

GRAD 2025 MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2024

MSS UPDATE: Dave Andersen, Vice Principal, MSS

GRAD DATES:

Indigenous Grad: June 4, 2025 By invitation.
Scholarship Night: June 16, 2025 By invitation.
Ceremony Rehearsal: June 18, 2025 1:00pm
Ceremony / March: June 19, 2025 6:30pm

GRAD FEES:

Grad Fees: \$225
Any outstanding fees: Library, Athletics, Student Fees.

The above fees should be paid by May 16th. Reach out to Angela Russell at 250-315-1121 or arussell@365.sd58.bc.ca to pay or find out what fees are outstanding. These fees can also be found on your Family Portal (Family Top Tab, Transactions Side Tab).

Graduates that are regularly participating in peer supervision can use their funds to pay for their grad fees.

Caps and gowns will be picked up, after your account has been settled, at the end of May.

If your family is having challenges in this regard, please reach out to Dave Andersen at 250-315-1119 or dandersen@365.sd58.bc.ca.

GRAD PHOTOS:

Grad photos took place last week. Proofs are being sent to students' emails and some have received them at this point. A physical copy of your proofs will be coming in the mail. Link and login information were also handed out at students' photo sessions.

We are aware some are not able to access their proofs. We have reached out to Prestige and will contact those affected when a solution is reached. If you cannot see pictures, please contact Dave Andersen (250-315-1119 or dandersen@365.sd58.bc.ca) or Crystal Ward-McGowan (250-315-1141 or cwardmcgowan@365.sd58.bc.ca) to be added to the list.

Retakes: March 3-5, 2025

HONOR CORDS:

Academic Honor Cords require 92 Credits. We wanted to make everyone aware of this as more students are taking reduced course loads and they may need to adjust their Semester 2 schedule to meet requirements for this if it is important to them. It is calculated by taking marks from the 5 Classes that are graduation requirements, and combine them with the student's best 5 of other classes. An average of 80% or higher, along with 92 credits, will result in an honor cord during the ceremonies. May 30th you will be notified if

you have received one. You have a week to appeal, and Mr. Andersen will walk through the process of selection with you.

Also being added to the ceremony is an Achievement Cord which students can apply for. Students can apply for 1 of the following: Cultural Leadership, STEM, ADST-Trades, Athletics, Dual Dogwood, Arts, Community Service, Humanities, Athletics. This is a student led application and a Committee makes the selection. Applications will be out in February. Key on the program is to see what area of achievement the students are doing. Further information will be emailed and on the website.

GRAD LIST

December 6th – an updated list of students who are currently on the trajectory to graduate will be posted on the Grad Bulletin Board showing student numbers only. Mr. Andersen will also be emailing families, to give notice and lots of time to remedy the situation.

GRAD EXECUTIVE REPORT – Tina Etchart, President, Grad Executive

Grad Parade: Laura Sware

The committee has been working on the parade route. It is going to muster on Canford, go down Canford Main St. We are working with Transportation to get permits.

The entire committee is brainstorming a group photo op. There is already a group photo taken in the gowns just prior to the Grad March to the Ceremonies. We are trying to see if it is possible to arrange on in prom attire / gowns, options and if it is necessary/wanted.

Grad Hockey Game: Molly Bridgen

Date – Wednesday February 19th

Time keepers and referees have been arranged.

50/50 License is being purchased.

Contact Molly Bridgen for any additional information.

Prom:

Prom has been confirmed at the Civic Centre. The parade will be ending there.

Treasurer: Ryan Dell

Just a few \$\$ away from halfway to our fundraising goal (\$12,200).

More fundraising income has just come in and we will have more updates on that next month.

Fundraising: Jacqueline Klassen

\$1,709 raised from Christmas Greenery Fundraiser

November 30th Bottle drive raised \$723.10

Thank you to all the volunteers that came out for those two events!

Total raised in November is \$2,432.22

Total raise so far is \$12,305.20

There will be a fundraising dinner at a restaurant, likely in February, the details are just being finalized. We will need at least 50 people to buy tickets to make that fundraiser work so please keep that in mind. 1 – 2 Adults needed to help with the prep. Ticket sales, flyers, etc. Evening of. Can be a grad as well. Call Jacqueline 250-315-8200

Online Auction: Wednesday, December 11th. Please join the private group online (Facebook) and share it. There are some awesome items! Please give any donations you brought to Gurdeep after the meeting or Brandy Striemer in the school office by December 10th. Please spread the word as much as possible, because having awesome auction items is fruitless if we have no bidders. Please join on Facebook “MSS Grad 2025 Auction”.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/552746543762098/>

Bottle Drive: We are doing a second bottle drive on Saturday January 4th from 10-2. Meet at the front of the school at 10 AM. Please give your name and phone number to Ciara tonight or contact Pam to volunteer: (250) 315-7053 In the past, we could make up to \$3000, IF we get enough volunteers. If you work somewhere that has a lot of bottles, that is a great place to collect as well. Flyer to drop off at homes or businesses. Let the other grads know please. If you can't help, but need bottles picked up text the number above. You can also just drop off, but they will take 20%. It is under MSS Grads. We need at least 10 grads.

Communication:

We understand some messages are getting missed, so we will make an effort for our student reps to put messages on our bulletin board. PLEASE read all your emails. Check Facebook and Instagram for updates.

NEXT MEETING: January 8th, 2025 – 7:00

2025 GRAD CONTACTS

POSITION	NAME	CONTACT INFORMATION
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