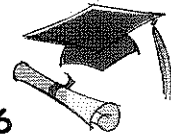


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Progress Reports went home on March 16th. Afternoon Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews were held on April 8th from 1:00 - 3:30 pm. **April Report Cards** are going home today, April 15th. An evening Parent-Teacher-Student Interview Session will be held on April 20th from 3:15 to 4:30 and 5:30 to 7:15 PM. Please call the school at 273-4762 to make an appointment to meet with your student's teachers.

There is no school for students on: April 18th, 19th and May 16th as these are Professional Learning Days for teachers and support staff; May 6th is Provincial Subject Council Day; and May 23rd is Victoria Day.

We have been diligent in keeping graduation fees at a minimum. With the exception of the banquet fee which varies a bit from year to year due to the menu, all other fees have remained the same for the past five years. Grad Banquet is being held on June 23rd at 12:00 noon at the school. The cost for Grad Banquet is \$15.

News Release - April 14th - Parents/guardians are invited to attend an information session on May 10th pertaining to yesterday's announcement that the government will be providing free tuition to NB public Post-Secondary Education facilities for NB grads whose parents make \$60,000 or less. Guidance has invited Aaron Kamondo from PSE financial services to come to SV on May 10th at 9:30 AM to talk to our students about student financing. Details should be worked out by then, as students can apply in early June.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian - All grade 11 marks, semester one grade 12 marks, and April report marks are totaled (not by average). Marks earned in level-one courses are valued at 105% or multiplied by 1.05 to determine the mark's level-two equivalent. The highest total is Valedictorian, and the second highest is the Salutatorian.

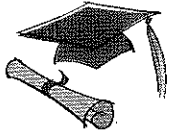
Graduation Events & Activities

Graduation Ceremony Fee is \$50 and can be paid up until the day of pick-up for cap, gown, and invitations. Gowns, caps, etc. are being ordered soon. Grad fees cover the following expenses: gown rental, graduation cap & year date pendant (yours to keep), diploma cover, invitations, and decorations and flowers.

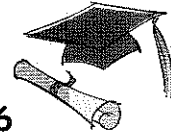
Graduation CD's will be available at a cost of \$25.00 and can be reserved now.

Bruno Sirois, a professional photographer and videographer, will be video taping the graduation events. The activities will be on 2 CD's and they will be mailed directly to your home address. The forms will be available from Mrs. Barclay next week. We ask that you complete the address form from the videographer and return to Mrs. Barclay.

June 18 - Prom will commence with the graduates arriving outside the tunnel door for the Grand Entrance at 8:00 pm. The Prom fee is \$25. The theme is *Enchanted Forest* and the DJ is Scott Adams. The presentation of grads will occur outside as they arrive. They will be announced as



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they disembark from their vehicle before they enter through the tunnel to the courtyard where the prom will be held. Parents and friends may take pictures as each graduate poses at the tunnel entrance. The prom will be closed to parents and public after the outside presentation of couples.

June 22 - Graduation Rehearsal is at 3:30 pm. Students are to gather in the front lobby at 3:15 PM to line up for the practice march. It is important that all grads attend the rehearsal and show up on time for the lineup so they know where to sit and the format of the ceremony.

June 23 - Grad Banquet will be at SVHS cafeteria. This event is limited to graduates and guest speakers. We have set the serving time as 12:00 noon so grads should be there by 11:45 AM. Any special presentations will happen after the meal and/or between the main course and dessert. The price is \$15 per person.

June 23 - Safe Grad is at Green Hill Lake in Bright, NB (near Crabbe Mountain). All participants must be at the school by 6:30 pm as the bus will be leaving the school at 6:45 pm sharp. The event will start at 8:00 pm and will consist of the following activities: Flotation Lake, canoe/kayaks, rock wall & rappelling, games, ball hockey, camp fire, outdoor pool and a meal.

June 23 - Graduation Ceremony is at 4:00 pm at the River Valley Civic Center. Graduates need to be in the main lobby of the school no later than 3:30 PM. Late arrivals are NEVER allowed on stage. Males are to wear black pants and a white shirt; no shorts. "Shoes" are required - no flip flops or Crocs. Females are to wear a skirt or dress pants and dress shoes or dress sandals.

To confirm bookings and to cover expenses, **all grad fees (except the \$50.00 graduation fee) are due by June 1st**. Delinquent fees need to be paid before students can pick-up your cap, gown, and invitations, and before students can participate in the graduation ceremony. This could be an unpaid student fee, shop fee, library fine, lost textbook, etc.