

Dry Grad Tickets

If you still need to purchase a Dry Grad Ticket you will need to call: Colette Vermette
250-724-3642



GRADUATION 2009

1 Big Night ... 3 Great Events!

We are getting close! Thirteen years of schooling will soon come to an end and will be marked by your special day on **Friday, June 26th, 2009**. As the day draws closer, so does the excitement and anticipation. There is a lot of information to know about so that you can be prepared to have a wonderful graduation ceremony and celebration. This newsletter will outline exactly what you need to know so that you can have the best graduation experience possible!

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. Also, ADSS has a selection of appropriate men's and women's attire that can be borrowed by a graduating student for the ceremony if needed. Please let your counselors know as soon as possible.

Expectations.....

Students and their guests are expected to arrive 'dry' and remain 'dry' throughout the entire evening. Following the ceremony, guests and grads will 'present themselves' at wrist-banding to be screened for entry into the party. There will be absolutely zero-tolerance for drugs and alcohol. If a student arrives less than 100% sober, they will be denied entrance into Dry Grad and forfeit their ticket costs. Students in possession of banned substance will be dealt with according to school policy and the RCMP will confiscate any illegal substance. Students must make these expectations very clear to the guests they bring with them, as they are their responsibility.

Once you arrive at the Multiplex for Grad, you will be expected to remain inside the multiplex. Grads and guests who choose to leave the building will not be granted readmission under any

1. CLASS OF '09 GRAD MARCH

Marshalling begins at 4:45 pm

This year, the graduating class of 2009 will be participating in a parade from ADSS to the Multiplex prior to the ceremony. We want to give our community an opportunity to share in your our graduation celebrations! Graduates need to arrive at the ADSS gymnasium at 4:00 pm sharp for their class photo. Students will then return to their vehicles and begin marshalling near the school. The parade is optional. Those students who would like to be a part of the 'first-ever' parade must pre-register. If you would like to participate but don't have a vehicle, we can assist you with this. Please complete the attached registration form and submit it to Mr. Freethy in the Career Centre by the June 12th deadline. If you need to change any information after you have handed it in, please see Mr. Freethy. The order of the parade will be determined by the Parade Committee. While 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 are driving yourself, you must prearrange for someone to park your vehicle from the drop off area at the Multiplex

If you have any special requests, please see Mr. Freethy.



2. YOUR GRADUATION CEREMONY

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Congratulations to Meghan Francoeur elected Class of '09 Valedictorian and to Mike Story voted our Class of '09 Master of Ceremonies

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 25th at 4:30 pm.** (All students are expected to attend.)



3. YOUR DRY GRAD CELEBRATION

10:00 pm Friday, June 26/09 – 5:00 am Saturday, June 27/09

Old Hollywood, Vegas, Night Club and much, much more! "It's Not all Black and White" is your slogan for the evening and future. You will find dancing, music videos, casinos, and exciting games, and food and drink, all night long. The 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, prizes, items, time and support to creating a safe and fun-filled night for the graduating students of ADSS.

The Night Before ...

Please don't forget to come to the Multiplex before or after the rehearsal, June 25th between 2pm and 4 pm & 5:30pm and 7:30pm to drop off your bags for the grad night. If you are not able to come you may send someone in your place with all the things that you will need to get you through until 5am the morning after Grad. *(Read on further for information on what items to bring to the baggage check in advance on Thursday night).*

Let the Party Begin...

Following the ceremony, there will be a short reception with your parents and guests on the ceremony side. This reception will be the only opportunity to see your grad off before the night's festivities unless you have signed up for a shift as a volunteer for Dry Grad. This is also a great chance to share the first dance with your graduate and wish them a night of fun. The evening will start with great music and an opportunity for dancing in the Night Club and check out what's happening at Caesar's Palace. Everything else is a surprise except that the night belongs to you. Grab your friends and take part in several photo-ops to preserve these great memories. Let the games begin... Get into your comfortable clothes and let loose. There will be a special crew of valets and dressers to help you in the dressing rooms as you change out of your suits and prom dresses to enjoy all the festivities. Not too many rules and a whole lot of fun and good memories. Great opportunities for prizes throughout the night but you have to be there to win. Prizes will be drawn at the end of the night. Enjoy this special event which is made possible from all your hard work and by those who care you. Have a safe and fun-filled evening.



