

2019 GRAD YEAR INFORMATION

This letter is intended to give you information regarding the time, place and cost of the major functions for the Grade 12's in 2019. **Any events other than those listed below are not sanctioned by the school, and we advise you to use extreme caution in allowing your child to attend.** Please be aware that your child must be in a mathematical position to graduate in terms of graduation credits in order to attend the ceremonies.

EVENTS

Grad Wear

RSS Grad Hoodies will be available for purchase in four rounds (colours to be announced in the last week of September). Hoodies are \$45.00 each. In order to purchase you must:

1. Complete the order form in the Grad Google Classroom
2. Pay for the hoodie online (<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/>) or by paying Mrs. Kennedy in the office.

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THE ORDER FORM AND PAY BEFORE THE ORDER DEADLINE YOUR ORDER WILL NOT BE COMPLETED FOR DELIVERY

	Order Deadline	Estimated Delivery
Round One	October 12th	Week of November 14th
Round Two	November 16th	Week of December 17th
Round Three	February 1st	Week of March 4th
Final Round *NO ORDERS AFTER CUT-OFF*	March 15th	Week of April 15th

Grad Photos

November 14th - December 7th

You will see a link in the 2019 Google Classroom under the "About" tab. Please book a time as soon as possible. There is a \$60 refundable deposit at the time of sitting with no obligation to purchase. Should you opt not to order, you can request to have the deposit refunded; for those ordering the deposit will apply to your order. **In order for Grads to be included in the Yearbook and the Composite Photo, students must have a picture taken.**

Yearbook

Yearbooks are \$40, so buy them now! Details on Grad write-ups will be made in consultation with the Yearbook teacher and, if available, will be submitted through the Grad 2019 Google Classroom.

Crystal Ball (Dinner and Dance)

Thursday Dec 13th, 2018 @ RSS 6:00 to 10:30pm;

\$10.00 + Appetizers, Salad or Dessert. Parents, your help is *crucial* to make this event happen.

Although teachers and administrators are there to supervise, we need parent support for setup and cleanup. Please send your name and contact information by email to Ms. Harvie at rutlandgrad@gmail.com if you are willing to help, indicating the early (5:45-8:30) or late shift (7:30-10:30). We anticipate 250 tickets will be sold-- this is an RSS Grad event only!!

Grad Dinner and Dance (Prom)

Monday May 20th, 2019 @ the Grand Hotel Ballroom

Grads should assemble at the Dolphins no later than 5:00pm

Grand March: 5:45pm

Dinner: 6:30 to 7:30pm

Parents/Dessert Admission: 7:15-7:30pm

Speeches 7:30pm, with dance to follow

Commencement Ceremonies

Friday June 21st, 2019 @ Trinity Baptist Church (1905 Springfield)

Rehearsal: 1:00pm @ RSS (Gym)

Ceremonies: 6:30pm

Dry Grad

Friday June 21st, 2018 @ RSS Approx. 10:30pm.

Parents of Grads: Your help is needed with Dry Grad –please follow the RSS Dry Grad Facebook page for important information regarding organizational meetings, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities

<https://www.facebook.com/rutlandseniorsecondarydrygradinfopage/>

Information Distribution

We use a number of electronic methods to distribute information to Grads and their families. In order to make sure that you know important timelines and dates and, as well, that you receive updates on upcoming scholarship and bursary applications we recommend that you:

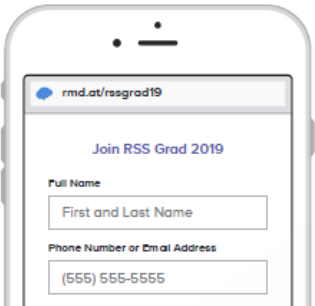
1. Your grad is enrolled in the Grad Google Classroom. The enrollment code is: kqch5dh
2. Sign-up for Remind which sends messages via text directly to your phone (directions to sign up available below)
3. Confirm with the school office that your phone number(s) and e-mail addresses on file are correct.

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/rssgrad19

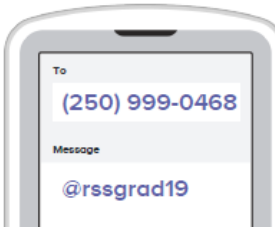
Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @rssgrad19 to the number (250) 999-0468.

* Standard text message rates apply.



