

# Valleyview Secondary School Grad 2020 News



November 2019

## Important Dates for Grads

Nov 25- Dec 5	Grad photos (by appointment only)
Nov 25	Deadline for Purdy's orders
Dec 13	Purdy's Chocolates pick-up
March 12	Grad fees due
June 12	Banquet and Commencement Ceremonies

## Graduation 2020

Parents and Graduates:

This year our Commencement ceremony and teacher/student banquet will be taking place on Thursday June 12, 2020. Please note that grads are required to attend the grad rehearsal before the banquet and ceremony.

- There will be a grad rehearsal during the afternoon of June 12th during school hours. Students will be bussed to and from McArthur Island. Further information regarding the rehearsal time will be provided as it becomes available.
- The teacher/student banquet will begin at 5:45 pm in the curling rink at McArthur Island.
- Graduation Commencement ceremonies will take place beginning at 7:00 pm at the Olympic Ice Arena at McArthur Island.

The Grand March, dance and other activities are the responsibility of the Safe Grad committee. Stay tuned for updates.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gartrell at the school (250-372-5231).

## Email Lists

Please check your e-mail for Safe Grad updates. Email address is: [vvgrad2020@gmail.com](mailto:vvgrad2020@gmail.com)

## Who is eligible to participate in Grad activities?

In order to participate in Grad activities, a student must be working on and passing the last four classes required for graduation. Every year some students lose their eligibility because they stop working in school.

Grad fees **must** be paid.

## Yearbooks

Don't miss out on all of the special memories of your grad year by forgetting to buy a yearbook. They can be ordered at the Main Office for only \$45.

**The deadline to order your copy is March**

## Grad Fees

Due March 13 – before Spring Break

Grad fees cover the cost of most but not all of the costs associated with graduation. The following items are included:

- Grad gown and sash purchase
- Cap and tassel purchase
- Facility rental and decorations
- Banquet, Flowers, DJ
- Printing of Programs and Invitations
- Commencement diploma and photograph
- Miscellaneous items (security, PA, etc)



Grad fees for 2020 will be \$120 and are payable at the Main Office. This fee is separate from the Safe Grad fee.

## Safe Grad Committee

The parent grad committee has a facebook page for information on grad events and fundraisers. It is under Valleyview Secondary Grad 2020. Please check out these fundraising events: Poinsettias, Pub Night, Raffle Tickets.

## Baby Photos

Grads are asked to submit one baby photo that is well focussed and appropriate for school. Be sure to write your first and last name on the back so it can be returned to you with your June report card. Alternatively, you can email a photo to [kmckenna@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:kmckenna@sd73.bc.ca) If you choose to email the photo please ensure that it is high resolution and your first and last name is in the e-mail. This photo will be used for the Power Point presentation at the Commencement ceremony. Please submit your pictures to Mrs. McKenna in the counselling office.

## Grad Photos

Grad photos are currently being taken at the school by Mountain West Studios by appointment. The last day for appointments is Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up by going to [www.mountainwest.ca](http://www.mountainwest.ca), click on the "Book a photo session" tab on the top right of the page. Select Valleyview Secondary from the select school menu and the "Grad Portrait" from the select session menu. You will then need to pick a date and time from the calendar. **If you do not wish to purchase a photo package, it is important to have a photo taken for the yearbook and for the grad composite wall photo.**

Grad photos are handled in 2 ways:

- 1 - If you are considering purchasing grad photos from Mountain West Studios, they will take multiple poses and send you the proofs along with an order form. The proofs are yours to keep. All this for a sitting fee of \$20 (cash payable to Mountain West Studios at time of sitting).
- 2 - If you would only like your photo taken for the yearbook, grad composite and the Commencement ceremonies, they will only take a couple of poses and

select the best one to use. There is **no fee** for this service and you will not receive any proofs.

### **Grad Gowns for Photos**

If you wish to take your own photos or have them done by a company other than the school photographer, Valleyview Secondary has purchased 2 grad gowns for rental. A cheque for \$40.00 is required as a deposit. The cheque will be returned when the grad gown is returned to the school. Mrs. McKenna in the counselling office will be handling the rental of these grad gowns.

### **Early Grads/Grads off Campus**

Some grade 12 students will be finished school at the end of January 2020, or off campus participating in TNT programs. This means they will not be at the school for second semester. If this is the situation you are in and would like to be kept up to date with grad news, it is important to let Mrs. McKenna in the counselling office know your email address and telephone number. She will send the latest grad information to you as it becomes available. Also, please make sure your height is measured and recorded in the counselling office for your Commencement grad gown before the end of January.

### **Ministry of Education Scholarships**

**BC Excellence Scholarship** - This is a \$5000 scholarship and will be awarded to 55 students. Each secondary school in BC will nominate one student based on community service, leadership as well as commitment and aptitude for their chosen career path.

**BC Achievement Scholarship** - This \$1250 scholarship will be awarded to the top 8000 graduates in the province. It is based on the students' achievement in grades 10, 11 and 12, including elective courses. A cumulative average percentage will be calculated to determine student eligibility.

#### **District/Authority Scholarship**

This is a \$1250 scholarship given to 5500 graduating BC students for excellence in their chosen area of interest or strength.

#### **Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships**

This is a \$5000 scholarship awarded to 20 outstanding graduates who have shown a commitment and aptitude for a career path in K-12 teaching.

Please visit the Ministry of Education website for additional information. [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards)

### **Student Transcript Service**

Student Transcripts Service (STS) is an online application for students to view their school marks, scholarships and transcript, and to send transcripts electronically.

**Get Started** – To register for STS students will need:

- Personal Education Number (PEN). This can be found on the top of the report card
- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Email address

#### **Steps**

1) Go to the Ministry of Education's Transcript and Certificates website at

<http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca>

2) Students must register for a BC Government account (a **BCeID**). Follow the system prompts and register for STS. Finally log-in to Student Transcripts Service using the **BCeID**.

3) From a student's dashboard make post-secondary institution selections, view transcript, view assessment results, and send transcripts immediately.

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Applying to BC public universities and colleges also just got easier! Students can do it all: search, plan and apply on **EducationPlannerBC.ca**.

Please also take a look at

<https://student.servicesvss.weebly.com>

This is a website created by one of our counsellors, Ms. Gavelin. A wealth of information about Scholarships, Universities and more.