Alberni District Secondary School Grad '09 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 26th, 2009! There is a lot to know about so that you can be prepared to have a wonderful graduation ceremony and celebration. This newsletter will outline all the important dates and times to share with your family and to post on your fridge so that nothing will be a surprise.

DRY GRAD TICKET SALES FOR GRADS

Tickets for Dry Grad were on sale during the first week of May. If you are still in need of a ticket, please call: Colette Vermette at (250) 724-3642. All tickets purchased after May 8th will not include a Grad class T-shirt and will cost \$100.



DRY GRAD GUESTS

Waiver forms for Dry Grad guests will be available during Dry Grad ticket sales times. Waiver must be completed and submitted when purchasing Dry Grad tickets. **Guest ticket will be \$100 after May 8th** **Payment:** Make cheques payable to "ADSS Dry Grad 2009"

**Wed. June 10th
7:00pm**

BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS EVENING

Scholarship and bursary funds in the amount of over \$65,000 have generously been donated for the 2009 graduating class of ADSS by local groups, businesses and individuals. The 2009 Scholarship and Bursary awards night will be held at the ADSS auditorium on **Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm**. All recipients are required to attend. Parents, grandparents and other fans are also cordially invited. The evening will consist of a brief introduction and presentation of awards, followed by a reception where coffee, punch and cake will be served. This provides an opportunity for scholarship sponsors to meet with recipients and their parents.

NOTE: All recipients will be called down to the counseling office and notified if they have won an award by the beginning of June and will be reminded to attend the awards night June 10th.

June 15-19

GRADUATION CEREMONY TICKET

Eligible graduates (those on the grad list) will be admitted into the Graduation Ceremony for no fee. Six tickets will be reserved for each graduate. For each invited guest, an \$8.00 ticket fee will be charged. Students will be able to purchase these tickets starting **Monday, June 15th until Friday, June 19th from Mr. Smith's office** which is located across the hall from the main office. Any unsold tickets will be available to be purchased starting **Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26**. If needed, please request wheelchair seating when purchasing tickets. Payment: **Please make cheques payable to "ADSS."**

**Beginning on
June 23rd in
the evenings**

MULTIPLEX DECORATING

Join parents and others to watch the "Old Hollywood, Vegas, Night Club" theme come to life! Grab a friend and come out and lend a hand transforming the Multiplex into a playground of adventure for your night of celebration. If you can

help or have questions you can contact the Decorating Chairperson – Janis Almond (day) 250-724-8765 or (evening) 250-723-2960. Thank you.

Wed. June 24th
7:00 pm

ORIENTATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT VOLUNTEERS at the Multiplex

An opportunity for the parent/community volunteers to find out more about their roles during the night of Grad. It is expected that all parents who have volunteered to do a shift will attend at 7:00 pm. If you would like to sign up for a shift please call Entertainment Chairperson: Shelley Matthews 250-724-2848. Thank you.

Wed. June 24th
8:00 pm

ORIENTATION FOR SECURITY VOLUNTEERS at the Multiplex

An opportunity for the parent/community volunteers to find out more about their roles during afternoon and night of Grad. It is expected that all parents who have volunteered to help with security will attend at 8:00 pm. If you would like to sign up for a shift please call Security Chairperson: Shannon Charlesworth 250-731-6906. Thank you.

Thurs. June 25th
4:30 pm

GRAD CEREMONY REHEARSAL at the Multiplex

All graduates are expected to attend this Graduation rehearsal at the Multiplex. Bus transportation is NOT available for this event.

