

GRADUATION 2013 NEWSLETTER



May 22, 2013

We are getting close! Thirteen years of schooling will soon come to an end and it will be time to celebrate your high school graduation. The excitement and anticipation is building. This newsletter will outline exactly what you need to know so that you can have the best graduation experience possible! If you have any questions or would like to offer your assistance in the set up for this day, please call:

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PROM/PARADE – (Dry Grad Parent Volunteers)		
Mike Steinbach	Security	250.723.2799
Colleen Larsen	Decorating	250.724.1654
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Families that may be prevented from attending Grad Ceremonies or Dry Grad Celebrations due to financial concerns should contact their child's school counselor so that support can be given. Counselors will keep this information confidential. Please let your counselors know as soon as possible.

Expectations.....

Students and their guests are expected to arrive 'dry' and remain 'dry' for all grad related events. There will be a zero-tolerance for drugs and alcohol. If a student arrives less than 100% sober, they will be denied entrance into the ceremony or prom. Students and guests will forfeit their ticket costs to these events. Students in possession of any banned substance will be dealt with by the RCMP. You will be asked to leave the prom if you are caught with any illegal substances. Students must make these expectations very clear to the guests they bring with them, as they are their responsibility.

1. GRAD CLASS OF 2013 PROM CAR PARADE

Graduates are asked to meet at the old ADSS High School at 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 8th to prepare for the parade to the Athletic Hall. The parade is optional. We want to give our community an opportunity to share in your graduation celebrations. Please complete the registration form and submit it to Mrs. Doughty in the front foyer every Monday at lunch by the June 3rd deadline. Forms are available in the office. The Dry Grad Parade Committee will determine the order of the parade. In planning for this event, please consider the following.

- All motorized vehicles must be licensed.
- All regular road rules apply.
- Vintage and Classic cars will be at the beginning of the parade.
- Horses are discouraged but will go at the end of the parade.
- If you have any special requests, please contact Jackie White (723-8202) or Anita Wilson.

Need a Ticket for Prom?

Contact

Rhonda Doughty
250-723-1827



2. DRY GRAD PROM CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 8, 7:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. at the Athletic Hall



"Treasure the past, set sail to the future" is your slogan for the evening. You will be entertained by **Much Music videos, dancing with spotlight prizes, a casino, a caricature artist** and so much more. Enjoy a considerable variety of food and drinks for everyone's taste all night long. A **professional photographer** has been hired to take pictures at a photo booth. Please take the time during the evening to have your photo taken in your formal wear. Watch for the link to access these pictures on the facebook ADSS PROM group page shortly after Prom night (approx. 1 week). If you are not on the facebook site, please ask a fellow graduate for the link, or check the ADSS school website for the link. **Prom King and Queen** – watch for the Prom Queen and King decorated draw box when you enter the prom. If you would like your name in the draw box to be chosen as Prom King or Queen, just drop off your prom ticket in one of these boxes. Towards the end of the evening, two names will be drawn for Prom King and Queen. Door Prizes all night long! **(You must be present to receive a door prize if your name is drawn)**

This parent sponsored event promises to be an unforgettable evening with your friends to mark the end of your public school experience. Countless hours of time over several months have gone into preparing and fundraising for this celebration. Community businesses and individuals have generously donated money, time and support to creating a safe, drug and alcohol-free, fun-filled environment for the graduating students of ADSS 2013. Come ready to have fun and dance the night away!



3. YOUR GRADUATION CEREMONY

7:00 pm – 9:15 pm

Are you eligible to participate in the Graduation Ceremony? The following items must be done BEFORE you can buy Grad Ceremony Tickets.

1. Submit your on-line ceremony script. See the school website: www.sd70.bc.ca/school/adss
2. Return ALL your textbooks & team uniforms.
3. Return ALL your library books.
4. Pay ALL your outstanding school fees.
5. Complete your Grad Transition Plan.
6. Check with your counselor to ensure your name is on the Grad List.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE; TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS NOW!

The Ceremony

Grads will be entering the Multiplex via the doors closest to North Island College off the main parking lot. The general public will enter through the main doors at the front of the Multiplex and the doors at the back. Your grand entrance will be clearly marked. It will make it easier to access the waiting area under the stands. Remember, no handbags, backpacks or purses will be permitted. There will be a security check for grad students when entering the multiplex. Once inside, we ask that you find your placement in the processional line as quickly as possible. The ceremony will begin with the processional of grads starting at 7:00pm. Further details will be explained to you during the rehearsal on **Thursday, June 28th at 4:00 pm.** (All students are expected to attend.)



Alberni District Secondary School Grad 2013 Calendar of Events



It's coming! Months of planning and years of hard work are leading up to the biggest day yet in your school history – Graduation – Friday, June 28th 2013! There is a lot to know about so that you can be prepared to have a wonderful graduation ceremony and celebration. This calendar will outline all the important dates and times to share with your family

Prior to May 31st
After June 1st

DRY GRAD PROM TICKET SALES

Thanks many hours of hard work and fundraising, ticket prices will remain at \$50.00. If you are not participating in the dry grad Prom and if you want to purchase the T-shirt and lanyard, please call Rhonda Doughty asap. T-shirt prices and lanyard are \$20.00. She will be at ADSS every Monday during the lunch break in front of the office.

