

# Grad Handbook Class of 2022

## Getting The Graduates Organized

### Grad Council

Grads, your voice matters. The admin team is looking for a small group of students to form our Grad Council for 2022. This committee of grade 12 students will work with us to share ideas, give feedback, and help organize and advertise inclusive events for the school year as well as establishing a legacy for their grad class. We would like to have a committee that reflects the diversity of our amazing grad class. This group would be committed to meeting in person or virtually once a month. If this seems like something you might be interested in, please complete the application for at the link below.

<https://forms.gle/C5vcT6EL2QbS8fhx7>

Application Deadline has been extended to Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

### Grad Google Classroom

Please ensure that your graduate joins the Grad Class of 2022 google classroom using their learn34 account. Follow this link: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NDA0MDYxODI0MDAw?cjc=whaqvjp>

## Academic and Post-Secondary Information

### Graduation Requirements

The B.C. Certificate of Graduation or "Dogwood Diploma" is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements.

Students require a minimum of **80 credits** to graduate. Of these 80 credits:

- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12 and Career Life Connections
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits
- 52 credits are required from the following:
  - Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits)
  - Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
  - Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
  - Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
  - A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 (4 credits)
  - A Language Arts 10, 11 and a required 12 (12 credits total)

- An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total)

In addition, students must also complete three graduation assessments:

- The Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment was introduced in 2018
- The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment was introduced in 2019/20
- The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment introduced in 2021/2022

### For French Immersion/ Dual Dogwood:

French Immersion students can earn both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique.

To graduate with both diplomas, French Immersion students must meet the graduation requirements for the Dogwood Diploma and, of these 80 credits, they must earn:

- At least 16 credits at the Grade 12 level (including a Français langue seconde-immersion course at the Grade 12 level)
- Français langue seconde-immersion 10 (4 credits)
- A Français langue seconde-immersion course at the Grade 11 level (4 credits)
- Français langue seconde-immersion 12 (4 credits)
- At least 12 credits in Grade 10, 11, or 12 courses that are in French with at least 4 of these credits at the Grade 11 or 12 level.

In addition, students must also complete four graduation assessments:

- The Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment was introduced in 2018
- The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment was introduced in 2019/20
- The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment introduced in 2021/2022
- The Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde immersion introduced in 2021/22

### Literacy and Numeracy Assessments

These assessments will take place throughout the school year, in November, January, April and June. The schedules will be posted on our school website.

### Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Information available on our district's website: <https://www.abbyschools.ca/node/23>. Please visit the website for details, opportunities, applications, deadlines.

### Ministry of Education Scholarships

- [Provincial Scholarship Program Information for Students](#)

- [BC Excellence Scholarships](#)
- [BC Achievement Scholarships](#)
- [District & Authority Awards](#)  
([LINK TO APPLICATION AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE](#))
  - [Abbotsford School District - District & Authority Awards - Application](#)
  - [Abbotsford School District - District & Authority Awards - Information Sheet](#)
- [Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship](#)

### Apprenticeship Financial Supports & Awards

- [Apprenticeship Financial Supports & Award](#)
- [Work in Trades Award](#)
- [Employment Insurance](#)
- [Canada Apprentice Loan](#)
- [Red Seal Incentive & Completion Grant](#)
- [Apprenticeship Tax Credits](#)
- [Wage Subsidy Work Experience Program](#)
- [Skilled Trades Employment Program \(STEP\)](#)

### Other Scholarships & Awards

There are many scholarship & award websites. Visit your school's Career Centre for more options. Below is a list of some of the main websites to explore.

- [UFV Student Financial Aid, Awards, Bursaries, and Scholarship information](#)
- [www.studentsawards.com](http://www.studentsawards.com)
- [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)
- [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
- [www.bcscholarships.ca](http://www.bcscholarships.ca)

### District and Authority Awards Information Package:

 [DS Student Info Package 2021-22 final.pdf](#)

### Abbotsford Community Foundation

**Selected By:** Community Panel

**Due Date:** end of February; Final Date to be announced (check our school website)

The local community generously provides thousands of dollars to district schools in the way of bursaries and scholarships. The awards have a variety of criteria and qualifications, making them applicable to a wide range of students. For ease of application, all these awards can be accessed in one application form. The application form and the booklet describing the awards will be available online during the first week of February.

- Students apply for these in February submitting Application letter, reference letters, and statement of grades
- Funds provided by Abbotsford businesses, estates, community service organizations, etc.
- Abbotsford Community Foundation Donors choose recipients
- Awards vary from \$500 - \$3,000
- Awards are presented at convocation in June

### Youth Work in Trade Scholarships (YWIT)

To address the shortage of skilled trades people in BC, any student working summers or part-time in the trades can register to become a Secondary School Apprentice and earn up to 16 high school graduation credits for 480 hours of work. SSA students are eligible for a \$1000.00 scholarship if they graduate with a C+ average in their Gr. 12 courses and report a total of 900 hours of work by December 30<sup>th</sup> of their graduation year. See Mr. Gill for more information.

