

# IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION

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## CREDIT ACCUMULATION

If you wish to **participate** in the Graduation Ceremony you must have:

- **30 credits, including 18 compulsory credits**
- **Completed 20 hours of Community Service** (was due to Student Services by Jan. 28/21)

It is your responsibility to ensure you have met these requirements. Please see your guidance counsellor for a credit check.

## GRADUATION FEES & PHOTOS

Graduation fees were collected in **October 2020** through School Cash Online. All students who wish to participate in the graduation ceremony **SHOULD HAVE PAID THEIR FEES AT THIS TIME**. If fees were NOT paid, you **WILL NOT** be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. Should you fail to graduate, your fees—minus the \$25 grad photo sitting fee will be refunded. However, if you **CHOOSE NOT** to participate, refunds **WILL NOT** be given after **MAY 3, 2021**. Grad photos have also taken place (from Oct. 13-30, 2020). Grad photo re-takes dates are scheduled for **MARCH 29 & 30, 2021**. Students interested in grad photo retakes must have already paid their grad fee and should email Mrs. Spiers in Student Services at [bspiers@bhncdsb.ca](mailto:bspiers@bhncdsb.ca)



## VALEDICTORIAN VOTE

This year, we will be holding our very first electronic vote for this year's Valedictorian. The voting process will be explained by Mrs. Ronson on March 8/21 and the vote will take place on Thurs. Mar. 11. Only eligible voters can vote and you must vote via your board email account.



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**SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES, AWARDS/HONOUR J**

The applications for the SJC Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards was due to Student Services on February 26, 2021. For other opportunities graduates are encouraged to check the websites of their prospective post-secondary schools, create an account at Scholar Tree or inquire at your parent/guardian's place of work. Please continue to watch for other opportunities through our SJC Twitter account, the Remind App & the SJC Guidance Dept. Brightspace/D2L page.

**HONOUR J & EAGLE AWARD APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 30, 2021.**

**GRAD RETREAT**

Chap Andy has tentatively scheduled this year's grad retreat at Camp Marydale in Mount Hope, Ontario on **April 30, 2021**. If Covid-19 and public health regulations restrict a face-to-face retreat, then grads will be invited to participate in a Virtual Grad Retreat.

**PRINCIPAL'S HONOUR ROLL CRITERIA**

Full-time, grade 12 students who qualify for the Principal's Honour Roll must be enrolled in a minimum of six courses and must achieve a minimum overall average of 80%. Courses must include a Religion course. These courses must be taken with the BHNCD SB in the current academic year from July 1, 2020 through to June 30, 2021.

**ONTARIO SCHOLAR CRITERIA**

A student who obtains a total of at least **480 marks** in any combination of Ministry approved grade 12 courses, having a total of six grade 12 credits, and who has been recommended by his or her Principal for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma in either the current school year or the previous school year, may be designated as an Ontario Scholar.



**CONTACTS FOR GRAD INFORMATION**

- **Grad Applications (credit accumulation checks):** Guidance Counsellors
- **Grad Registration Package; Awards, Bursaries and Scholarships:** Mrs. Spiers
- **Grad Pictures:** Mrs. Spiers
- **Grad Co-Ordinator:** Mrs. Ronson
- **Grad Retreat / Liturgy:** Chaplain Andrew Hall
- **Grad Awards:** Ms. Spagnuolo