

GRAD 2026



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Agenda:

1. Meet the team
2. Grad Credits
3. Post-Secondary Planning
4. Post-Secondary Visits and Fair
5. Scholarships and Bursaries
6. Grad Attire Program
7. Careers and Capstone
8. Grad Photos and Grad Clothing
9. Grad Committee
10. Grad events – Winterfest & Car Cruise



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VP team + Principal Ms. Taiji

A-G – Mr. Mayert

H-O – Ms. Martens

P-Z – Mrs. Black

Counselling team

A-G – Ms. Brach

H-O – Ms. Morris

P-Z – Ms. Schultz

Careers / Work Experience

Kelley Giorgianni, Dawnn Thorson, Randy James, Whitney Murphy,

Indigenous Education

Jacqueline Morgan, Jasmine Wallace,
Jeannie McDonald, Troy Donovan, Kaya
Leslie



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Vanier Graduation Requirement Checklist

Grade 10 Required Courses	
English 10 (4 credits)	
Math 10 (4 credits)	
Socials 10 (4 credits)	
Science 10 (4 credits)	
PE 10 (4 credits)	
Career Life Education A (2 credits)	
Literacy 10 Assessment	
Numeracy 10 Assessment	

Grade 11 Required Courses	
English 11 (4 credits)	
Math 11 (4 credits)	
Socials 11 or 12 (4 credits)	
Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)	
Career Life Education B (2 credits)	



Grade 12 Required Courses	
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English 12 (4 credits)	
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Career Life Connections 12 (2 credits)	
Capstone Project 12 (2 credits)	
30 Hour Work Exp or Volunteer	
Literacy 12 Assessment	

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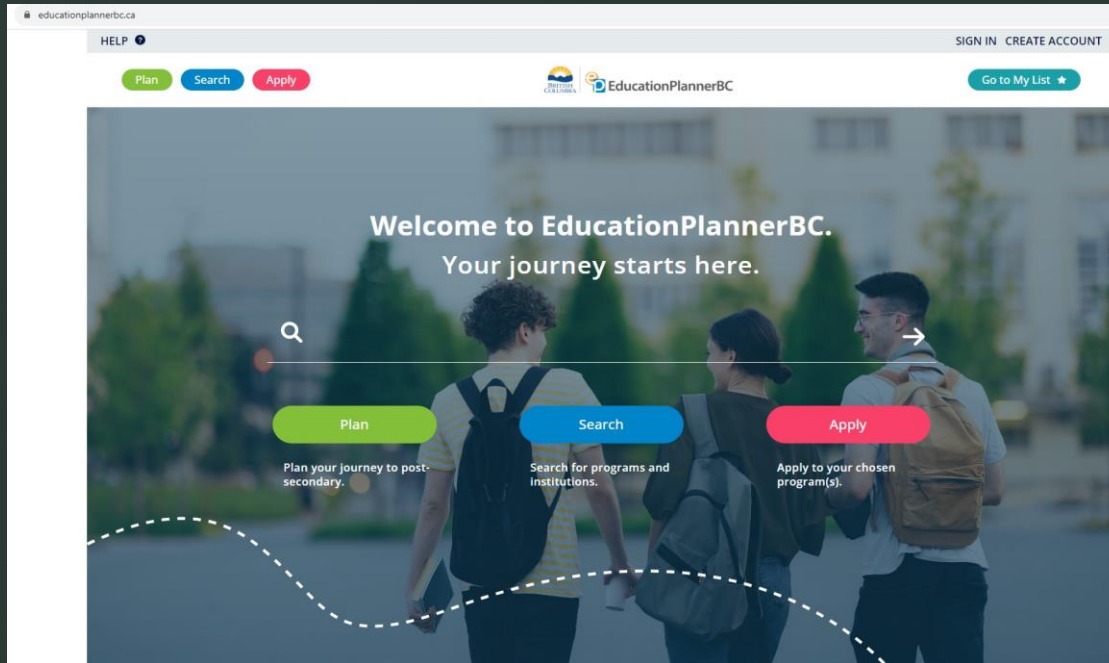
Check MyEd, see Counsellor, or see VP



