

Grade 12 Information

Simonds High School



2023-2024

Eligibility to Graduate

To be eligible to graduate a potential graduate must successfully complete a minimum of 18 credits (five of which must be taken at the Grade 12 level). The following credits are required to be part of the 18:

- 3 English credits (two from Grade 11 and one Grade 12)
- 2 Mathematics credits
- 1 Modern History credit
- 1 Science credit
- 1 Fine Arts/Life Role Development

In addition to the 18 credits the graduate must achieve a successful rating on the ELPA (English Language Proficiency Assessment) which is administered in grade 9 with retake opportunities in grades 11 and 12 for those students who were unsuccessful in previous years.

Grade 12 Student Fee

The Grade 12 Student Fee is a charge for each Grade 12 student and includes the use of a school issued lock (no personal locks allowed), picture I.D. card for school events, supporting SRC events, and school wide initiatives. It also covers grad cap and gown, diploma cover, and class composite photo. It is important to have your grad fee paid early to ensure a gown is ordered specifically for your size as the gowns are ordered in the fall. Although we do order extra gowns in most sizes, we cannot guarantee a true fit without payment.

The parking pass permits students to park in the designated parking area and must be displayed. \$100 per student without a parking pass. \$105 per student with a parking pass.

Grad Class Executive

The Grad Class Executive is a group of students who volunteer throughout the year to take on a leadership role in planning their prom and special events. They organize and coordinate all aspects of the prom/events in conjunction with other interested students and some faculty members, called grad class advisors.

Grad Photos

To be in the Grad Class Composite, students need to have their photos taken by Flewelling Photography. This can be done in studio or at the school. For students wishing to have their graduation photo taken at school they will occur during the week of October 16th, 2023 at Simonds High School.

Grad Overnighter

This is an event open to all Grade 12 students and is held at the school. The event is planned by the Grad Class Executive and is a full night of fun activities and snacks. Our event this year will occur on November 3rd, 2023 and is \$15 per student.

Grade 12 Off Campus Trip

This is a fun filled day open to all Grade 12 students. We provide transportation to and from Camp Glenburn. This trip costs \$30 per student and includes lunch, activities, and transportation. Our event this school year will occur on June 6th, 2024.

Spaghetti Dinner

This is a delicious evening of homemade spaghetti, garlic bread, Caesar salad and dessert for all our Grade 12 students, served by our staff. To participate students do need to sign up in advance and this event. Our spaghetti dinner is set for June 4th, 2024.

Prom

A magical night held at Simonds High School is available to all grade 12 students. The cost per student/ticket is \$40 paid in advance. During this event we host a Grand March, a 'first dance' with the significant other of the student's choice and a magical dance/evening for all. Prom will be held on June 18th, 2024 beginning at 7:00 pm.

Graduation

Our Graduation occurs outdoors at Simonds High School. This event includes a grad class photo opportunity and a garden party themed day of celebration that embraces the beauty of our campus for all to enjoy and make memories.

- Students graduate in group cohorts of up to 20 people
- Students/families can opt to attend the opening speeches or not
- Students/families can opt to participate in the class photo or not
- There are no limits to how many people can attend with the graduates
- The campus has multiple photo stations set for families/graduates to utilize
- The school has professional photos taken for the event that will be made available for all after the event

Graduation will take place on June 20th, 2024 at 9:30am (Rain Date June 21st, 2024)

Post Secondary Information

Students applying to post-secondary colleges/universities should start looking into programs in the fall. Take advantage of opportunities to meet with school representatives as they visit SHS. Do some research online to find out about programs offered. Find out when you can apply and the deadline for applying. Once you've applied, ask guidance to send your transcript of marks. Many universities and colleges offer scholarships you can apply for on their websites. Make sure you don't miss the deadlines.

Students can find scholarships offered by many community organizations on the SHS Team, in the guidance channel, under the files tab. Keep checking for new additions to the file. Listen/watch for your opportunity in mid-May to apply for the scholarships/bursaries SHS gives out at grad.

Simonds High School Graduation Averages Policy

A grade 12 student's graduation average is based upon the marks received in the courses they have taken in their grade 12 year.

Note: Any student who had taken *fewer* than 9 courses in their grade 12 year is considered a part-time student and will **not** be considered for the titles of valedictorian, salutatorian, nor the high-honors or honors list.

Graduation Average Calculation

To calculate a student's graduation average, the lowest mark from their grade 12 year is dropped (not English 12), and the remaining marks are averaged together.

Additional percentages will be added to the graduate's calculated average as follows:

- 1.25% per Advanced Placement course taken in the grade 12 year
- 1% per level one course taken in the grade 12 year
- 1% per FI course taken in the grade 12 year
- 1% per Calculus 120, PIF 110, PIF 120 course taken in the grade 12 year

Graduation High Honor Roll and Honor Roll

Students achieving a graduation average of 90% and above will be listed on the High Honor Roll.

Students achieving a graduation average of 80% to 89.99% will be listed on the Honor Roll.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The valedictorian and salutatorian are usually the graduates with the first and second highest marks of their graduating class, respectively.

A student may not wish to receive the honor of being their class valedictorian or salutatorian, and in this case, the school principal will usually offer the honor to the next ranking student.

The school principal reserves the right to alter the selection of the graduating class valedictorian and salutatorian should there be extenuating circumstances.

Graduation: June 20th, 2024

We will begin with speeches in the morning and follow that by asking all graduates in attendance to join us on the field for a group photo. The presentation of the diplomas will begin after the group photo and will be done in cohorts of twenty students at a time. The theme will be an outdoor garden party event.

- Are you a first semester Graduate? Yes No
- Are you planning on attending Graduation? Yes No
- Are you planning on attending the Graduation speeches? Yes No
- Are you planning on participating in the Group Photo? Yes No

Every effort will be made to accommodate requests for Graduation Cohorts. To help us plan and organize, which fellow graduates are you requesting to have in your Cohort?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
