



SVRSS Grad 2025

Friday, June 20

Final Newsletter



May 7, 2025

ORDER OF EVENTS:

1. Graduate Arrival

Meet in the resource centre.

Doors to the resource centre open at 1:30 pm as this is the gathering place for the graduates prior to the ceremony.

2. Graduation Group Photo

At **2:15 pm** outside on the Football Field OR in the Cafeteria if raining.

3. Graduation Ceremony

Doors open at 2:15 with the ceremony beginning at **3:00 pm** in the SVRSS Gym.

4. Graduation Banquet

Doors Open at 6:30 and the Grand March is at 7:00 pm at the Swan River Curling Rink.

5. Safe Grad

At **10:00 pm** following the banquet in the Swan River Curling Rink.
Everyone must be checked in by 11:00 pm

GRAD SLIDE SHOW

If you have not submitted your baby/toddler and recent photo for the grad slideshow, please do so by **May 15, 2025!** Photos can be handed into the Resource Centre or emailed to cpetelski@svsd.ca.

GRAD VIDEOS AND LIVE LINK

The Grad Ceremony will be live streamed for those who cannot attend in person (the link will be available Grad Day on the school website). In the week following the ceremony, links to an edited version of the grad video will be made available to every grad and their family to watch and/or download. It will include grad picture-taking & preparations, grad slideshow & banquet Grand March. All of this has been paid for by your grad fees and fundraising. If

you would like to buy an actual video, please fill out a form at the office and submit payment. If you have any questions, call or text videographer Kevin Penner at 204-281-0419.

GRAD FEES

Fees are now being collected in the Office. The fee is \$50.00 for each student. This covers the cost of the vee stole rentals, shipping fees, diploma photo, souvenir cap and tassel. It also helps to cover the cost of ticket/program paper and decorations. Fees are due by **May 15th**.

Fees Owning

All outstanding school fees and lost book fees etc. must be paid before graduation. Graduates will be notified by letter with what is outstanding. Cheques are to be made payable to "SVRSS School Funds". Fee letter attached for any students with an outstanding balance.

GRAD CEREMONY TICKETS

Grads taking part in the graduation ceremony may receive up to 6 guest tickets. Tickets will be distributed from the Resource Centre the week of **Monday, June 2 – Tuesday, June 10, 2025**. *All school fees and grad fees must be paid before tickets are distributed.* When paying grad fees at the Office, requests for extra tickets and special seating can be sent to cpetelski@svsd.ca or given to her specifically. If extra tickets become available, they will be distributed evenly amongst those who requested them.

Ceremony Special Seating

Special seating is available only for the disabled and the elderly who cannot sit in the bleachers. If you have special seating needs, your child may indicate this at the time that he/she pays grad fees at the Resource Center or emailed to cpetelski@svsd.ca. The deadline to

reserve special seating is **Tuesday, June 10, 2025**; a maximum of four seats may be reserved. Please make these requests when you are getting your tickets.

GRAD CEREMONY REHEARSAL

All grads participating in graduation ceremony MUST attend the graduation ceremony rehearsal **Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 1:00 PM sharp!!!** Everyone will meet in the Gym. Grad gowns will be distributed.

GRAD GROUP PHOTO (Not Cap & Gown)

There will be a grad group photo prior to the ceremony. Group photo will commence at **2:15 pm**. Students are to meet promptly at the bleachers on the west side of school campus. If weather does not permit, the photo will be re-located indoors to the Cafeteria.

Grad gowns will be collected immediately following the ceremony. Please take any photos prior to the ceremony.

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

To be considered for the scholarships and bursaries that are distributed during the graduation ceremony, graduates are asked to complete an application form. The applications are available from Ms. Barabash in the Learning Support Centre and must be completed and submitted by **Thursday, May 15, 2025**. Also, there is a Swan River and Minitonas MMF Local award for students from Métis descent that requires students to complete an application and submit it by May 23rd to the Elbert Chartrand Friendship Centre. These can also be picked up in the SVRSS Office.

GRAD BANNERS (Optional)

The Parent Committee is working with the Town of Swan River. The teacher contact for this is jbergen@svsd.ca, all

graduates have been contacted to confirm their banner order.

Northwest Roundup Parade (Optional)

Parent and Student committee organizing a float for Rodeo Parade.

GRAD BANQUET (Optional)

The banquet will be held at the Swan River Curling Club, doors open at 6:30 and the Grand March 7:00 pm.

Banquet Tickets

Tickets are \$25.00 each and are on sale from:

Tuesday, May 13th- Wednesday, May 21st.

Cheques made payable to "SVRSS SCHOOL FUNDS". **All outstanding school fees and grad fees must be paid before banquet tickets can be purchased.** Grads must include themselves when determining the number of tickets needed. Grads may purchase as many tickets as necessary and may request the following: seating preferences (near another grad), special seating (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.), and gluten free meals. Seating is assigned; therefore, the tickets CANNOT be transferred between grads. Please contact Mrs. Jen Zamzow for more information at jzamzow@svsdc.ca

Order of Banquet Exercises

The Doors Open at 6:30 and the Grand March starts at 7:00 pm! We will not wait for late guests or grads! The order will be:

- Grand March of Grads
- Short Welcome Program
- Buffet Supper

Buffet Menu – subject to change:

The **regular** buffet menu:

Chicken Breasts in Creamy Dill
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Perogies
Cabbage Rolls
Carrots
Ceasar Salad
Fresh Rolls with Butter
Gluten Free- cupcakes and meal
Punch for Toasts
Coffee, Tea and Cold Sodas
Cupcakes for dessert

***Reminder that all gluten-free and**

special meal requests must be made at the time of ticket purchase.