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Post-Secondary Planning:



www.educationplannerbc.ca

- Admission requirements, Application deadlines
- Apply for admission to one or more post-secondary institutions in BC
- Scholarship, bursary, and financial aid information
- Most applications for Fall 2026 opening by Oct 1st
- Questions? Meet with your School Counsellor



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Post-Secondary Visits/Fairs:

- **UVIC**
 - Monday, September 29th at lunch in MPR
- **PSBC Mini Fair**
 - Thursday, October 2nd in MPR (1:00-2:35pm)
- **NIC Pre-Health Science and Health Science Info Session**
 - Tuesday, October 7th at lunch in Library
- **UVIC Gustavson School of Business**
 - Thursday, October 9th info booth at lunch
- **UVic Engineering/Computer Science**
 - Friday, October 17th info booth at lunch
- **University of Alberta**
 - Friday, November 7th info booth at lunch
- **VIU**
 - Wednesday, November 12th info booth at lunch



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Post-Secondary BC Mini Fair
Tuesday, October 2nd from 1:00 – 2:35pm in MPR

- North Island College
- Vancouver Island University
- University of Victoria
- Camosun College
- University of British Columbia
- Trinity Western University
- Canadian Armed Forces-Royal Military College
- University of Northern British Columbia
- Royal Roads University
- Simon Fraser University
- Okanagan College



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Scholarship and Bursary information:

- **Look under Grad tab on Vanier website for [scholarship and bursary information](#)**
 - Funding Your Future: A Guide to Scholarships and Bursaries presentation
 - Scholarship and Bursary Newsletter
- Check the [announcements](#)
- **Vanier Bursary and Scholarship Program:**
 - January 2026. Deadline for bursary applications is February 27th at 3:15pm

Please check the announcements often for additional post-secondary visits, scholarship and bursary information, and other grad related information.



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Grad Class Attire Project

The Grad Class Attire project welcomes all grade 12 students in Comox Valley Schools to have the opportunity to wear a gown or suit on graduation day without the financial burden of purchasing a brand-new outfit for their milestone event.

The Grad Class Attire Project operates out of Comox Valley Dodge at 278 North Island Highway (Old Canadian Tire building) on the following dates:

