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MPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION

GRADUATION DATE: JUNE 28, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

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REGISTRATION, BURSARIES & AWARDS

- You should have already registered to graduate by completing the application in School Cash Online. This information is important as we must order a diploma for you from the Ministry of Education.
- Applications for SJC bursaries & awards must be submitted to Student Services no later than February 28, 2023. *Please be aware of the criteria for the Principal's Honour Roll & Ontario Scholar. Visit Student Services if you have any questions.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

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

- 30 credits, including 18 compulsory credits *See you guidance counsellor for a credit check.
- Completed 40 hours of Community Service (due to Student Services by Jan. 31, 2023)
- Fulfilled the EQAO LITERACY requirement set out by the Ministry of Education
- Submitted the **grad application** and **paid the appropriate fee** that indicates your participation. (This was done through School Cash Online and was due back in October.)

GRADUATION FEES

PLEASE NOTE! Graduation Fees are PAST DUE and should have been paid through St. John's College School Cash On-line (https://bhncdsb.schoolcashonline.com)

The graduation fee is \$100.00. This amount includes the ceremony and \$30 non-refundable grad photo sitting fee. The Grad Retreat and Prom tickets are not included in this cost. If fees are not paid at this time you WILL NOT be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. Should you fail to graduate, your fee, minus the \$30.00 photo sitting fee, will be refunded. However if you CHOOSE NOT to participate—refunds minus the \$30.00 photo sitting fee, WILL NOT be given after May 3, 2023.



Graduation photographs took place between JANUARY 10 & 20, 2023. Students who did not get their grad photos done can book online for a session on one of our upcoming Re-take Days as long as they have paid their grad fee. *Grad Photo Re-takes are scheduled for February 27 & 28, 2023.* Students must book directly with Edge Imaging's online booking system. *Note that it can take up to 4 weeks (from your child's photo session date) for grad photo proofs to be emailed out by Edge Imaging. Check your emails on a regular basis!

SJC AWARDS/BURSARIES/SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are available online at sjconline.ca/StudentServices/Awards/Bursaries/Scholarships. The appropriate applications should be completed on the computer, saved, printed and submitted to Mrs. Spiers (Student Services Secretary) in Student Services **no later than February 28, 2023.** And remember to listen to announcements for other scholarship opportunities as well!

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VALEDICTORIAN

Valedictorian nominee videos will be shared via SJC-TV and Gr. 12 teacher Brightspace/D2L pages prior to the online vote that will take place for a duration of 24 hours on **March 8, 2023.** More information to come over the next month.

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 BHNCDSB in the current academic year from July 1, 2022 through to June 28, 2023.

ONTARIO SCHOLAR CRITERIA

A student who obtains a total of at least **480 marks** in any combination of six Ministry approved grade 12 courses 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.

GRAD RETREAT

Chap Andy is pleased to announce that SJC will be having a grad retreat again this year at Camp Marydale in Hamilton. The retreat is booked for **April 28, 2023** and will include a variety of activities including celebrating our faith, a Master Chef Mystery Box Challenge, a BBQ lunch and time to reflect on the four years you have spent at SJC. If you are interested, you will have to sign up and pay a small fee. Chap Andy will release more details over the next few months, so stay tuned!



- Grad Applications (credit accumulation checks): Guidance Counsellors
- Grad Registration Package: Mrs. Ronson
- Grad Awards, Bursaries & Scholarships: Ms. Merks, Mrs. Spiers, Mrs. Ronson
- Grad Photos: Edge Imaging / Mrs. Ronson
- Grad Co-Ordinator: Mrs. Ronson
- Grad Retreat / Liturgy: Chaplain Andrew Hall