

Graduation Newsletter

September 2025

Dear 2026 Graduates,

The date of graduation for next year is **Thursday, June 25, 2026**. There will be an abundance of grad information shared over the course of the school year. *It is your responsibility to stay informed.* All grad info will be uploaded to the 'Grad 2026' shared folder. You can access this folder by scanning the QR code below or by locating it at sjconline.ca. Please check this folder on a regular basis and please share with your parents so they too can be informed. In addition to this shared folder, grad information may be shared over morning announcements, phone or email synvoices, the SJC student calendar or by checking in with your Guidance Counsellor.

QR code for
'Grad 2026' shared
folder



SCAN NOW!

Only students who have earned a diploma by June 19, 2026 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 (two e-learning courses). Participating graduates must also have submitted their grad application form & fee through School Cash Online.

GRADUATION PHOTOS:

Grads are responsible for booking their own grad photos. In order to be eligible to sit for your grad photo you must first complete the online grad application and pay the appropriate grad fee. **Students are expected to only book a photo time after they have paid their grad fee & submitted their grad application.** 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.

The process for potential graduates to book their grad photo through *Pegasus* will be shared at the Grad Assembly on October 20, 2025. ***It is important that students know their OEN# at the time of booking. OEN numbers are found on any of their report cards or status sheet.*** Students are asked to **NOT** book multiple appointments.

You are not obligated to order any of these pictures. Photo retakes and missed appointments will have to be arranged by the student through Pegasus' online booking system. The graduation photos will be taken at St. John's College at the back of Student Services between: **JANUARY 6-16, 2026. More details will follow at a later date.**

VALEDICTORIAN NOMINATIONS:

Valedictorian nomination packages will be available for pick-up from Mr. MacKinlay in Student Services in November. An announcement will be made when they are ready. The completed package **must be submitted to Mr. MacKinlay by JANUARY 9, 2026.** If no nominations are forthcoming the Principal may choose to ask a student to assume the honour. If there are more than five nominations the Graduation Awards selection 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 & stoles, programs, diploma folders and composites must be ordered. Your graduation fee will be due and must be paid online by **October 31, 2025.**