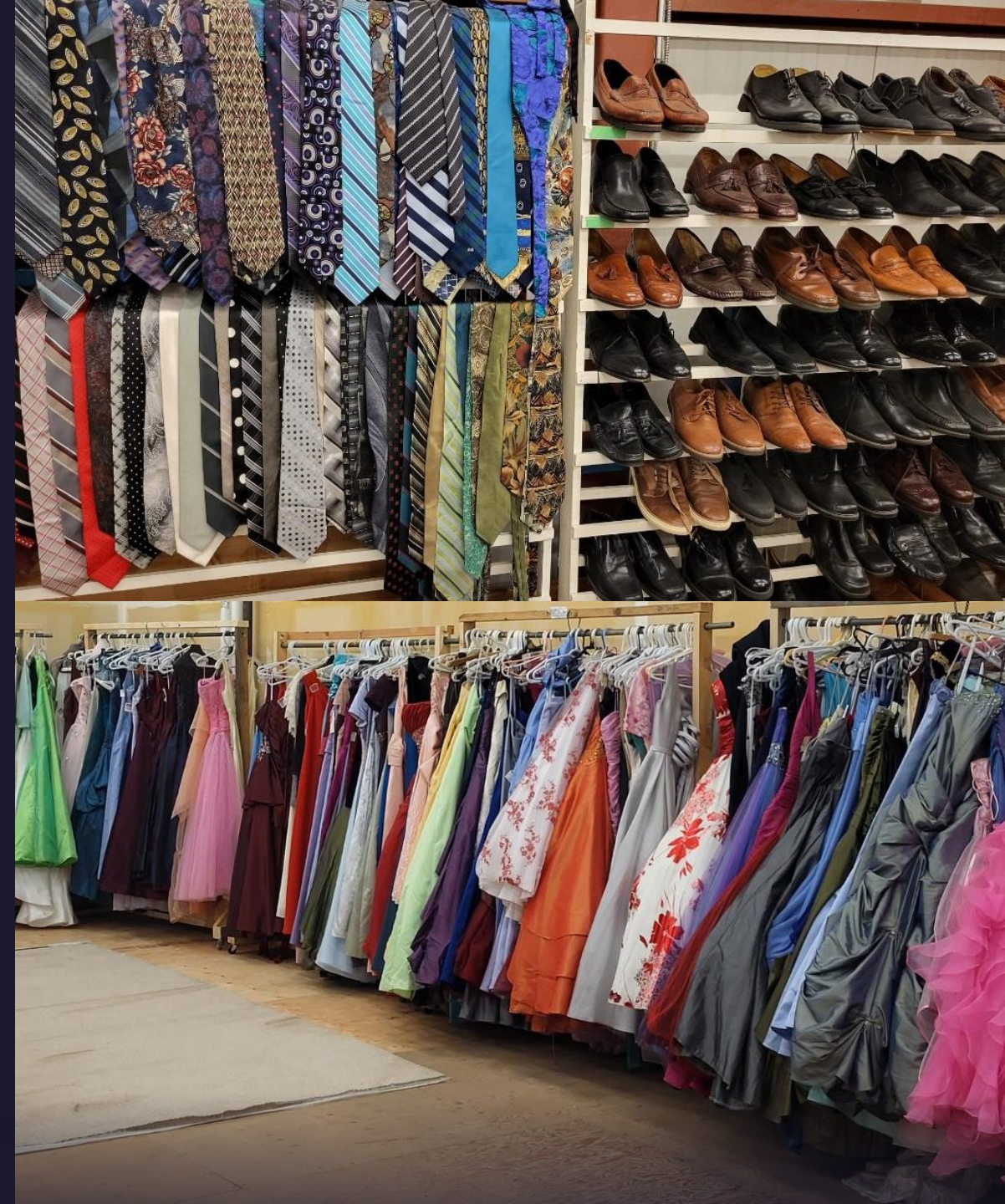
- Saturday, November 22nd 10 am-3:15 pm
- Monday, January 19th 3:30-5:45 pm
- Saturday, January 24th 10 am-3:15 pm
- Monday, February 23rd 3:30-5:45 pm
- Saturday, March 14th 10 am-3:15 pm
- Monday, March 16th 3:30-5:45 pm
- Saturday, April 18th 10 am-3:15 pm



You can book a fitting appointment using the following [link](#)

If you have any questions or would like to donate to the project, please contact Kelley Giorgianni (kelly.giorgianni@sd71.bc.ca) or Susan Quinton (susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca)

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/grad-attire-program/>



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Career Life Connections
12 (2 credits)

- * Bright Space assignments
- * All assignments
due: Jan. 23rd
- * Three in-person sessions (all
before Christmas)
- * This is a required course for
graduation.



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Capstone (2 credits):

Coordinated by your English 12 Teacher

-Speak to your English 12
teacher for more information



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30 HOUR GRAD REQUIREMENT

- Paid/Volunteer hours can and will be accepted
- Work Experience 12A/B hours can and will be accepted
- Hours worked/volunteered during grade 10-12 can and will be accepted
- Must be submitted via paperwork which can be picked up in the Careers Office (Room 130)
- 30 hours is due January 23, 2026
- 30 hours is part of your CLC 12 course – this must be completed to earn credits for CLC12



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Dual Credit Academics

Semester 2:
Have us pay for your NIC courses or certificate.

