

GRAD 2025 FINAL MEETING

May 28, 2025

MSS GRAD – SCHOOL UPDATE - Dave Andersen

Grad Packages: These were picked up last week, for those eligible and who have paid all fees owing. This included your tickets, caps/gowns, honor cords.

Grad Writeup: If you didn't do your writeup there was a form included in your package. We need those asap. If you do not provide a writeup for the Ceremonies, an "inspirational quote" will be selected by the school and inserted and read while you walk across the stage.

Grad Eligibility: Time is tight if your students were not eligible to walk the stage at the ceremonies. Students have until Friday, May 30 to complete work in order to meet the grad requirements.

Achievement Cords: These were missing from your package. We have been told the order is due any day – we will make sure you get them if you were slotted to receive it.

Valedictorian: Speeches are tomorrow in B block at 10:15. Students will vote which of the 6 they want.

Diploma: You will receive an email from Crystal Ward-McGowan asking for an up-to-date mailing address. The certificate in the folder you are handed during the ceremonies is not your diploma, so Crystal needs to find out if you need your address updated so you get that from the BC Ministry of Education.

Events:

Wednesday, June 4 th	Indigenous Grad. By invitation only. Melissa Pinyon is the contact for questions. mpinyon@365.sd58.bc.ca
Monday, June 16 th	Awards Ceremony - 7:00-8:30 Invites coming early next week.
Tuesday, June 17 th	Elementary School visits with cap and gown. Students will march through each elementary school. 9:00-11:00. We have a tight schedule so be ready and dressed at 9:00 to leave MSS.
Wednesday, June 18 th	Rehearsal - 1:45 (right after lunch) go straight to the Arena. There will be a bus available leaving MSS at 1:35. This is for Grads only.
Thursday, June 19 th	Grad Ceremony - Grads arrive at MSS 5:50 with grad attires. Please make sure your attire is in good order. 6:10 for group photo. 6:20 we walk over to arena. There is a map in the grad packages. Generally, people attending ceremonies are closer to the arena.

Grad Ceremonies:

The ceremony has different entrances. If you have tickets that say “Right Side” enter from the Garcia Street Parking lot. “Left Side” enters by the main lobby entrance. This will be sectioned off. Public (without tickets) enter from the curling rink area. Volunteers will be directing where to go. Doors close at 7:00 to the floor so as not to disturb the presentation.

Grad packages included 4 tickets on the floor, together. Mobility issues that were mentioned have been addressed with Crystal Ward-McGowan (cwardmcgowan@365.sd58.bc.ca). If you have family conflicts, you can trade with other families.

Grads will come through the back entrance, but we will go through that during the rehearsal.

Once grads toss caps, there is time to congratulate them on the floor, however we ask that you respect the audio-visual crew that is cleaning up and leaving that night. Please keep out of their way.

And, of course, this is an alcohol and drug free event. If it is noticed that this is being ignored you will be asked to leave or will not be permitted to participate if you are celebrating during the event in that way.

Live Stream: A live stream for friends and family will be available for those that want to be part of the ceremonies. We will send out closer to the event by email, MSS Website and Facebook.

Questions:

Questions about the doors closing at 7:00? If you are late, you have to go into the general population. For the first 10-15 minutes grads are marching through the arena, so we have to keep the aisle free.

Awards Ceremony attendance? It will be for the student getting the award and up to 3 family members. Invites going out next week latest.

Mobility plan for seating? Crystal has asked for families to connect on where the seating is. General public will be seated with assistance.

GRAD EXECUTIVE UPDATE:

Dry Grad – Gurdeep Khangura

Marcy Chenier (Student Representative) sent out the itinerary to group chat.

Thank you to our chaperones who have stepped up.

2:50pm on Friday, May 30th, please be ready at the front of the school to have your bags checked.

Kelowna Karting – close toed shoes are required to participate in any activity. Fill out your release forms at <https://web.racefacer.com/kiosk/kelownakarting>

Myra Canyon – close toed shoes, longer shorts (at least mid-thigh), capris, pants and longer t-shirt for the top and bottom harness are required to participate in any activity.

Friday, May 30th

3:00 pm	Bag check and load bus to travel to Kelowna
5:00 pm	Check into Best Western Kelowna
5:30 pm	Load bus and travel to Kelowna Karting
6:00 pm	Kelowna Karting – Dinner, Go Karting, Virtual Reality and Axe Throwing
10:00 pm	Travel to Best Western Kelowna for overnight

Saturday, May 31st

AM	Breakfast at BW Kelowna
10:00 am	Check out & load bus to Myra Canyon
10:45 am	Myra Canyon climbing activities and lunch
3:00 pm	Load bus and return to MSS

Community Pictures – Jocelyne Mattias

Pictures have been ordered. We are looking at May 30th for pickup.

