

Graduation 2023 Summary

GRAD 2023

- **Tuesday, June 27th at 1:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex**
- Ceremony should run for approximately 2 hours – we should be completely done at the arena by 4:00 p.m.
 - Grads arrive at 12:30 p.m.
 - Ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m.
 - Ceremony concludes around 3:30 p.m.
- Assigned seating on the floor of the arena for grads, 40 presenters, 60 staff, 900 family members – approximately 7 family members per graduate
- Rush seating in the stands for another 500
- Costs associated with the ceremony...sound and light equipment, decorations, programs, diplomas, caps, video, etc.
- Financial support
 - student grad fees
 - student fundraising
 - ISD provides \$35/grad

Dinner and Safe Grad Social – All of these details to be finalized by end of November – we will be receiving feedback to determine when, where and what the dinner and safe grad look like

- If we have a dinner, it will likely be held at the Victoria Inn on June 24th
 - Advantages of having the dinner and safe grad on a different day than the ceremony are:
 - Lots of time to get ready
 - A lot of parents don't work on Sundays after safe grad
 - Not as long of a day for graduates and families
 - Families can have a barbeque or supper for all family and friends after the ceremony, as opposed to having everyone to dinner
 - Disadvantages are:
 - Everything isn't all on one day
 - People have to get fancied up twice
- Dinner usually begins at 6:30 p.m. with a cost around \$45 per plate (full buffet)
- Victoria Inn will not allow us to book the ballrooms for a social unless we have our dinner there as well
- Social to follow starting at around 8:45 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.

- 120-200 people including guests
- Guest tickets will be approximately \$45
- Need parents to help throughout the night
- Lots of food and entertainment throughout the evening
- Transportation forms will be completed online in April and May

GRAD FEES

- Fees will likely be \$150
- More information to follow with regards to fee payment, however no fees will be collected prior to January
- Fees will be allowed to be paid in installments
- We will help with fees by participating in some fundraisers.

REQUESTS

- **We have created an online form to gather all required information. Please click on this link [2023 Graduation Information Form](#) and complete the form no later than December 9th.**
- The link to this form will also be on the SCI Website (<https://sci.interlakesd.ca/>)
- We need all of the graduates' Kindergarten pictures for the ceremony slide show
 - Email a picture to tlamm@isd21.mb.ca
 - It's ok to take a picture of your favourite Kindergarten photograph and email it
 - Please submit to Mrs. Lamm by January 20th

SAFE GRAD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- We are looking for "volunteers" for approximately three meetings throughout the year
- We have several jobs that need to be done and decisions to be made
- First Safe Grad Committee meeting will be in November
- More information will come in the near future
- There will be a spot to sign up on the registration form that students need to fill out

SUMMARY OF VOLUNTEERS THAT MAY BE NEEDED IN OTHER AREAS

More information on these volunteer positions will come at a later meeting.

- Safety Team 1 meeting in June + all night
- Set up 1 evening in June and 1 clean up morning in June

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Graduation – Academic Information
 - **Students must attain 30 credits in order to graduate and they need to get the compulsory requirements which include Math, English & Physical Education at the Grade 12 level. Students in the French Immersion Program will need 14 of the 30 credits in the French language.**
 - Mr. McCluskey and the administration team will be talking to students about any credit concerns
 - If you are taking an online course or any outside courses, make sure to working hard to complete these
 - Students should meet with Mr. McCluskey to do a ‘credit check’ for graduation and a post-secondary requirement check if they are at all concerned
 - Unfortunately, some students will not actually know if they have “made it” until shortly before Grad
 - We make calls to parents on the Thursday or Friday prior to graduation
- Grade 12 attendance – Grade 12 students - get to class!!!
- Grad clothing- more information coming soon – we usually provide two orders (November and March/April)
- Grad photos – end of February – more information to come in January
- Valedictorians – Nominations begin in April
 - 2-3 students that speak at graduation on behalf of the graduates
 - A lot of time spent on this in May and June if selected
 - Passing grades all year and clean behaviour record
- Grad Committee – all Grade 12 students are welcome – more information coming soon
- PowerSchool student/parent portal – stay connected to make sure your student is doing well
- If you need help...just ask...and don’t wait until you see your March report card...it MAY BE too late!
- Help each other...nothing like a little peer pressure to get you over the finish line!

Universities and Colleges

- Please check out the Counsellor Corner found on the school website for links to Post-Secondary programs
- MPPC will take place here on November 9th in the morning. This is for all Grade 12 students and registration will take place on Counsellor's Corner.
- Check with each institution website for important dates and events such as Virtual Tours, Open Houses, Program Presentations, etc.
- Applications to Universities and Colleges are now open!
- If applying to Universities within the province...March 1st is a good deadline to set. If applying to the Universities of Manitoba, Winnipeg, and Brandon before this deadline, you are potentially eligible for a special entrance scholarship
- Don't hesitate to contact each of the institutions' Recruitment and Admissions teams.... they are VERY helpful!!!!
- If unsure where to start, then please book an appointment with Mr. McCluskey

Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

- Please check out the Counsellor Corner found on the school website for links to Scholarship information (found under the GRAD tab) <https://sci.interlakesd.ca/>
- All Scholarships/Awards/Bursaries require an application and will have specific requirements.
 - Generally speaking, most will require the following:
 - Letters of Reference
 - Proof of community or volunteer service
 - Demonstration of academic ability
- There are a few ways to get started with looking for Scholarships/Awards/Bursaries
 - Checkout the list of scholarships on the Counsellor Corner
 - Start with the "Scholarships Canada" and "YCONIC" under the ESSENTIALS column...Quick and easy to use!
 - Go to the University/College website and search for "Scholarship, Awards, Bursaries" and it will link you to their information and lists of awards
 - GOOGLE.... In Google type in the following for quick results: "*Scholarships Awards Bursaries [insert program choice: ex Kinesiology] Canada*"
- You can always contact Mr. McCluskey for more information.