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Graduation Day Process

June 23/24, 2021

This letter is to help Parents/Guardians and Graduates better prepare for the graduation ceremony.

- The SAS Graduation Ceremony will take place under tents, on the field, at the back of Salmon Arm Secondary school, overlooking Shuswap Lake. *Note: grads and guests will be walking during the ceremony, and at times will be on grass.*
- Grads and guests are limited to **two vehicles per group**.
- Please arrive at the school **10 minutes** before your scheduled time.
- A parking lot Greeter will welcome you, provide an informational pamphlet, and direct you to a parking spot (upper parking spot). Please let the Greeter know if there are any mobility issues.
- Grads are to arrive wearing their graduation gown. Though not required, it is the grad's choice to wear semi-formal (*i.e. dress shirt, dress*) or formal clothing (*i.e. tuxedos, ballgown dress*).
- Grads who still need to pick up their cap and gown can go to the Art room exterior entrance.
- Grads and up to **4 adult guests** (*plus additional children under 12 that require supervision*) will remain at their vehicle until called upon by a Grad Host to begin the procession. **We must strictly follow and enforce the 4 adult guests maximum for this event to be approved under the Provincial Health Orders.**
 - **Please note: If a group has more than 4 adult guests, they will not be permitted to participate, and the ceremonies will be put on hold until compliance. There are no exceptions, as per the Ministry of Education Graduation Guidelines.**
- Once called upon by the Grad Host to begin the procession, Grads and guests will enter the marshalling area beside the gymnasium (lower parking lot), at their assigned number spot, where they will then proceed through a few stations leading up to the actual ceremony.
 - SAS staff members will be available to take a few photos of the graduate and guests, using devices brought by either the graduate or their guests. *Due to our tight timelines, there will not be a lot of time to take multiple photos.*
 - There will not be a Live Stream of this event. If desired, families can record their child's ceremony using their own device.
- Following the ceremony, there will be a final station for graduates to hand back their graduation gown and to receive a graduation gift from our Parent Dry Grad Committee.
- Due to our tight timelines, we need graduates and guests to leave the parking lot as soon as possible.

Congratulations Grads!! SAS staff and our community are proud of you and all you have accomplished!