Are you interested in:

- * Business Classes
- * Social Work Diploma Courses
- * Health Care Assistant
- * Medical Terminology
- * Early Childhood Care and Education
- * Biology 160 Course
- * Fine Art Certificate Courses
- * Web Design Courses
- * Medical Lab Courses

MUST Sign up in Careers Office before Sept **30th!**



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WEX, Dual Credit Trades & YWIT

WEX: Work Experience 12A Course

- Are you working?
- Would you like to explore a career path of interest?
- Are you over the age of 16?

Visit Kelley or Randy in the Careers Office Room 130

DUAL CREDIT: Trades

Semester 2

Are you interested in:

- Plumbing
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Chef
- Welding
- Automotive
- Heavy Duty Mechanic

Youth Work in Trades:

Are you currently working in a Trade?

Contact: **Tammy Williamson@sd71.bc.ca**



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Grad Photos: Dec 8th – Dec 12th Book appointment in mid-November
Retakes – Feb 4-6th at SC Mezzanine

Grad Clothing: Check GP Vanier website. Store will open any day. Closes **October 27th** for Christmas delivery. Re-opens in January-February.

Please check your school email for new information re: Grad 2026 plans.

CHECK ANNOUNCEMENTS OFTEN!



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Grad Photos with Island Life Photographics



 **GEORGES P. VANIER
SECONDARY**

GRAD PHOTOS

**Cap & Gown Photo Sessions
Dec 8 to 12**

 **Schedule Now**

778-420-2833 [FAQ's](#) www.islandlifephotographics.ca info@islandlifephotographics.ca

[Schedule Appointment with Island Life Photographics](#)

Photo hints

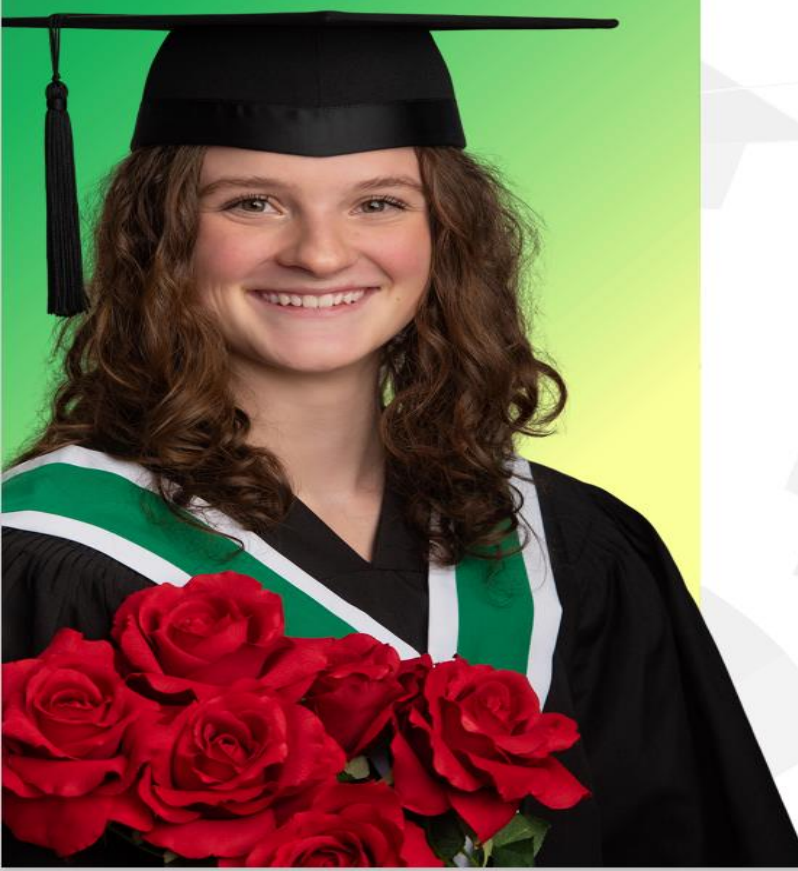
- We currently have five days booked, from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM, with a 40-minute break from 2:30 to 3:10 PM. There are 314 appointments available so far, and we can add more if needed.
Retakes are scheduled for early Feb (3 days)

