

UPDATED FKSS GRAD 2025 – GRAD GUIDE

Dear parents of graduating students,

We are coming up on some VERY exciting times. We are very much looking forward to celebrating your graduating students and the culmination of their schooling journey to date.

Here is all of the information that you will need to plan for Grad 2025!

Bursary & Scholarship Night – Wednesday, June 11, at 7:00 PM in the FKSS Gym:

Students who have been selected to receive a bursary or scholarship will be invited, along with their parents / family members, to attend our ceremony June 11th, at 7:00 PM. Parents and students will be invited June 1st via email. The invitation will not include information about which award(s) students will receive. That is a fun surprise that we saved for the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, we hold a tea in our dome (main foyer). The tea provides an opportunity for bursary and scholarship recipients to thank donors and for parents and guests to mingle. It is encouraged that grads know a bit about all of the organizations they applied to so that they can have a meaningful conversation with donors at the tea.

Cap and Gown (Walk Up) Ceremony – Friday, June 20, at 6:30 PM in the FKSS Gym:

Our Cap and Gown ceremony is taking place Friday, June 20th at 6:30 PM. Doors will be opened at 5:45 PM. Here is what you need to know:

Grad write-ups – Grads can write a little personal blurb to be read out while they cross the stage. If they do not provide a personal write up, a generic one will be read. The information and form is on the Grad Teams and this write-up can be submitted to the office at any time until June 19th

“Good To Go” For Grad: To participate in the ceremony, grads need to complete all items on our “Good to Go Grad” List. This list will be posted in the office, and includes:

- Completion of the BC Graduation Program with all requisite courses and credits
- All school fees paid

- Capstone Project completed and presented
- All overdue textbooks and library books returned (refer to notes on library door and in Newsbreaker in May/June)

Cap and Gown Rehearsals: Rehearsal dates and times are as follows: Tuesday, June 17th at 12:45 PM and Thursday, June 19th at 9:10 AM.

Tickets: Each graduate will be offered up to 4 tickets (at no cost). Grads will let us know how many they need up to 4. These tickets will be handed out at the first rehearsal on June 17th. Additional tickets may be requested at this time. *If additional tickets are available*, they will be handed out at the second rehearsal on June 19th. Please note that tickets will not be handed out to anyone who is not on the “Good to Go Grad” list.

Distribution of Caps and Gowns: Grads will receive their caps and gowns on the second rehearsal date (June 19th) if they are on the ‘Good to Go Grad’ list. Students can keep their caps and gowns as a keepsake after Grad.

The Night of the Ceremony (June 20):

- Grads must be in the dome (main foyer) in their caps and gowns NO LATER than 5:45 PM.
- Doors will open to parents and guests at 5:45 PM. Note that ALL parents and guests will enter directly through the gym doors (left side of main building). Tickets must be presented at the door.
- All parents and guests must be seated by 6:30 PM. There are no reserved seats, however seats closest to side exits will be cordoned off for people with mobility issues. PLEASE NOTE that the front row is reserved for special guests, speakers, and staff.
- Parking is VERY limited (carpooling is encouraged), and staff will be on hand to direct people to parking areas. Parking at Kerry Park and walking over is also an option.

Red Carpet and Dry Grad – Friday, June 13th:

The FKSS Red Carpet and Dry Grad Events are sponsored and run by a very dedicated and hard-working parent committee. This is not a school event, but we are including information here for your convenience. To ensure a safe and efficient check-in for all Grads, we are asking Grads to arrive by the free, provided buses on site at the Red Carpet event. If your Grad has a specific

need that requires individual drop off, please notify us by email at FKSSDryGrad25@gmail.com by May 25th so we can plan accordingly. Those opting not to use the bus must arrive at Arbutus Ridge Golf Course no earlier than 5:30 with a responsible adult for check-in. Check-in opens after the three buses arrive and closes after the buses depart. Grads will not be allowed entry after this time.

3:15PM – Students arrive at Cobble Hill Hall in their formal attire by transportation of their choosing for the red carpet ceremony. Grad dates from outside of FKSS are welcome to participate in this part of the event.

4:45PM-5:15PM – Check in & Transportation for FKSS graduates to Arbutus Ridge Golf Club for the Dry Grad Banquet. Students remain in their formal attire for the banquet.

5:45PM-11:00PM– Dry Grad event and banquet at Arbutus Ridge Golf Club. This is a CLOSED EVENT that is open to FKSS graduating students holding tickets only. There are no guests allowed.

11:00pm – Caregiver pickup at Arbutus Ridge Golf Club. Parents or guardians on the registration form are responsible for picking up their Grads.

Please note again that this portion of Grad is not a school event. If you have any questions about Red Carpet and Dry Grad, please contact FKSSDryGrad25@gmail.com, or go to their Facebook page Frances Kelsey Dry Grad 2025.