Banquet Clean-up

To move from Banquet to Safe Grad as quickly as possible, one member from each grad family attending banquet is asked to remain and assist with the cleaning up and removal of tables and chairs.

SAFE GRAD

Starting at 10 pm the Swan River Curling Club main entrance for Safe Grad will be the Southeast door. Doors close @ **11:00 pm** for admission to Safe Grad. You must be on the Safe Grad List to attend.

Help Needed!

Many volunteers are needed to help run the Safe Grad event. Parents, if you are not signed up yet to work Safe Grad, you will be contacted. Please call Leanne Klekta (204-281-4407) or Tiffany Fortin (204-281-3401) if you can help!

Setting up for Banquet/Safe Grad at the Community Center:

June 12th @ 6:00 pm

- Hanging of wall tarps
- Ceiling decorations
- Contact Cheryl Ellingson @ caellingson1971@gmail.com

Monday, June 16th @ 6:00 pm

- Setting of tables and chairs
- Volunteers Needed!!!**
Contact safe grad chair @ theklektas@hotmail.com
tiffany98hall@gmail.com

Other dates will be for decorating if you can support, please contact the Safe Grad Parent Chairs. The parent committee needs your help!

Fundraisers remaining for Safe Grad:

- BBQ at Swan Valley Coop - May 23rd.

****Announcements are through Teams and in the Morning Bulletin. Listen for all announcements at break time, too!****

Safe Grad Forms

The cost to attend Safe Grad is \$20.00 each Guest and Grads must pay as well.

It is very important that all forms are signed and handed in, with the money, to the Tigers Den during the days of June 10 – June 12, 2025.

Actual tickets will not be distributed; instead, there will be a master list at the door. All non-SVRSS guests need to be approved by Mrs. Glen and the Safe Grad Chair(s)!

****Reminder: All Participants must also provide a location to be delivered after the Safe Grad event.****

Stay in Touch

In March of 2026 all graduates will be asked to complete a SVRSS Grad Survey of their high school experience. This survey will be emailed to you therefore we need your personal email address. Please provide this to Cathy Petelski in the resource center.

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REMINDER: ALL CHEQUES
MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO:
SVRSS SCHOOL FUNDS
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Rules and Regulations of Safe Grad 2025

1. Admission to Safe Grad will be limited to graduates and their invited guests. Each graduate may invite only 2 guests. Supervisors at the door will have a list of graduates and their guests. No one will be allowed in without his or her name being on the master list.
2. **PHOTO ID is required at the door.**
3. All grads and guests 18 years and older will be identified with a special wristband (photo ID is required for a wristband). Only people with wristbands may purchase alcohol. Parent supervisors may refuse to serve anyone who has "had too much to drink". Anyone including the grad giving alcoholic drinks to minors will be held legally responsible. If an adult knowingly supplies liquor to a minor, they are also breaking the law and could be fined.
4. Grads and guests are responsible for their own behavior.
5. Grads are responsible for the actions and damages of their guests.
6. No one under Grade 11 and no one over the age of 20, unless a grad, will be allowed to attend.
7. Doors open after **10:00 pm**.
8. No one will be allowed to enter Safe Grad after **11:00 pm** without prior permission granted by Mrs. Glen and the Safe Grad Chair(s). No graduates or guests will re-enter the Safe Grad location once they have left.
9. No liquor shall be brought from outside into the Safe Grad area. Persons/property may be searched and must be left in the security area. Entry will be denied if illegal liquor, drugs or weapons are found.
10. Grads and guests will only be allowed possession of two drinks at any one time.
11. MLCC Regulations regarding consumption of alcohol by minors shall apply.
12. The "bar" will close at **3:00 am**.
13. Any person in possession of an illegal substance, involved in a fight

or any other aggressive physical contact, either as an instigator or as a retaliator, will be escorted home with "no questions asked".

14. The grad's parents or Safe Grad transportation personnel will drive each participant home, regardless of how much he/she has had to drink. If the grad, escort and guest wish to leave early, parents or volunteer drivers will be notified to pick them up. They will either be turned over to the parents at the site or the volunteer driver will turn them over to the parent at home. Parents will be called prior to drop-off to ensure that students are returned home and to sign the Transportation form. Parents are encouraged to pick their children up when they are ready to leave Safe Grad. This will avoid delays in the delivery of Safe Grad participants after the event.
15. It is imperative that **NO PARENTS ALLOW AN ALCOHOL PARTY TO BE PLANNED PRIOR TO OR AFTER THE SAFE GRAD** as this mainly makes a mockery of our whole Safe Grad planning concept.
16. The Graduates have decided to set-up various picture stations around the event. Please be aware that these photos may be posted to social media. **If people do not want their pictures posted, they will have to opt out of this part of Safe Grad entertainment.**

*****The Safe Grad Committee will provide supervision to maintain as safe a graduation as possible but will not be held liable.*****