



# **ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE 2017 GRADUATION APPLICATION INFORMATION**

## **IT IS SOLELY THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO:**

- < ENSURE THEY HAVE MET THE  
ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL  
DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS
- < VERIFY THAT THEIR CREDIT CHECK IS  
ACCURATE AND COMPLETE
- < BE AWARE OF THE INFORMATION  
CONTAINED IN THIS PACKAGE
- < APPLY FOR THE DIPLOMA AND  
AWARDS
- < APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
GRADUATION CEREMONY
- < MEET ALL THE DEADLINES OUTLINED  
IN THIS DOCUMENT
- < BE AWARE OF THE PRINCIPAL'S  
HONOUR ROLL AND ONTARIO  
SCHOLAR CRITERIA

# Graduation Newsletter

September 2016

**Dear 2017 Graduates,**

The date of graduation for next year is **Thursday, June 29, 2017**. 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 "Leaving the Nest".

**Only students who have earned a diploma by June 23, 2017 will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. If you wish to participate you must have completed the required 30 credits, the 40 hours of community service and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test.**

## **GRADUATION PHOTOS:**

Graduation photos will be scheduled for those who indicated, on their application form, that they want an appointment. If you want to be in the composite and the year book you must have your picture taken at this time. For consistency, only pictures taken by our photographer will be included in the composite. You do not need to order any of these pictures! Photo retakes and missed appointments will have to be arranged by the student on their own time. Graduation photos will be taken **JANUARY 10 - 25, 2017.**

## **VALEDICTORIAN NOMINATIONS:**

Valedictorian nomination forms are enclosed. They are also available from Mrs. Camilleri. The completed form **must be submitted to Mrs. Camilleri by DECEMBER 2, 2016**. 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 before **December 9, 2016**. The Grad Fee is \$80.00 per student. This amount includes the \$25 sitting fee for grad photos and ceremony costs. Prom tickets 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, 2017**.

## **Requirements to Graduate and Participate:**

O.S.S.D.--Ontario Secondary School Diploma--In order to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, a student must earn a minimum of 30 credits distributed as follows, fulfill Literacy requirements, and complete the 40 Hours Community Service.

### Compulsory Credits (total of 18)

4 Credits in English (1 credit per grade)

3 Credits in Mathematics (at least 1 in Grade 11 or 12)

2 Credits in Science

1 Credit in Canadian Geography

1 Credit in Canadian History

1 Credit in the Arts

1 Credit in Physical and Health Education

1 Credit in French as a Second Language

.5 Credit in Civics

.5 Credit in Career Studies

- 1 of English **or** French as a Second Language **or** Native Language **or** Classical or International Language **or** Social Sciences and the Humanities **or** Canadian and World Studies **or** Guidance and Career Education **or** Cooperative Education
- 1 of Health and Physical Education **or** Arts **or** Business Studies **or** French as a Second Language **or** Cooperative Education
- 1 of Science (Grade 11 or 12) or Technological Education (Grades 9 - 12) **or** French as a Second Language **or** Computer Studies **or** Cooperative Education
- 12 additional credits from available courses including compulsory Religious Study credits
- pass Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
- complete 40 hours of Community Involvement Activities

## **SJC Requirements to Participate in the Ceremony:**

- must have enrolled in a minimum of 4 Religion Credits

## DEADLINE DATES

The following deadlines are firm. These deadlines are set in order for us to meet our commitments.  
Failure on your part to meet these deadlines will result in your being excluded from these items/events.

EVENT	DATE
Graduation Application Submitted to Student Services	September 30, 2016
Valedictorian Nomination Submitted to Mrs. Camilleri	December 2, 2016
Graduation Fee Paid Online	December 9, 2016
School Graduation Photos	January 10 – 25, 2017
Graduation Photo Retakes	Feb.28, Mar. 1, 2, 2017
Completed Applications for SJC Bursaries/Awards Due to Student Services	February 28, 2017
Honour J/Eagle Applications Due	April 27, 2017
Graduation Fee Refund Deadline	May 1, 2017
Senior Prom Ticket Sales	May 1 - 5, 2017
Senior Prom 5:45 – 10:00 P.M. Best Western	May 12, 2017
Final Draft of Valedictorian Speech to Teacher Advisor	May 26, 2017
Excluded from MC's Program	June 23, 2017
Graduation Dinner/Liturgy	June 27, 2017
Graduation Rehearsal 9:00 – 12:00 Sanderson Centre	June 28, 2017
Graduation Ceremony 7:00 P.M. Sanderson Centre	June 29, 2017

## **APPLICATIONS FOR AWARDS**

### **SJC AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

These awards are summarized in this package. They are also listed in more detail with specific criteria for each in the Awards, Bursaries and Scholarships package. Both are available in Student Services and on the school website. Applications for these specific awards will be available at [www.sjconline.ca](http://www.sjconline.ca) under Student Services in January. Applications must be completed on the computer and submitted to Student Services.

Due Date: **February 28, 2017**

NOTE: The Catholic Student Award will be selected from the applications submitted for the Reginald F. Kempa Christian Living Award and The Catholic Christian Service Award.

### **ADDITIONAL AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

These awards are listed in the Awards, Bursaries and Scholarships package with deadlines and specific criteria for each. This is available in Student Services. It is the responsibility of the students to become familiar with various awards that may be appropriate for them.

### **PRINCIPAL'S HONOUR ROLL:**

#### **CRITERIA:**

Students who qualify for the Principal's Honour Roll must be enrolled in a minimum of six courses per school year (EXCLUDING night school and summer school) and must achieve either:

A) a minimum overall average of 80%

B) 75% in each course

#### **AWARD:**

Students who meet the above requirements will receive an Academic Certificate at either the Awards Assembly (for grades 9-11) or at Graduation (for grade 12). Their names will be displayed in our school throughout the next academic year.

### **ONTARIO SCHOLAR:**

#### **CRITERIA:**

A student who obtains a total of at least 480 marks in any Grade 12 ministry approved courses having a total of 6 credits, and who has been recommended by his or her principal for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) in either the current school year or the previous school year, may be designated an Ontario Scholar.

AWARD: A student designated an Ontario Scholar will receive an Ontario Scholar Diploma.