



SVRSS Grad 2026

Friday, June 19

Final Newsletter



May 5, 2026

ORDER OF EVENTS:

1. **Graduation Group Photo:** At **2:15 pm** outside on the Football Field OR in the Cultural Arts Centre if raining
2. **Graduation Ceremony:** At **3:00 pm** in the SVRSS Gym
3. **Graduation Banquet:** Doors open at 6:30 and Grand March is at 7:00 pm at the Swan River Curling Rink.
4. **Safe Grad:** Doors open at **10:00 pm** following the banquet in the Swan River Curling Rink. **Everyone must be checked in by 11:00 pm.**

GRAD SURVEY

All grads will be asked to complete a grad survey in the spring of 2027. This survey will be sent to your non-SVSD emails. The information provided helps to guide the school in planning.

GRAD SLIDE SHOW

If you have not submitted your baby/toddler and recent photo for the grad slideshow, please do so by **May 15, 2026!** Photos can be handed in to 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's 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 follow the instructions on the last page of this newsletter. 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, or you can pay online through KevCash which can be found on our website. The fee is \$50.00 for each student. This covers the cost of the vee stole rentals, shipping fees, dry cleaning, diploma photo, cost of ticket/program paper, souvenir cap and tassel. Fees are due by **May 15.**

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 1 – Friday June 5, 2026.** *All school fees and grad fees must be paid before tickets are distributed.* Extra tickets may be requested with Mrs. Petelski. 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, grads may indicate this at the time that they pick up their ceremony tickets. The deadline to reserve special seating is **Friday, June 5, 2026;** maximum of four seats may be reserved.

GRAD CEREMONY REHEARSAL

All grads participating in the graduation ceremony **MUST** attend the graduation ceremony rehearsal **Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 1:00 PM sharp!!!** Everyone will meet in the Gym. Grad gowns will be distributed following the rehearsal.

GRAD GROUP PHOTO (Not Cap & Gown)

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

Grad gowns are 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 **Friday, May 15, 2026**. 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 22nd to the Elbert Chartrand Friendship Centre. These can also be picked up in the SVRSS Office.

GRAD BANNERS (Optional)

The Parent Committee is working to raise funds to pay for the banners which hang on Main Street, Swan River. All graduates have been contacted to confirm their banner order.

GRAD BANQUET (Optional)

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

Tickets are \$25.00 each, on sale: **Tuesday, May 19th- Friday, May 22nd, over the noon hour.**

Cheques are to be 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 graduates. Please contact Mrs. J. Zamzow for any more information.

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.

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:

See the example buffet menu from last year: Chicken Breasts in Creamy Dill, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Perogies, Hot Vegetable plus 2 Salads, Fresh Rolls with Butter, Assorted Desserts, Punch for Toasts, Coffee, Tea and Cold Sodas

****Reminder that all gluten-free meals must be requested at the time of ticket purchase. ****

SAFE GRAD

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

The cost to attend Safe Grad is \$20.00 per attendee. **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, 2026.** 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!

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

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

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 Jennifer Mangin (204-281-0570) if you can help!

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

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

Volunteers Needed!!!	
May 29th – Day Time	Fundraiser Support -CO-OP BBQ
June 3rd @ 6:00 pm	Hanging of wall tarps Ceiling decorations
June 12th @ 6:00 pm	Setting of tables and chairs
June 19th @ 10:00 PM- 6:00 AM	Safe Grad Supervision: 10 PM-2 AM or 2 AM-6 AM

Rules and Regulations of Safe Grad 2026

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: **REMINDER: ALL CHEQUES** :
: **MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO:** :
: **SVRSS SCHOOL FUNDS** :
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1. Admission to Safe Grad will be limited to graduates and their invited guests. Each graduate at the door will have a list of graduates and their guests. No one will be allowed in without his or her name on the 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. 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. People/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 alcohol consumption by minors shall apply.
12. The "bar" will close at **3:00 am**.

Any person in possession of an illegal substance, involved in a fight or any other aggressive

13. 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 grad home, regardless of how much he/she has had to drink. If 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.*****



2026 SVRSS Grad Video Info
The ceremony will be live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person. \$10 from each graduate's fundraising pays for a link online where the edited video can be streamed or downloaded for no additional cost. It will include video of the whole class picture-taking, preparations, grad slideshow, the entire ceremony, and the Grand March at the banquet. **Scan the QR codes for examples of two previous grad videos on YouTube.** Newsflash! **DVDs and BluRays are no longer available for purchase.** Instead, buy a USB stick with all the video files for just \$10. You can view the video on any computer, or in high definition on a Smart TV with USB jack.

To order the USB stick, complete this form and hand it in at the school office with \$10.
Questions: Contact Kevin Penner at 204-281-0419 or kcpenner@gmail.com



Cut out form to keep the other info

| 2026 SVRSS Grad Video USB Order |
| Name: _____ |
| Phone: _____ |
| You'll be contacted when the video is ready to pick up. |
No. of USB sticks ___ x \$10 = _____