Based on Island Life's experience at other high schools, some students arrive not realizing it's grad photo day. In those cases, we're happy to accommodate drop-ins—we won't turn anyone away. Every year, a few students show up feeling overwhelmed or uninformed, and if they're willing, we take their photo on the spot.

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Class of 2026

Grad Photos



GRAD PHOTO DAY PREPARATION - What You Need to Know

Your photo session will feature a variety of poses, including: gown-only, cap and gown, flowers prop, diploma prop, graduation sign prop, and personal item.



Facial Preparation

- Wash your face to reduce oily shine.
- Cover blemishes lightly—avoid heavy makeup.
- Be clean-shaven—stubble cannot be retouched in photos.

What to Wear

- Necklines: Wear a long or short-sleeved scoop or V-neck top to show your neckline.
- Dress Shirt & Tie: Bring your own or use one of ours (please wear a T-shirt underneath for easy changing).
- Turtleneck: A plain, non-patterned turtleneck is best to keep focus on your face.
- Avoid bulky clothing: Be prepared to remove hoodies or thick layers. Wear something lightweight so the gown fits properly over your outfit.

Other Important Notes

- Hands & Wrists: Your hands may appear in photos while holding flowers or the diploma prop.
- Check that fingernails are clean.
- Remove elastic bands from your wrists as they leave marks.
- Jewelry: Only wear necklaces that you want to be visible in your photos.
- Hats: Avoid wearing hats before your session, as they mess up your hair and can leave a mark on your forehead.

Arrival Time

Please arrive 5-10 minutes before your appointment to allow time to:

- Get suited up in your cap and gown
- Do a final check of your appearance

What to Expect

- We'll begin with a few photos without the cap to avoid flattening your hair.
- The assistant will bring your cap when it's time for those poses.
- Personal Item Photos: You'll have the option to include a personal item (like a jersey or medal) in a few photos.
- Wrap-Up: After your session, return to the entrance area, where a staff member will assist you in removing the gown and V-stole.

Viewing Your Photos

Your photo proofs will be ready 3-4 weeks after Picture Day.

A viewing link will be emailed to the Grad's school email, and a hand out will be provided for every Grad.

GRAD 2026 (dates & times so far)

DATE	EVENT
October 3 6:30 pm	Grad Parent Meeting
November 21	Grad baby photos due to M&K in library
December 8-12	Grad Photos
December 10	Winterfest – 6:00 – 9:00pm
January XX	early grad meeting
January xx	parent bursary meeting
January 31	GP Vanier and SD71 Bursary Program opens
February 4 - 6	Grad Photo retakes
March 6	Bursary Applications due 1pm
May 7	Grad BBQ 5pm
May 26	Bursary Evening
June 3	Grad vs staff softball game
June12 TBD (2 nd block),	Celebration of Excellence
June 15	Grad Pancake Breakfast
June 15	Grad Rehearsal 10:30am
June 24	Graduation day 4pm

