



## Westsyde Secondary School Grad 2025 Newsletter – December

<b>January 31</b>	Baby Photo Deadline <a href="mailto:tnelson@sd73.bc.ca">tnelson@sd73.bc.ca</a>
<b>February 3</b>	Grad Photo retakes (by appointment)
<b>April 5</b>	Fees Deadline (all outstanding fees must be settled)
<b>June 4</b>	<b>Commencement Ceremony at McArthur Island Arena 7:00 pm</b> Mandatory Rehearsal 11:45 am (bus from school) Grad Banquet 5:00 pm Cap & Gown prep, line up for ceremony 6:15 pm

**All information is posted on the Grad Info Google Classroom. All grads have been invited to the site and should turn on notifications to receive updates.**

Parent emails can be added to receive updates too.

### Grad Photos

Grad photos are now available for purchase if the sitting fee has been paid.

### Grad Photo Retakes

The first round of Grad photos was Nov. 19-22. If your child missed getting their portrait or if they want a retake, retakes will be **on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the Pi room (3.14) between rooms 3 and 4. We will be using the same program (PTCFast) that we have used in the past for Parent-Teacher Interviews. The link to book appointments will be sent closer to the date.

**\*Note: All Grads should have their photo taken, even if you do not plan on purchasing a photo package, as the photos are used in the framed class composite and the yearbook. If you don't plan on buying photos, the "yearbook and composite" sitting is FREE.**

### *Important message from Right Photography:*

- The sitting fee is \$40 and is to be paid directly to the photographer on the day of your pictures, or at the office.
- Grads will receive an 8x10 diploma folder, 8x10 mini composite, and a 5x7 photo from the commencement ceremony.
- Please wear dress clothes under your gown (i.e. blouse, shirt and tie). No t-shirts please.
- Small props can be held
- We are taking 8 poses this year

Website link: <https://www.rightphotography.com/>

### Graduation Requirements

- 1. The graduate must be completing all graduation requirements.**
- 2. All outstanding fees must be paid, including Ceremony fee.**
- 3. All Library fees must be paid and library books must be returned.**

To be eligible to participate in the Commencement Ceremony, a student must be on track to complete provincial graduation requirements by the end of their grade 12 year. At the end of Term 3, there will be an adjudication of any students in grade 12 with failing grades.

Administration, in consultation with counselors and teachers, will conduct this process. Failing students will be warned formally as part of this process. Students will have until the last week of April to improve any failing marks. Students who are still failing at the end of April will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. All decisions regarding a student

being removed from the list will include parent consultation.

### **Scholarship Information**

If you do not already have a copy of the Scholarship Guidelines and Information, you can contact Mrs. Lapeyre in the counseling office [blapeyre@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:blapeyre@sd73.bc.ca). In addition, be sure to check out the School District #73 scholarships and bursaries page:

<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/community-parents-and-students/scholarships-bursaries.aspx>

### **Grad Fees**

Grad fees are to be determined until some items are finalized. The fees cover:

- All commencement costs including your cap, gown, V-stole, programs, and Grad Social
- Grad fees are due into the office by Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Grad fees must be paid in full to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

### **Baby Photos**

We have a tradition of showing a slideshow of grads baby photos during the Commencement Ceremony. Please submit your photo (infant to pre-school age) to the main office by January 12. This can be done by emailing a digital or scanned photo (minimum size 55px by 500 px, JPG, JPEG or PNG file type with the file name: lastname\_firstname.jpg) to [tnelson@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:tnelson@sd73.bc.ca). If you are unable to scan the image, please bring the photo to the main office where we will scan it for you.

### **Safe Grad/Grand March & Prom**

The Safe Grad/Grand March & Prom events are organized by the Parent Safe Grad Committee and not in any way affiliated with the school. Please reach out to [wssgrad2025@gmail.com](mailto:wssgrad2025@gmail.com).