DETAILS

The Grad Dinner and Dance

The Grad Dinner/Dance is for grads, parents, teachers and escorts. Due to the number of grads and the limited space at the Grand, we will be trying to accommodate all requests with a reservation system on a first come-first served basis (with the exception of students who have had attendance and/or behavioral issues dealt with by administration, who will move to the end of the line). Each student will be given the opportunity to make an advance purchase of up to 4 tickets and, at the same time, request additional tickets (numbers determined subject to availability). We will then assess the total number of seats reserved. If all requests can be accommodated they will; otherwise, they will be distributed in the order originally reserved. Dinner tickets will be sold at a cost of *approximately* \$75.00 per ticket (cost set by the Delta Grand). Please note that *grad fees and school fees must be paid and any outstanding books returned* before students can purchase a dinner/dance ticket.

In order to allow more families to participate in the evening's events, we will sell Parent/Dessert admission at a cost of approximately \$12 per ticket. **Parents** who have purchased a Dessert ticket will be allowed to enter between 7:15 and 7:30p.m. from the main entrance (Water St side) to watch the speeches and participate in the dance. Please be aware that seating will not be available for those entering with dessert tickets. **Grads must attend both the dinner and dance AND MAY NOT PURCHASE A DESSERT TICKET FOR ADMISSION.** Guests may be required to show both their ticket and their photo ID; security procedures will be in place as this is part of a school sanctioned event.

Prom Ticket sales will be April 11th-April 18th in Room 1057. At this time **only** dinner tickets (for RSS Grads, dates, and parents wishing to attend the seated dinner).

Prom Table selections will be April 29th- May 6th in Room 1057. During this phase, **parent dessert tickets** may also be purchased. These tickets are *only for parents*.

The Commencement Ceremonies

Each grad will be entitled to up to 4 tickets (**free**, as part of Grad Fees) to give to parents, relatives and friends. Grads do not need an invitation for themselves. **The tickets need to be presented at the door as there is limited seating available (there is a tactile impression on each authentic ticket to ensure they have not been duplicated).** Please arrive early to ensure a seat as it is first come-first serve. Please note that only those Grade 12 students who have the potential to graduate will be permitted to participate in the ceremonies. Students must attend the rehearsal on Friday afternoon, and should be at **RSS to ride the bus to Trinity** no later than 5:00 pm in order to receive instructions, etc. Please note that *all outstanding fees must be paid and any outstanding books returned* before students will receive their tickets.

Grad Gown and Ceremony tickets will be distributed June 3-7th from Room 1264.

Grads who would like more than four (4) tickets to the commencement ceremonies may enter the lottery draw in the Grad Google Classroom starting in April. The draw for these tickets will be made at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday June 12th and will be released in pairs until consumed. We anticipate a

livestream will be available for viewing (the link will be released in June via the Google Classroom and posted on the RSS Website).

Grad Fees

The grad fee has been set at \$100.00 per student. The grad fees will cover the following expenses:

- Gown purchase and shipping
- Printing of invitations, tickets, programs etc.
- Decorations, flowers for ceremonies
- Transportation of grads to ceremonies
- Award photos and awards
- Miscellaneous expenses during the year for grad activities (advertising, thank yous, etc.)
- AV equipment rental and security for prom/ ceremonies
- Graduation caps and tassels
- Rental of Trinity Baptist Church and the City Boardwalk
- Music expenses, decorations and miscellaneous costs for Crystal Ball

Refund on Fees

We expect that all students who have the potential to graduate will attend the Grad Ceremonies. Once grad gown orders are placed (mid-April) and because most of the expenses will be incurred this year related to that event, there will be **No Grad Fee Refund after the grad gown order deadline.**

Payment of Grad Fees

Since the Grad activities are getting underway and beginning to incur expenses, it would be appreciated if you could pay your grad fees online as soon as possible. We must have all fees paid by March 1st, 2019. Please note that this includes school fees as well as grad fees. These are only current fees - students may incur other fees during the year for such things as lost textbooks and library books. Please note students must confirm payment of all fees prior to purchase or prom tickets and receipt of ceremony invitations. Parents requiring an extension or consideration due to financial difficulties are asked to contact Mr. Schwartz before the March 1st deadline.

[PAY GRAD FEES ON-LINE HERE](#)

Hopefully this letter will be useful to you. We look forward to a great year for all grade 12 students. The Grad Council encourages both parents and students to become involved in order to make this a memorable year. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call Ms. Harvie, this year's grad sponsor at 250-870-5110 ext. 2057 or e-mail her at margaret.harvie@sd23.bc.ca.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh Alexander, Principal
Rutland Senior Secondary