad guests join grads at the Waterfront Resort. Parking is limited so please arrange to be dropped off.
	9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Prom at Waterfront Resort ***Doors close at 9:15 pm. Parents please arrange to have your grad picked up.
June 30	10:00 a.m.	Students are asked to arrive for the Ceremonies at the Summerland Arena by 10:00 am.
	11:00 a.m.	Graduation Ceremony begins. All gowns are to be returned immediately after the ceremony. Grads will be charged the replacement cost of the gown if it's not returned. Grads may keep the cap and tassel.
	9:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.	Students to arrive for Dry Grad at SSS Centre Stage entrance. Doors will close at 9:15 pm. Parents please arrange to have your grad picked up.

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

Due Date: June 5, 2017

**Grad Ceremony Message:** The following information will be used to introduce the grads at the graduation ceremony. Please fill out as many of the statements below as you can. **All of the statements must be appropriate.**

At Summerland Secondary School I have been involved in

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Next year I hope to

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My future plans (in 10 years) are

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The person who has inspired me during high school has been \_\_\_\_\_ because (how)

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My most memorable accomplishment(s) has been \_\_\_\_\_

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Outside of school I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_

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My favorite quotation is \_\_\_\_\_

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My favorite school moment was \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to thank \_\_\_\_\_

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(Other Intro. Statement) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Summerland Secondary Grad 2017  
Year End Graduation Activities Participation**

The following form must be completed and submitted to the Main Office by June 5, 2017 in order for grads to participate in the year end graduation celebrations. All of the year end activities are optional.

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As the Prom and Dry Grad Functions are put on by both the school and the Dry Grad Parent Committee, the following is a clarification of the consequences that would occur for the following actions:

Students and their guests are expected to behave appropriately. If a student and/or their guest is in possession of a vapourizer, e-cigarette or is in possession of, or under the influence of, any alcohol or drugs (regardless of age) at the Prom on the evening of June 29, the student will be suspended (as per school and district policy) and thus not be able to take part in the School Leaving Ceremonies and the Dry Grad Celebration Festivities on June 30. The student and/or guest will not be able to enter or remain at the event and refunds will not be provided. Any student who behaves inappropriately or is in possession of a vapourizer, e-cigarette or is in possession of, or under the influence of, any alcohol or drugs at the Dry Grad Festivities on June 30 will have to leave the festivities and will be taken home by their parents. **By attending these optional events you are consenting to a breathalyzer test.**

I am planning on participating in the Grand March and understand I must attend practice.	Yes	No
I am planning on attending the Graduation Dinner. (Open to grads)	Yes	No
I am planning on attending the Prom. (Open to grads and approved guest)	Yes	No
I am planning on attending the Graduation Ceremony.	Yes	No
I am planning on attending the Dry Grad Celebration. (Open to grads)	Yes	No

**I have read the above document and understand the consequences associated:**

Grad: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Prom Guest Request

**Anyone who is not a member of the SSS Grad Class of 2017 and who wishes to attend the Prom is considered a “guest” and must be approved by Administration.**

1. Siblings of graduating students are generally not accepted as guests out of consideration for the graduating sibling.
2. Grads will be contacted in person once a decision has been reached regarding the guest.
3. A \$25 guest fee is applicable to all guests and should accompany your request form. If your guest is not approved, your fee will be returned.
4. There will be limited availability for guests due to fire and safety capacity. Spaces for dates will be allocated on a first come basis. **Guest requests will not be accepted after June 5, 2017.**

Grad’s Full Name		Grad’s Phone #	
Guest’s Full Name		Guest’s Phone #	
Guest’s Age & Year of Grad		Guest’s Current/Last School	
Guests who graduated in 2014 or earlier or those who are in grade 9 or younger will not be considered.		Current School Phone #	

I understand that I must accompany my guest to the Prom. I have explained to my guest that he/she is expected to abide by Summerland Secondary School’s guidelines for student behaviour and conduct and I accept responsibility for my guest’s behaviour. We understand that we are subject to a breathalyzer regardless of age. If my guest or I am found to be in possession of, or under the influence of, any alcohol or drugs at the Prom, I will be suspended (as per school and district policy) and thus not be able to take part in the School Leaving Ceremonies and the Dry Grad Celebration. Additionally any students or guests found in possession of a vapourizer or e-cigarette will be sent home and the student will not permitted to participate in the remainder of the graduation events. We will both behave appropriately and we understand that if either of us contravenes the rules we will both be asked to leave Prom.

**I have read the above document and understand the consequences associated:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grad’s Signature

**I, the Prom Guest, acknowledge that I will abide by all Summerland Secondary School’s guidelines and expectations for student behaviour and conduct.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grad Parent/Guardian’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ approves/denies the above person as a guest at the SSS Prom on June 29, 2017.  
 Administrator’s Signature

Grad advised