

Welcome to Grad 2025

Thursday, October 10, 2024



We acknowledge, respect, and honor the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District #8.

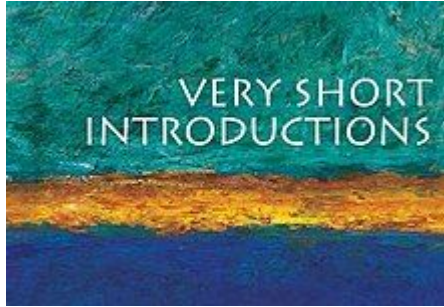


Welcome and Intentions



- What to expect along the way to Graduation.
- Understand the expectations of being a “grad candidate.”
- How can all grads and grad families be involved?

Introductions



GRADS - please introduce yourself and who is attending the meeting with you.

Hi my name is "Shellie" this is my Mom and Dad, "Lorraine" and "Fred."

OR: Hi my name is "Shellie" my parents are ____.

Graduation Ceremony & Celebrations

Graduation is the opportunity to recognize and honor the achievements of our Grade 12's and 13 years of education.

- While Graduation is about our GRADS, it is a time for families, the community, the District and school to commemorate through ceremony this important milestone and achievement.
- There will be some parts of the pathway to graduation that will feel less about the GRADS and more about others.

Grad Ceremony & Celebrations

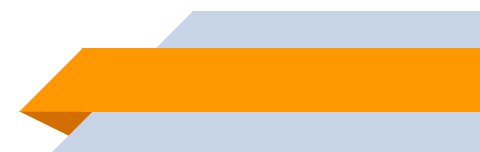
Day 1: Commencement Ceremony - Friday, June 20

- cap and gown ceremony facilitated by the school and at the school
- this event is for grade 12's **"in a position to graduate"** at this date
- closed event - by invitation only, a guest list is kept
- students choose to dress casual to business casual to formal under their gowns, it is a personal choice
- this is a formal event that requires us to follow district protocols
- audience includes; family, friends, school staff, district staff and trustees, community members and scholarship donors & presenters



Day 2 - Saturday, June 21

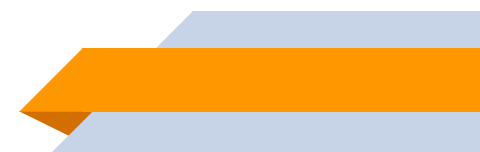
Grand March

- school led with Grad Student and Parent Council
 - this event is open for all Grade 12's regardless of graduation status
 - closed event - by invitation only, a guest list is kept
 - parts of the day is considered formal, it is important to consider this as you make personal choices to suit your comfort level
 - students purchase, borrow, or renting fancy outfits that include formal dresses and suits
 - there are a variety of options to match your personal choice and financial needs
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Day 2 - Saturday, June 21

Grad Banquet

- school led with Grad Student and Parent Council
 - this event follows the grand march and is for grads and two significant adults (parent, caregiver, grandparent etc.)
 - this is a closed event
 - the event is emceed by grads and includes grad, parent, and staff speakers
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Day 2 - Saturday, June 21

Safe Grad & Prom Celebrations

- Grad Student and Parent Council led with school support
- this event follows the grad banquet
- this is a closed event; grads can invite a predetermined number of guests

**** Grad photography and videography throughout Grad weekend provided by Academy PM.**



Achieving Graduation 2025

All school led and sponsored Grad activities and celebrations are considered school sanctioned events.

This means:

- Grads represent their grad class, school, family and community - every day!
- all school and District code of conduct expectations apply
- a breach of these expectations will jeopardize their ability to participate
- suspensions from school impacts opportunities

Being in a “Position To Graduate.”

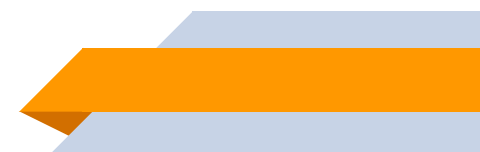
Grade 12 Academic Review - October 29, 2024

- District Academic Review team meets with School team members to review Grade 12 transcripts and current academic standing
- School team members include Principal, Vice Principal, Counsellor, Inclusion Support Teacher and Sequoia Case Manager & Teacher
- Principal is required to “sign off” on a grad plan for every graduating student.
- Students wishing to graduate early must “apply” with Ms. Morrison by December 1.



“Preliminary Grad List” Checkpoints - Important Dates:

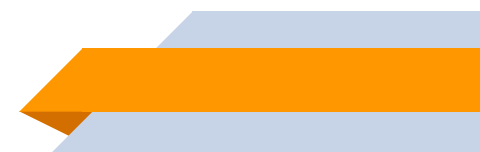
Specific requirements must be met at each date:

- 1) Friday, November 1, 2024 - Grad Candidate List determined
 - 2) Friday, January 31 2025 - End of Semester Internal Academic Review
 - 3) Thursday, April 1, 2024 - Preliminary List to Scholarship Committee
 - 4) Thursday, May 1, 2025 - Recommended List to District Academic Review
 - 5) Friday, May 15, 2025 - Confirmed Grad List published with student PEN numbers.
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Internal Academic Review - Friday, January 31

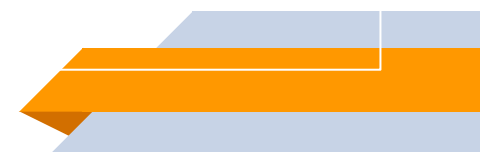
To be on this list:

- a) must be a student in good standing - *this includes daily school attendance at 85% +*
 - b) all marks in courses required for graduation, must be a minimum of 50%
 - c) CLC course requirements are met - this includes 30 hours of Work Experience/Volunteer Hours
 - d) Grad Assessments from Grade 10 are complete by end of Semester 1
 - e) course completion of online courses required for graduation on schedule for completion by the end of June
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***Preliminary Grad List Determined* - Thursday, May 1.**

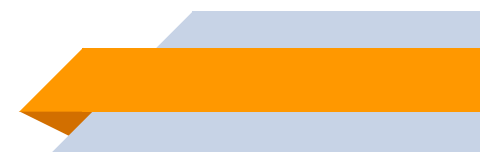
To be on this list:

- a) must be a student in good standing *(this includes daily school attendance)*
 - b) all marks in courses required for graduation, must be a minimum of 50% on May 1
 - c) for prerequisite courses completed by distance learning or online courses, documentation must be provided to the counselling office that 75% of all lessons and assessments are complete with a minimum mark of 50% by May 1
 - d) names are put forward to our school scholarship committee
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Grad List FINAL Recommendation - Friday, May 15.

To be on this list:

- a) must be a student in good standing *(this includes daily school attendance)*
 - b) all marks in courses required for graduation, must be a minimum of 50% on May 30.
 - c) for prerequisite courses completed by distance learning or online courses, documentation must be provided to the counselling office that 75 - 90% of all lessons and assessments are complete with a minimum mark of 50% by May 1
 - d) names are put forward to our school scholarship committee
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Confirmed Grad List - Friday, May 15

To be on this list:

- a) must be a student in good standing *(this includes daily school attendance 85%+)*
- b) all marks in courses required for graduation, must be a minimum of 50%
- c) for prerequisite courses completed by distance learning or online courses, documentation must be provided to the counselling office that lessons and assessments are in final stages of completion (80- 90%)
- d) list is published with PEN numbers
- e) names are finalized with the school scholarship committee

**** Graduation diplomas and final transcripts arrive to the school in late August.**

Grad Fees & Costs

Grad Fee Sheet
- coming on
December 1.

Commencement & Grad Banquet Expenses

- grad gown rentals and cap purchase
- grad composite, mini-composites, and folio
- invitations, roses, decorations
- grad kick-off luncheon
- banquet facility rental and meal costs
- photography and videography (includes group photo)
- legacy donation

Safe Grad Celebrations & Prom Event Expenses

- venue rental (if different from banquet location)
- entertainment, decorations, food & refreshments, prizes

Individual & Family Costs

Families are responsible for the following outside of the fees paid for grad:

- purchase of formal grad photo
- all other personal expenses related to grad
- memorabilia items that may be organized by the grad council (some groups have fundraised to pay for some items for the whole class)
- purchase of individual grad photos from cap and gown and grand march

Grad Photos - Early Semester 1

Official Grad Head Shots - done by Lee Orr

- date to be confirmed (**tentatively planning Feb 3 - 7**)
- all grads are asked to have their photo done
- this will be the photo used for the grad composite that hangs on the “grad wall of fame” as well as in the mini-composite that grads receive on the day of graduation
- this photo is the “official” grad photo and may also be used by local news media
- purchasing a photo package is a personal choice

Communication

Please engage with the information provided.

- Information shared by email to parents and to grad using sd8.school email
- This same information is posted on our private grad webpage >> [HERE](#)
- The information is also available on Grad 2025 Google Classroom.

Grad Council

- The grad council is a group of parents, students and staff who work together to organize graduation ceremonies.
- Each grad council member is a leader for their role (all grad members are expected to support the grad council)
- This is a volunteer position and grad council members are expected to attend meetings, complete tasks and update Ms. Morrison/Maloff on their progress

Student Grad Council

- Grad Council Roles and Responsibilities
- All grads were invited to make an application to participate and provide leadership:
 - **Why do you want this role?**
 - **What makes you a good candidate for the position?**
 - **What ideas do you have for the position?**

Student Grad Council 2025

Grad CEO -

Fundraising -

Safe Grad and Prom Celebrations -

Banquet -

Decorating -

Music -

Branding -

Social Media/Communications -

Memorabilia -

Parent Grad Council 2025

Grad CEO -
Fundraising -
Safe Grad and Prom Celebrations -
Banquet/Decorating -
Memorabilia -
Secretary -
Support Members of Grad Council -

Fundraising

Purdy's.....started October 1 to Nov. 18th

- 25% proceeds - striving for \$8000 in sales to make \$2000
- People who order Purdys will need to pick it up at the school
- Need volunteers for sorting the orders
- Information will be shared on google classroom



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- **Winter Craft Fair & Market - early December**
 - **Sunday, December 1 ~~or Saturday, December 7~~**
 - concession
 - artisans rent tables for market in the gym
 - silent auction
 - Other ideas ?
 - **Bottle Drive and Sort - early January**
 - good, easy money maker after Winter holidays
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Next Steps ...

October

- ✓ email to all Grad families and Grads
- ✓ schedule a Grad Parent Meeting, **Thursday, October 10**
Grad Council - ✓ students and ☒ parents
- ✓ launch Grad 2025 information page accessible from our school website
- ✓ ensure all Grads are connected to Google Classroom for communication.
- ✓ promotion of chocolates and bottles ... Winter Market Flyer to follow.

Parents interested in Grad Council

Grad CEO - **Erin**

Fundraising - **Jenn & Heather**

Safe Grad and Prom Celebrations -

Banquet/Decorating - **Bonnie, Denny, Dona,**

Memorabilia -

Secretary -

Support Members of Grad Council - **Vicki, Lana, Dona,
Sue, Tara, Chantelle, Crystal, Jessica. Laura, Connie, Tami,
Colleen**

Your Mission



Q & A