

# Valleyview Secondary School Grad 2021 News



November 2020

## Important Dates for Grads

Jan 25-29	Grad photos (by appointment only)
March 12	Grad fees due
June 11 or	Commencement Ceremonies
July 5-8	

## Graduation 2021

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In a year filled with uncertainty, our goal is to provide each graduate with a positive, memorable experience. VSS has taken a proactive approach to the planning of commencements for the 2021 Graduation class. As of right now, we have two scenarios regarding how graduation will look, based on Public Health Authority restrictions and guidelines.

#### Scenario A

A traditional Graduation will take place on June 11, 2021 at McArthur Island park. This ceremony will become possible with the lifting of social gathering restrictions.

#### Scenario B

A graduation ceremony similar to 2020 will take place at the Valleyview Secondary School gym during the week of July 5-9, 2021. In compliance with current social gathering restrictions/guidelines, students will be allowed to create a mini-convocation with up to 3 other graduates from their learning group. Each graduate will be allowed up to 6 guests from their immediate family/household.

As we receive information from the School Board and the Provincial Health authority, we will be sending home email updates regarding the structure of Graduation 2021.

Thank you for your understanding.

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. Faisthuber at the school (250-372-5231).

## Email Lists

Please check your student e-mail for Safe Grad updates.  
Email address for safegrad is:  
[Vss2021grad@gmail.com](mailto:Vss2021grad@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 \$37.

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

## Grad 2021 Logo Design Contest

Grads! The time has come for you to put your creative and artistic talents to use! Design a Grad Logo for Grad 2021. Submit your design to Mr. Faisthuber and the logo's will be voted on for the one chosen. Deadline is **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.



## Safe Grad Committee

The parent grad committee has a facebook page for information on grad events and fundraisers. It is under VSS Grad 2021.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/852667188869734/>

## Baby Photos

Grads are asked to submit one baby photo that is well focussed and appropriate for school. Please email a photo to [kmckenna@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:kmckenna@sd73.bc.ca). Please ensure that it is high resolution and your first and last name is in the e-mail. This photo must be sent in jpeg format. This photo will be used for the Power Point presentation at the Commencement ceremony.

## Grad Photos

**Grad photo appointments are from January 25-29**

**\*\*Please note: the appointment log-in below will not be available until January 2021.\*\***

Grad photos are currently being taken at the school by Mountain West Studios by appointment. The last day for appointments is Friday, January 29. 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 the second quarter, or off campus participating in TNT programs. This means they will not be at the school for fourth quarter. 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](http://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.