We will reach out if we need assistance.

Decorating – Danielle Ortiz, Tina Etchart, Julia Munro

We need some signup volunteers for setup before the Prom:

Monday 930am: (unload civic centre and sort decorations, size planning, cutting arranging hanging ceiling and wall decorations, sourcing extra needs list)
(anyone who has a lift ticket to operate scissor lift/man lift equipment, we need you!)

Tuesday 930am: (continuation of Monday's set up adding frames and backdrops, lights)
(3pm table and chair set ups, putting chair covers, table cloths, centre piece arrangements)

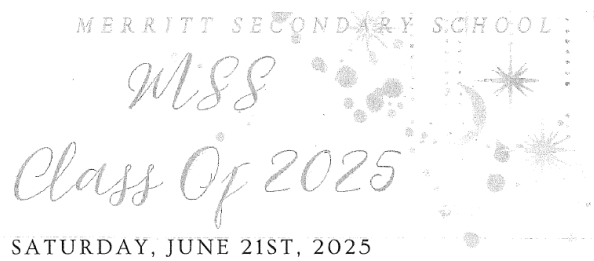
Wednesday 930am: (foyer set up and decorating begins)

Thursday 930am: (continuation of the foyer decorating and touch ups, arrangements, testing or programming timers etc)

Friday 930am: (testing lights and connections, batteries, finishing touches, emergencies;)

Sign up sheet on the Grad bulletin board at MSS or email Tina at tetchart@gmail.com.

Parade / Prom Schedule – Saturday, June 21st



Schedule of Events

1:30 PM – Earliest arrival at Voght Park
(Parade line-up begins)

3:00 PM – Final arrival deadline

3:15 PM – Class Photo at Centennial Park
(MSS/CLC Graduates only)

3:30 PM – Return to your vehicle

4:00 PM – Parade Begins

4:30 PM – Arrival at Civic Centre
Graduates line up at City Hall

5:00 PM – Grand March Commences

5:30 PM – Grad and Parent/Guardian/Special Person Dance

6:15 PM – Adults Depart

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM – Graduate Dinner Served, Followed by Dance

Fundraising – Jacqueline Klassen

Jacqueline would like to thank everyone for all their efforts – there were so many of this great team that there are too many to name individually. Fundraising is done – great job!

Parade – Jacqueline Klassen

June 6th is last time for changes. We need to know by then. Jacqueline is doing a program and it will be in the program. No changes after June 6th! Call Jacqueline BEFORE June 6th at 250-315-8200. We have extra vehicles if you don't have one (2 classic trucks, 1 classic car still available).

Program will be handed out to the barricade people and at the ceremonies.

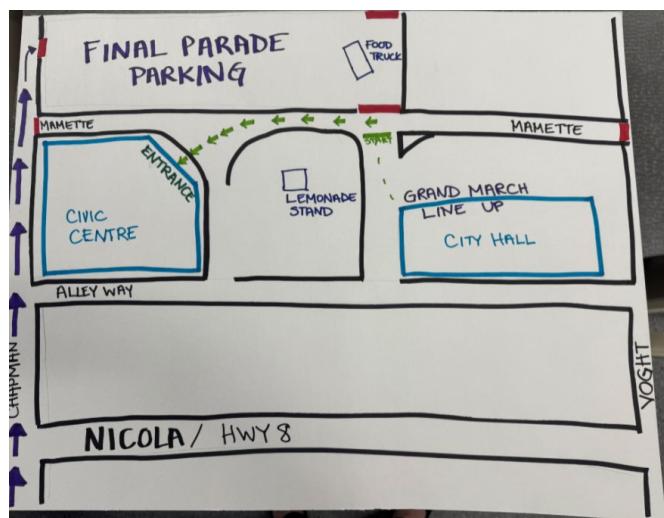


Family/friends cannot park in the Parkade Parking at the park for pictures. Please park down Government Ave and Pine St.

Both group pictures will be sent to the families (robes and formal wear). Once group photo is taken parent should leave and find a spot to watch the parade.

GRADS honk horns and play loud music.





Arrival at Civic Centre. Only grads in the parade will be able to park in the parking lot across from the Civic Centre. Parents/families are recommended to park in the Arena parking lot. Mobility issues drop off in the parking lot between Civic Centre and City Hall, exit from Bamboo Panda.

Grads line up by City Hall under the eaves. Mr. Cavaliere will be announcing people.

Food truck and lemonade stand setup.

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