Thurs. June 25th
2 – 4 pm;
5:30 – 7:30 pm

BAGGAGE CHECK – Coulson Rink side of Multiplex

Both grads and guests need to anticipate everything that they might need to get them through the night until 6:00 am the following morning. Bags will be stored by security personnel. Things to think about are a change of comfortable, cool clothes, comfy shoes, dress and suit bags and hangers.

Note: From midnight until 2:00 am, on grad night, a special crew of valets and dressers will be on hand to assist those wishing to change out of their formal gowns and tuxes.

What NOT to bring: Realize that all bags will be checked for inappropriate items. Do not bring items such as alcohol, drugs, or non-prescription medicines. Prescription medicine is allowed only in its pharmacy container and in the amount/doses necessary until 6:00am the next morning. Tylenol and Ibuprofen will be available at the Front Desk if needed. You will need to have your Dry Grad ticket with you for the evening, so do not leave it in your bag. Baggage check will only remain open until 7:30 pm on Thursday night. If you are unable to attend during this schedule, you need to find a designate to have your baggage checked in.

Keep your ticket! Make sure that you take your baggage ticket with you for the evening (or have a family member hold it for you) so that you can claim your bags easily when you want them.



Friday, June 26th, – “The Big Day...”

11:00 – 4:00 pm

ROLLIN ART CENTRE

The gardens will be open for friends and family grad photos. Bring your camera and hope for a beautiful day!

4:00 pm

GRAD'09 CLASS PHOTO

Students meet in the ADSS gym at 4:00 pm. Please do not be late for this photo. We want to include all our students. Each grad will receive a copy of this photo. Only grad students will be permitted into the gym for this photo session.



4:45 pm

GRAD PARADE

Once the Grade Photo is completed, students will return to their vehicles in preparation for the Grad parade. Only those students who have pre-registered for this event will be eligible to participate. (The registration form is attached to this newsletter.) This is an optional activity. Note: The parking lot in front of the Multiplex will be closed to the general public. This lot will be reserved for vehicles in the parade. All other vehicles will be directed to other parking lots behind or adjacent to the Multiplex. Questions? See Mr. Freethy.

6:00 pm

MULTIPLEX OPEN

Red carpet treatment this year for grads! You will arrive through a separate entrance from the general public. Follow the tents and red carpet to join the rest of your classmates. You will wait inside the Multiplex with your classmates until the processional at the beginning of Graduation at 7:00 pm. Once inside the Multiplex you will not be leaving until you are ready to go home. Traffic and parking around the Multiplex is very heavy prior to the Ceremonies so please arrive early. Seating for guests is on a first come basis. General public will enter through the main doors at the front and back of the Multiplex.

7:00 pm – 9:30pm

GRADUATION 2009 CEREMONIES

Your rehearsal on June 25th 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 during a short reception. This is an opportunity for family members to have a first dance with their graduating child and to wish them a great time for Dry Grad. This will be the last chance to see your grad unless you have volunteered for a shift at Dry Grad. If you would still like to volunteer, please contact Leanne Frechette 250-723-0459.



10:00 pm (ish)

WRIST-BANDING

Following the brief reception with family, Grad 09 students will be directed to the far end (score clock) of the Weyerhaeuser rink where you will receive your wristband which is your admission into Dry Grad. Here you will get some much needed water and snacks.

Dry Grad Guests: Those guests who have tickets for Dry Grad will be directed to the lobby end of the Coulson rink where they will be wrist banded before entering.

10:00 pm (ish)

DRY GRAD EVENT BEGINS!

Join your friends for a night of fun and memories. There will be lots to do, endless food and lots of surprises and prizes.



Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We are looking forward to celebrating your child's accomplishment on this day. If you have any further questions or would like to offer your assistance in the set up for this day, please contact one of the committee members.

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