

GRAD NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026



GRAD EVENTS & INFO COMMUNICATION

Grad information and events are shared in various ways:

Carihi Website - Students & Parents Tab / Graduation and then select: Carihi Grad 2026 Information & News. This is updated regularly with information and important dates.

Grad 2026 - TEAMS group. All grade 12 students are attached to this group and should be checking it regularly.

Daily Announcements - shared on the Carihi Website under: What's Happening Tab / Daily Announcements.

Periodic Newsletters or emails will be sent with various important information but the website is always the best for all current information!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Grad Cap & Gown Photos
January 12th - 15th
Retakes
February 12th

Scholarship & Bursary Evening:
Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026

Indigenous Graduation
Thursday, June 4th, 2026

Prom
Saturday, June 6th, 2026

Commencement
Wednesday, June 24th, 2026



Grad Parent Exec Meeting

Are you interested in being part of the Grad Parent Exec? The Grad Parent Exec help with fundraising events and planning of prom. The group has met once already and will meet again on **Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00pm** in the Library Learning Commons. All are welcome to attend.

Grad Cap & Gown Photos

Photo sessions are now open to book for the Formal Cap & Gown Photos with Island Life Photographics.

<https://islandlifephotographics.as.me/schedule/c79f1619/appointment/37916259/calendar/any?calendarids=7384640>

Photos are the week of January 12th to 15th in the Carihi Library Learning Commons. Session fees are \$26.25 and due at the time of booking. Please contact Drew Swanson if you need support with this fee.

Island Life will supply the Cap & Gown as well as various props for photos but if there is something special you'd like to bring, from a sport or a hobby you love, please do so.

Cap & Gowns for Commencement

Cap & gowns for commencement are now available for purchase. Cost is \$40.00 and can be ordered through the office. If sending payment by e-transfer, please include grads name and height for the sizing of the gown length. Please contact Drew Swanson if you need support with this cost.

These are souvenir packages that are kept after graduation and include the cap, gown, v-stole, hat and tassel as well as a memento 5x7 diploma with leatherette cover (*new this year*). Orders must be placed by Spring Break and will be available for pick up the week prior to the commencement ceremony.

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FUNDRAISING

There are various fundraising opportunities currently on! Carihi does not charge "Graduation Fees", all money raised for prom come directly from fundraising. There will be many events through out the school year for grads and families to help support through fundraising or donations.



MINGO – Music Bingo Evolved!

October 23rd at the Thunderbird Hall from 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Tickets are \$5.00 for students (please bring student ID) and \$10.00 for adults. Cards are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Food, drinks and prizes are available at the event!

Growing Smiles Poinsettias

The Growing Smiles Poinsettia Fundraiser is open now until November 25th.

Orders can be made online at: <https://carihisecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Paper order forms can be picked up at the office.

Orders will be available for pick up on December 11th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

The pick up location will be at Robron Centre: 740 Robron Road.

It is important that Robron Centre staff and classes are not interrupted before 3pm. There is no early pick-ups for orders allowed. Directions and room location for pick up will be sent out by email closer to the pick up date.

Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser

Purdys Fundraiser is open now until November 30th.

Orders can be made online at: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/814247-131297>

Paper order forms can be picked up at the office.

Orders will be available for pick up on December 15th. These orders are smaller so we have set up the pick up area at Carihi from the main office, orders can be picked up anytime during the normal school day: 8:00am to 3:30pm.

ShopDFSCanda – Wrapping Paper & Gifts

This is a new fundraiser this year. DFS has a selection of wrapping paper and various gifts for the holidays.

Orders can be made online at: www.shopdfscanada.com

Click on "Register Now" and our Organization ID is: 8867

There are a limited number of catalogues and order forms available for pick up at the office.

Orders must be submitted by November 14th and delivery will be early December (delivery date TBD). Pick up for orders will be at the Carihi main office.

Donations for the Grad Calendar Raffle – February 2026

Our Grad Parent Exec is looking for donations to include in the very successful fundraiser – Grad Calendar Raffle. This raffle will take place in February and includes a prize give away for every day of the month. In past years we have raised a tremendous amount from this one event. The success of this fundraiser is largely around the prizes donated.

Donations can be gift cards, cash (cash will be used to buy gift cards from local businesses), or items that will appeal to a large number of people. Donors will be recognized on every ticket issued and highlighted on social media when the specific daily prize winner is announced.

Deadline for donations is November 14th and can be dropped off at the Carihi main office or sent by e-transfer to carihi.accounting@sd72.bc.ca Please note: Grad 2026 Donation on the e-transfer.

Calendar Raffle tickets sales will begin in December or January. Stay tuned for details on how to purchase or sell tickets.