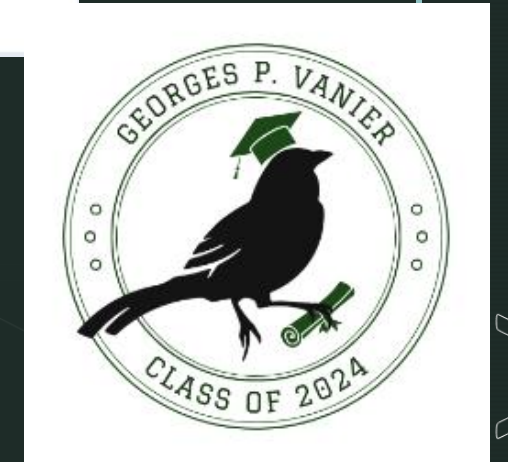
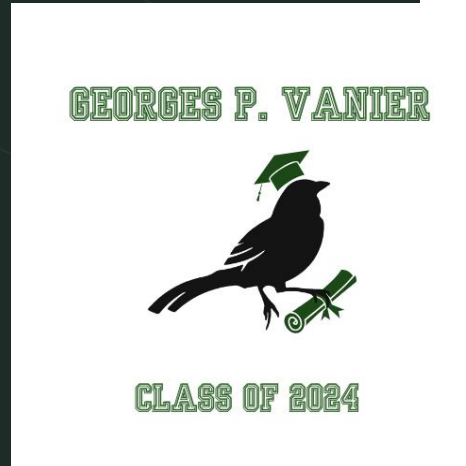
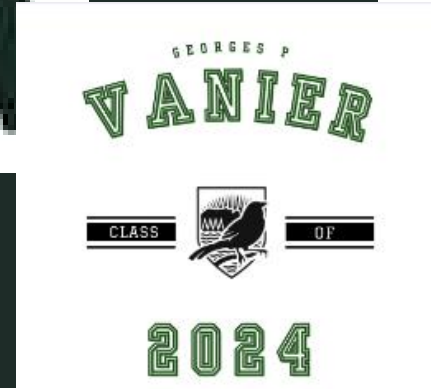


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Grad Clothing

Check website- open
until Oct 23rd .
And then again
in the new year
(committee may seek a
better Grad logo, FYI)

<https://ezvet21gifo.typeform.com/to/qMi2Fe0b>



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Grad Committee- Meeting Tuesday,
Sept 9th 12 pm in the library

Who should come?

-Anyone interested in making this the best Grad class ever.

**** committee agreed to meet weekly on Tues at lunch to get the ball rolling with ideas, etc.**



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Past ideas & considerations:

- What's in the grad grab bag? (gifts given by the school)
- Car cruise or not? - parent organized
- When should family photos happen on grad day (or day(s) before? (family organized)
- When should hair / make up appt's be made? (done by 12:30pm)
- What happened to the dry grad parties from years ago? (info shared)
- Is there a dinner? (committee required)
- Is there a dance? a prom? (parent organized or committee required)
- **Baby photo (1) & current photo (1) are due by Nov 14 – email to monique.wilford@sd71.bc.ca**



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Grad Parent meeting – Wed., Oct 8 6:30 pm in MPR

Grad Committee- Meeting Oct. 10th in the library

-Who should come?

-Anyone interested in making this the best Grad class ever.



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Winterfest – Dec 10th

- Games – Blackjack, Texas Hold 'em, Roulette, Bingo.... Others ?
- Draw Prizes / Auction items?
- Dance opportunity
(committee suggests DJ,)
- Dessert / Appies / Mocktail drinks
(committee suggests applies & Mocktails & interactive activities)
- Photo Booth

How to get involved:

1. Run a table
2. Set up and clean up
3. Arrange for coffee donation and pick up
4. Gather donations for raffle and prizes



Winterfest – Dec 10th

- Prizes required. Coordinator suggested
- Parent committee suggested
- Committee recommends appies at the casino themed event with mocktails and photo booth opportunities. A DJ could be hired to promote mixing and maybe dancing(?) - formal attire recommended (not grad wear)
- If low on gr 12 parent volunteers,

consider inviting gr 11 parents to the committee – we may invite Gr 11 Students to work at the event, too – so they can pre-view what their grad can look like!!



Classic Car Cruise



A green rectangular road sign with rounded corners and a white border, tilted diagonally. The word "Questions" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. The sign is supported by two metal poles. The background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds and a sun flare in the top right corner.

Questions

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