

**Sa-Hali Secondary
GRAD 2019**

Newsletter #1 September 26, 2018

COMMENCEMENT DAY Saturday, June 15, 2019
Rehearsal 10:30am
Staff/Grad Luncheon 12:00pm
Commencement Ceremony 2:00 pm

Important Dates:

December 4 to December 7, 2018Grad Photo Session #1
 February 4, 2019Grad Photo Retakes
 May 1, 2019Fees Deadline
 (all outstanding fees must be paid prior to receiving the Grad Gown)
 May 2019Grad Transitions Deadline

Mr. Comita will send Graduates messages with reminds on important dates.

**REMIND.COM: Text @86hFK62 to the number (819) 803-2299
 You'll receive a welcome text from Remind.**

COMMENCEMENT FEE INFORMATION:

The school Commencement fee is \$100 and covers:

- ▶ All commencement costs: memento, Grad gown and accessories, diploma holder w/picture
- ▶ All reception costs including decorations at McArthur Island Sports Centre.

Pay all outstanding fees including your Grad fee at the office before May 1, 2019.

GRAD RECEPTION & COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY:

Both the Grad luncheon and the Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 15th at the McArthur Island Sports Centre.

- The Commencement Rehearsal will begin at 10:30 am. Grads need to be prompt. After the rehearsal there will be a Staff/Grad luncheon starting at 12:00pm with the Commencement Ceremonies to begin at 2:00pm. Students will be providing their own transportation to the Commencement rehearsal & ceremonies. This luncheon is for Grads and Sa-Hali staff only.
- Grad Commencement keepsake invitations will be given out the first week of May. Each student will receive 8 invitations. The Ceremonies are held at the MacPark arena so if a Grad needs to invite more than 8 guests, it won't cause a seating problem.



GRAD PHOTO INFORMATION:

Grad photos will start the week of December 4 – 7, 2018. Students are asked to sign up for a sitting time in the office approximately 2 weeks prior to session date. These photos are used for yearbook and class composite purposes, **so all Grads must have their photo taken, even if you do not plan on purchasing a photo package.** The sitting fee will be waived, if you plan on getting photos from another location, or are NOT purchasing grad photos at all.

If you are planning to have your photos taken by a photographer other than Rite Photography, a rental cap and gown is available through the office. Rental cost is \$25 and is a refundable deposit. Deposit is refunded upon return of the cap and gown.

GRAD GOWN MEASUREMENTS:

We will begin taking measurements for gown sizes in December. Please watch for notices before Christmas Break regarding measurements.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

In order to be eligible to participate in the June Commencement Ceremony, a student must be completing graduation requirements by the end of his or her grade 12 year. At midterm of the second semester, 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 May to improve any failing marks. Students who are still failing at the end of May will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement ceremony.

GRADUATION TRANSITION REMINDERS:

All graduates of 2019 will have to complete a student transition plan in order to earn four credits towards graduation. In the fall, counsellors will meet with Grade 12's to talk to students about what is required and the process. All students should aim to have their plans and exit interviews completed by January 2019. Students are encouraged to see their counsellor for further clarification.

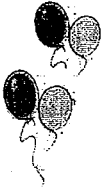
TRADE and ALTERNATE PROGRAM STUDENTS:

If you are a student enrolled in a Trade at TRU, Work Experience or another alternate program that has you graduating EARLY, please contact Mr. Comita at the school with an e-mail address so we can keep you informed, and pass on any important information or deadlines.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS:

Students need to show they have participated in at least 80 hours of physical activity during their last two years of school (inside or outside of school - any grade 11 or 12 PE or athletic activities would go towards meeting this requirement). They also have to provide evidence of 30 hours of paid work or community volunteer time during their last three years of school. As evidence of that, we ask that the student bring a pay stub or be prepared to provide the name and phone number of his/her employer or supervisor. They will also be required to complete an elementary budget, which has them think about how they will finance their first year following public school whether going on in school or into the workforce.





GRAND MARCH/PROM & SAFE GRAD EVENT:

The Grand March / Prom and Safe Grad events are being organized by the Parent Safe Grad Committee.

All Grad Information will be posted on the Sa-Hali Secondary School website – under the Grad Hat Icon.

**Be sure to check the Sa-Hali Secondary website for
Grad 2019 updated information.**

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding Grad please
contact Mr. Comita or the office at the school: (250) 374-0861.**

