



St. John's College

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board

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Dear St. John's College 2020 Graduates, Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this communication is to provide you an update on the status of our school's 2020 graduation ceremony that was scheduled to take place this fall. Over the last week, the Board has been in contact with the Brant County Public Health Unit to review and discuss our secondary school graduation ceremony plan. Upon review of the plan, Public Health has recommended that we avoid public gatherings to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Understanding that we rely on our Public Health experts to guide our practices and procedures, we have been notified that the Board has made the difficult decision to cancel all in-person fall secondary school graduation ceremonies.

The health and safety of our community is our priority. We understand that a secondary graduation ceremony is an important and celebrated milestone for you and your family, and during this pandemic we feel that we must heed to the advice of Public Health. Accordingly, we will be distributing secondary school diplomas and student awards via Canada Post mail.

At this time, St. John's College is exploring an alternative way to recognize our proud and deserving graduates with dignity and celebration. We will share our plan with the community as soon as we formalize the details.

Graduates, we know this is not how you envisioned celebrating the end of your academic secondary journey. As Principal, I would like to extend admiration and gratitude to all of you for your courage, resilience, selflessness and leadership. The St. John's College 2020 graduating class will forever be fondly remembered as an exemplary group of individuals who are responsible citizens and outstanding Catholic graduates.

Sincerely,

Greg Picone
St. John's College Principal

"Et veritas vos liberabit"
And the truth shall set you free.