### Online Ed Planner

All students who have intentions of applying to post-secondary for Fall 2022 should use The BC Education Planner website to plan, explore and apply. The Student Transcript Service (STS) is also an important resource. See Mrs. Solgaard for more information in the Career Center for more information. You are able to make an appointment with her, simply by adding your name, phone number and email address to her appointment request sheet.

### Post-Secondary Info

This year there will be a mix of in person and virtual university information sessions. During these sessions, students can learn more about institutions, programs, requirements, and deadlines. It is also a great opportunity to ask questions specific to your interests. Grads should check our school website regularly to ensure they don't miss out.

### Capstone Presentation

All grads are required to prepare a 10-minute presentation of their journey through high school and their future plans. The date is set in place by the Career Life Connections 12 teacher. This presentation is a mandatory requirement and intended to be a celebration of your K to 12 educational experience.

## Grad Opportunities and Events

### Eligibility for Graduation

To be considered “eligible for graduation” each student must

- *be completed their numeracy and literacy assessments*
- *be no less than 80% completed your online course work by May 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- *have or be currently in the process of completing all required credit classes by May 1st*
- *show your counsellor proof of registration in Summer School for one final course by June 1<sup>st</sup>.*

If you are not sure if you have completed the requirements, please see your counselor. There will be several opportunities to check and review transcripts prior to the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### Grad Conduct Expectations

To participate in grad activities including Grad Cruise, Night to Remember, Prom and other activities, grade 12 students must demonstrate good conduct, school attendance, and be a good example to their peers. All activities and events listed below are school organized and sponsored and therefore all school rules apply. All events are drug and alcohol free. Attendance to these events is a privilege, based on academic eligibility, one’s behaviour at school and in the community and the general health and safety of the individual and all those in attendance. Administration may remove this privilege at any time.

### COVID-19 Notice

We are excited to once again be making plans to celebrate our amazing 2022 graduating class. Please recognize that we are planning with the best intentions and will be ready to adjust and adapt if necessary.

**All grad events and activities and their final details will be based on the BC Health and Safety Guidelines and the Public Health Orders we are under at the time of the scheduled event.**

### Grad Valedictorian

A Valedictorian is a representative of the graduating class who speaks on behalf of the graduates at the Grad Ceremony. This honour recognizes an outstanding representative of the graduating class who has attended Mouat for at least the past two years, has a high academic standing, demonstrates Mouat spirit, has an ability to communicate well, demonstrates leadership ability, excels in a variety of curricular and extra-curricular activities and is overall a “well-rounded” student. Teacher nominated students will be reviewed by a committee of staff members who will present a short list of candidates to the Grade 12 students for their vote.

### Yearbook, Blurbs & Baby Photos

Grads will be able to leave a memorable message of 250 characters or less with your grad photo in the yearbook. Blurbs and baby photos must be emailed to Ms Coleman by Thursday March 3rd.

[courtney.coleman@abbyschools.ca](mailto:courtney.coleman@abbyschools.ca)

To avoid disappointment by having your write-up altered and/or refused for the yearbook, please adhere to the following rule: ***Anything that alludes, or that might be seen to allude, to drugs, alcohol, and/or other issues that are in opposition to the student code-of-conduct at WJMS will be edited and/or refused.***

**Tip:** A yearbook is a memento and while you might know who JB is in 2022, you may be mystified by who it is when you look back at it in 2039. Try to stay away from using abbreviations for your entire write-up.

#### STEPS FOR THE WRITE-UP:

**1. Microsoft Word:** Type your **NAME** in big font at the top. Then, paste your baby photo underneath. Below your baby photo you will add a **MAXIMUM of 250 CHARACTERS, not words, CHARACTERS, one letter, number or space is one character**, for your grad write-up. (You can use Microsoft word character count to verify, try to avoid using all abbreviations.) Scanners are available the library if you need to scan in your baby photo. Please make sure your picture is saved as a jpeg file with a resolution of 300 dpi if possible.

**2. USE SPELL CHECK**, re-read and have someone else double check and proof your write-up before sending it in. We will not allow changes once your write-up is submitted

### Grad Photos

Grad Photos will be separate from the regular school photos and will occur January 4<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 2022. Grad Photo appointments will be made online. Retakes are available February 23<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. You **MUST** have your picture taken here at the school to be on the grad composite and in the yearbook – this is a **FREE** service. There is a \$40 sitting fee if you want to purchase grad picture packages.

### Grad Clothing

We have already placed our first grad clothing order of the year. Our second order will be placed on Friday February 25, 2022. Ordering will reopen on Wednesday February 16, 2022.

### Grad Ceremony Rehearsal

Students who are participating in the Grad Ceremony are required to attend on a rehearsal. Students At the rehearsal, we will practice where we will line up, what line you are in, and who you are standing beside. We need you there so we can see how you will fit in the rows. You will also learn the procedure for crossing the stage. You will be nervous enough as it is, but we will practice so you will be calm in the evening.