GRAD PORTRAITS

The portraits of your Grad crossing the stage receiving their diploma is provided by the Dry Grad parent committee and are **NOT** a school-supplied item. These are included with your Dry Grad PROM ticket purchase. The link will be available on the facebook group site shortly after June 28. If you are not a member of the facebook group site, please check the ASSS website for a link to access your pictures. A photographer has been hired for this event so please access your pictures from the link.

June 6 – 7

ATHLETIC HALL DECORATING

Grab a friend and come out and lend a hand transforming the Athletic Hall for your night of celebration. If you can help or have questions you can contact the Decorating Chairperson – Colleen Larson at 250 – 724 -1654. Decorating will begin on Thursday, June 6 at 6:00. Decorating will continue on Friday, June 7 at 9:00am. Please come and help if you are able. (parents-only on Friday so the kids will be surprised on Saturday night)

VOLUNTEERS Needed - If you would like to help in this area please call:

Food/beverage - Tami Fines or Suzanne Murray 250-736-1120

Security - Please attend the final parent meeting on Tuesday, June 4 to go over expectations.

Parents - It takes an army of volunteers to make Dry Grad successful, if you can spare a few hours please volunteer as we can't do it without you! We have many spaces available in all areas. Call Suzanne at 250-736-1120 if you can help.

Sat, June 8

The Big Celebration: Dry Grad Prom – Alberni Athletic Hall

12:00 – 3:45 pm

ROLLIN ARTS CENTRE – This venue will be open to all who wish to take your own photos in a beautiful setting.

5:00 pm

CAR PARADE – If you would like to participate in the car parade, please show up at the old High School at 5:00 pm. The route will follow 10th Ave to Roger St. then to the Athletic Hall. The car parade will begin at 6:00 pm.

7:00 pm – 2:00 am

PROM Activities will commence at 7:00 pm, after the car parade. Don't forget to bring your grad ticket. This is a formal dance along with other activities to entertain all. For safety and security reasons, once you enter the Athletic Hall, you will not be allowed to leave. **If you choose to leave for any reason, you will not be allowed back in. This will be strictly enforced.**

What NOT to bring: No backpacks, large purses, etc. will be allowed. This is a “dry” celebration, which means zero tolerance of all drugs and alcohol. Girls may bring in a clutch style purse that will be checked upon entry. All food, beverages, entertainment is

supplied. There will be a coat check for those who want a safe place to hang their suit jackets, etc.

June 10 - 21

GRADUATION CEREMONY TICKET Sales

Eligible graduates (those on the grad list) will be admitted into the Graduation Ceremony for no fee. For each invited guest, an \$8.00 ticket fee will be charged. Students and parents/guardians only will be able to purchase these tickets starting **Monday, June 10th until Friday, June 21th from Mr. Smith at the school's main office.** Six tickets will be reserved for each graduate during the first week of sales. If needed, please request wheelchair seating when purchasing tickets. **Please make cheques payable to "ADSS."**

**Wed. June 12th
7:00 pm**

SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY AWARDS CEREMONY

Scholarship and bursary funds in the amount of over \$100,000 have generously been donated for the 2013 graduating class of ADSS by local groups, businesses and individuals. The Scholarship and Bursary Awards assembly will be held at the **ADSS Theatre on Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 pm.** All recipients are invited to attend. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend. No ticket required.

NOTE: All recipients will be notified by the beginning of June and will be reminded to attend the awards assembly on June 12th. The list of recipients will also be posted outside of the Counseling Office.

**Thurs. June 27th
4:00 – 5:00 pm**

GRAD CEREMONY REHEARSAL at the Multiplex

All graduates are expected to attend this Graduation rehearsal at the Multiplex.

Friday, June 28th - The Big Day

5:30 pm

GRAD 2013 CLASS PHOTO

Students meet in the Student Commons at ADSS. Please do not be late for this photo. We want to include all our students. Only grad students will be permitted into the school for this photo session.

6:00 pm

MULTIPLEX – DOORS OPEN

Seating for guests is on a first come basis. General public will enter through the main doors at the front and the rear doors to the Weyerhaeuser Rink at 6:00 pm. We encourage guests to use the rear doors to reduce congestion at the main entrance. Please respect the reserved seating signs. Some seats have been reserved by ADSS for speakers, volunteers, and guests with special needs. Traffic and parking around the Multiplex is very heavy prior to the ceremony so please arrive early.

6:15 pm (approx.)

GRAD PROCESSIONAL (ADSS to Multiplex)

Following the Class Photo, Grads will line up in alphabetical order and proceed to the Multiplex along Roger Street. This procession will be led by Mr. Ruttan, ADSS staff and the RCMP. Graduates will enter through the main doors upon arrival. Once inside, you will wait inside the Multiplex with your classmates until the beginning of ceremony at 7:00 pm. Stay in line.

7:00 pm – 9:30pm

GRADUATION 2012 CEREMONIES

Your rehearsal on June 27th will prepare you for when and where to walk, and where you will be seated while in the arena. The ceremony will end with the Grad recessional. Students will form a circle around the perimeter of the Weyerhaeuser rink. At this time, students will be able to mingle with friends and family.

