

Graduation Newsletter

September 2023

Dear 2024 Graduates,

The date of graduation for next year is **Thursday, June 27, 2024**. This package contains many deadline dates and directions, please keep it for further reference. You will also find grad information on the school website under 'Student Services'.

Only students who have earned a diploma by June 21, 2024 will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. If you wish to participate you must have completed the required 30 credits (including 18 compulsory credits), the 40 hours of community service, the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test and the Online Grad Requirement (2 E-learning courses).

GRADUATION PHOTOS:

Grads will be responsible for booking their own grad photo date and time through Edge Imaging's online booking system. *Online booking information will be emailed to you by Mrs. Ronson once your grad application and grad fee has been received through School Cash Online. *This email does not happen automatically so be patient as it could take a few days from the time you submitted your application & fee.* If you want to be in the composite and the yearbook, you must have your picture taken at this time. For consistency, only pictures taken by our photographer will be included in the composite. You are not obligated to order any of these pictures. Photo retakes and missed appointments will have to be arranged by the student through Edge Imaging's online booking system. The graduation photos will be taken at St. John's College at the back of Student Services between: **JANUARY 9-19, 2024. More details will follow at a later date.**

VALEDICTORIAN NOMINATIONS:

Valedictorian nomination forms are enclosed. They are also available from Mr. MacKinlay. The completed form **must be submitted to Mr. MacKinlay by DECEMBER 8, 2023**. If no nominations are forthcoming, there either will not be a valedictorian, or the Principal may choose to ask a student to assume the honour. If there are more than five nominations the valedictorian committee will choose five candidates, based on the information in the package and the essay submitted and a vote will be taken.

GRADUATION FEES:

Graduation entails a great deal of planning and therefore we need your cooperation. Graduation gowns, programs and composites must be ordered. Your graduation fee will be due and must be paid online by **October 31, 2023**. The Grad Fee is **\$100.00** per student. This amount includes the **\$30 non-refundable sitting fee** for grad photos and associated ceremony costs. Prom tickets and the Grad Retreat are not included in this cost. If you do not graduate you will receive a refund, however if you choose not to participate fees will not be refunded after **May 1, 2024**.