## Grad Ceremony Invitations

Each Graduate will receive two invitations for family and friends which is included in your Graduation Ceremony fee. Additional tickets can be purchased online <https://schoolcashionline.com/> or in the office for \$5.00 each. Tickets will not be available until May 2022.

You must have paid your graduation fee and all other school fees before picking up your tickets.

In addition, we are looking into live streaming the ceremony so friends and family can stay in the comfort of their own home and watch you cross the stage from their computer or Internet TV. The link will be provided on our school website a week before the ceremony.

## Grad Ceremony and Convocation: TBA

**Date:** TBA: between June 8 to 11 and June 15 to 18th

**Time:** TBA; most likely between 5:00 and 6:00 (Grads will need to be onsite and in line, 30 minutes prior to start.

**Place:** TBA;

**Cost:** \$40.00 to \$60.00 depending on location

- includes, cap, gown, tassel to keep, 5x7 grad photo, 11x14 grad class composite, keepsake portfolio and 2 ceremony tickets

Things to know about Grad Ceremony night:

- If you want to take pictures, arrive early, and take the pictures with your family before the ceremony. You will not have the grad gown/stole after the ceremony.
- Each Grad will be given a professional photograph of themselves on the stage by Vibrant Photography
- Out of respect for everyone in attendance, during the ceremony, air horns and other loud instruments are strictly prohibited.
- Come to the ceremony already dressed in your gown with personal clothes underneath.

## Ceremony Gowns

To cross the stage for this formal ceremony, we need to order you a gown. This form will tell us your height (with shoes on) which will help us order you the right length gown. School fees etc. must be paid for us to finalize your order in April. You will receive your cap and gown in the library during the week of the ceremony.

## Hawk Walk and Prom

**Date:** Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Time:** 3:00pm to 10:30pm

Families of students attending Prom are invited to our Hawk Walk on Wednesday, June 27th from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity where parents and students can take photos with all the Grads and their families before departing for Prom. The Prom is a formal event where students get to dress up and spend a very memorable evening together. ALL grads and guests are bussed to and from the event. There are no exceptions.

3:00pm Red Carpet Arrival (Front Entrance)  
4:30pm Load buses  
4:45pm Depart for Newlands Golf and Country Club  
5:30pm Arrive at Newlands Golf and Country Club  
6:00pm PROM!  
9:45pm Depart for WJM  
10:30pm Arrive at WJM

This is an event that is free of drugs and alcohol. Students who come to this event under the influence or in possession of drugs or alcohol will not be admitted or allowed to attend Prom.

**PLEASE NOTE: All details related to prom and convocation will be based on the Public Health Order laid out by the provincial government in June 2022.**

### Prom Guest Applications

More information coming closer to the event. Whether guests are permitted or not will be based on the current public health orders.

### School Based Grad Events for 2022

Because of the current health and safety protocols, grad council along with the support of admin has decided to run separate events here at school. Details of both events are below. Both events are optional.

### Optional: Dry Grad – Semi Formal Dinner and Dry Grad

**Date:** Friday February 18<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** \$65.00

Night to Remember is an event that takes place at W.J. Mouat. It usually runs from 5:00 pm to 12:00pm and is an alcohol and drug free event for Mouat Grads only. Each grade 12 student purchases a ticket that enables them entrance into the event. Once they enter, they do not leave until the event is over. The event provides food, entertainment, activities, and prizes for the students. The event is organized and run by parents and guardians of the grad students. Many of the items, food, activities, and prizes are donated by either the local community or by parents themselves. The rest is purchased from the funds that are collected from the sale of the tickets for the event.



We will need many parent volunteers to run the dry grad event. Please sign up under the following categories: food and drink, security, entertainment, swag bags, set up, clean up, décor and theme. Thank you to the many parents who have already volunteered. If you are still interested in signing up and helping out, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/CXySnxDLAL>

## Optional: Grad Day in May

Date: TBA

Cost: estimated \$30.00

This event will include a BBQ, carnival style games and inflatables as well as outdoor movie in our parking lot. More information coming soon.

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## Grad Fees

All grad events are priced to cover costs for the event. Please use <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/> for payments.

## Grad Financial Aid

Please note that any student requiring assistance to take part in graduation activities should contact their counselor or to discuss privately. While there are no hard and fast rules for asking for financial aid, the school will consider all requests made with the following guidelines: income assistance, temporary hardship, loss of employment, or use of other programs including school meals etc.

## Sponsor Staff

General Grad Sponsor.....	Ms Jennie Bell
Grad Ceremony/Convocation.....	Ms Karen Bowater and Ms Jennie Bell
Grad Cruise.....	Ms Soraya Rajabally
Night to Remember/Dry Grad and Prom.....	Ms Jennie Bell and Mr Baljeet Gill
Hawk Walk.....	Ms Jennie Bell and Ms Soraya Rajabally
Grad Council.....	Admin Team
Grad Clothing.....	Ms Jennie Bell and Ms Paula Thompson
District Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards.....	Mrs Michelle Nyburg
General Scholarships.....	Ms Ruth Merrick