

Dry Grad 2023 Newsletter April



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It's Grad season! There is a lot of information to share. We thought we would share what you need to know now and then we will have another Newsletter in early May with even more details, so stay tuned!

Grad Fees:

Ceremony Grad fee: \$60 (covers cost of gown, cap, diploma, photo, and other ceremony costs) can be paid at your school office.

Dry Grad Fee \$80 can be etransferred to wldrygradfees@gmail.com with the name of the student in the comment section!

If you can't etransfer, you can pay both fees at your school office but they must be separate payments for bookkeeping, so \$60 and \$80 in cash or 2 separate cheques.

Grad Dates:

If your Grad would like to bring a date who isn't graduating, that person must be approved by the school principal. Get a Grad Date form from your school office or print from the WL Dry Grad 2023 Facebook page, and submit it to your Principal for approval

Non Grad dates must also pay the \$80 Dry Grad fee. If you etransfer it, indicate that it is for your date, and state their name in the comments.

If your date is 19 or older, they are required to have a criminal record check – see link below and on the WL Dry Grad 2023 Facebook page.

IMPORTANT DATES

School Grad Fees due: **May 26th**

Dry Grad Fee due: **May 26th**

Parade forms due: **May 12th**

Grad Date forms due: **May 19th**

Parent/Guardian release form (if someone other than guardian picking up student): **May 26th**

Baggage Drop off: **June 8th**

Grad Weekend Timeline: What to Expect

Thursday June 8 – Baggage Drop at Recreation Complex – Afternoon, time TBA

All grads need to drop off a bag with any items they want to have at the Dry Grad event. This should include a change of clothes and shoes, and toiletries. If students need to use the designated and supervised smoking/vaping area outside during the Dry Grad event, their cigarettes or vapes **must be in this bag**.

Please note that all bags will be checked for banned items and will be safely held until Saturday night when Grads can access them in a supervised way. Grads **WILL NOT** be able to bring extra items other than phones into the Dry Grad event following the parade.

Friday June 9

11 am LCSS Grad Ceremony rehearsal at the arena. All grads must attend. This is for grads only, no guests or families.

6 pm LCSS Grad Ceremony

Grads should arrive at 5pm to get their gowns etc. It is very warm in the arena, wear something light underneath (but do wear something)!

For the LCSS grad ceremony, each student will be given 6 guest tickets. Additional tickets MAY be available in late May when students who need more will be invited to an assembly to get extra tickets, which are given one per student in rounds until they are all gone. If you have tickets you won't use, please return them to the office asap once they are given out.

This ceremony is projected to take ~ 3 hours.

Ceremony information for CAA and Skyline will be given by those schools to their students.

Saturday June 10

4:30 Staging for Parade on 2nd Avenue above the cemetery, vehicles will be facing toward town

5:30 Parade starts

6:00-ish Grads arrive at Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex

6-7:30 Grads can take photos outside and, in the park, and slowly make their way into the Dry Grad function via the back door of the Gibraltar Room. Grads and guests will go through a security screening process. This includes a physical pat-down; checking of purses, hats, and pockets; and checking under large dresses. Grads and dates will be given a choice of which security screener they would prefer to complete this process. Any water bottles or open drinks will be confiscated.

A wristband will be issued to grads and their guests. This ID is linked to their baggage tag.

7:30 All Grads should be checked in via the Gibraltar Room and have one hour to meet their family members inside for photos.

Families can be outside with Grads, and when Grads go in the Gibraltar Room any members of the public who want to come inside the event should go to the entry at the front of the complex closest to Boitano Park. There will be a designated number of passes for the public/families, so you may have a short wait to get in and look around. You can meet your grad in the small arena for photos with the decorations.

8:30 All guests leave, Grads gather in the Gibraltar Room to kick off the Dry Grad event
Orientation and info given

9-10 Formal Prom in small arena (DJ will continue throughout the night)

10-2 Other events open, more details to follow on exact schedule of activities

2am Grads get picked up. Each Grad must be signed out by their parent/guardian or must have completed the release form for a designated alternate.

Would you like to help out with Dry Grad?

Every year a massive group of volunteers comes out to make Dry Grad a success! If you would like to volunteer at the event, there are lots of opportunities available. Some of the areas include: Parade, Set-up/Take-down/Decorating on Friday/Saturday/Sunday, Baggage Check, Security. Email wldrygradcomms@gmail.com to put your name on the list!

CRC: Each adult volunteer needs a Criminal Record Check completed. Let Dry Grad know when you have completed it by email (above).

a) Click on the link and enter the school code: **3RMX4S4KYY**
<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

OR

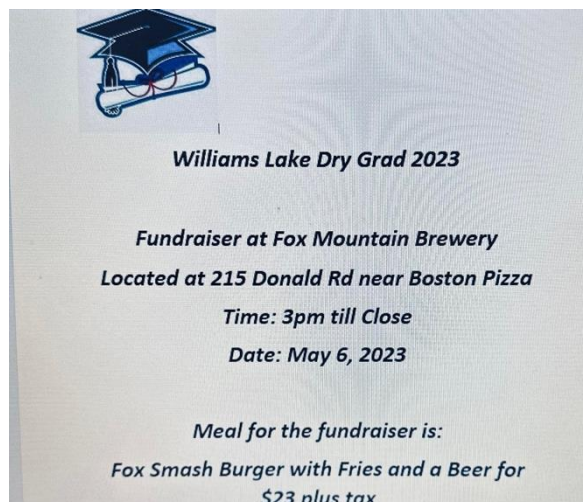
b) Go to RCMP station in person. Take the forms and 2 pieces of ID. Give the results to the school and let us know you have completed it.

FUNDRAISING

****2023 Dry Grad Raffle****

Tickets are available for purchase or to sell please contact Robyn West at 250-267-9393 if you would like a book or two. Or tickets back be picked up from Ms. Nowotny at school.

If you would like to buy tickets but don't know a graduate, we will be out in the community selling tickets once it is a little bit warmer out. Those dates and locations will be posted on the Facebook page, so keep an eye out.



out the Glass Slipper Pop-Up Boutique! There are still dates available to book, so check it out.

More information about the parade and baggage details will be coming soon! Please join us to find out more.

For the latest info go to our Facebook page:

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Next meeting: April 17 @ 7pm LCSS

Another fundraising opportunity

will be taking place at Fox Mountain Brewery on May 6th from 3pm til close! Go grab a fabulous Fox Smash Burger and a Beer Special and \$5 from every special will go towards Dry Grad. THANKS for your support FMB!

Also if you are still looking for Formal Wear, check

