



SMH GRADUATION INFORMATION



January, 2010

Dear Graduate:

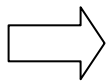
It is with pleasure that we invite you to participate in St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School Graduation for the year 2010. This year's activities include the **Graduation Celebration Day** on May 28th, as well as the **Graduation Ceremony** to be held at The Centre in the Square on Thursday, October 7th. This year's Grad Retreat, will be held May 17th, at Tim Horton's Camp where graduates will celebrate their life journey as well as faith journey together (information attached).

To be eligible to participate in graduation, it is **mandatory** that each student has;

- successfully completed their diploma requirements of 30 credits as outlined by the Ministry of Education
- successfully passed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course
- completed 40 hours of community service (to be submitted to their guidance counselor by May 28th, 2010)

The graduation fee covers the following options:

<p>Graduation Ceremony, Centre in the Square October 7th \$75.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participation in the ceremony ▪ Rental of the facility and gowns ▪ Printing costs for invitations, programs and certificates ▪ 4 tickets for family members/friends to attend the ceremony ▪ Incidentals: decorations, costs associated with awards ▪ Souvenir hat and tassel ▪ Plus the breakfast – detailed below
<p>Liturgy & Breakfast May 28th \$10.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8:15 a.m., May 28th, Alumni Hall & Cafeteria ▪ Assorted fruit platter, pancakes, bacon, sausage, pastries, juice ▪ Vote for Valedictorians ▪ Please wear appropriate dress (Sunday Best) or school uniform
<p>PROM May 28th Price TBA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tickets available through the SAC Office in May (date TBA) ▪ University of Waterloo Federation Hall, 8:00 pm



Refunds

Please note that graduation fees are only refundable until May 28th, 2010 with the exception of the \$10.00 for breakfast fee. **After this date, only refunds of graduation ceremony fees will be considered for potential graduates who were not able to meet all the graduate requirements.**

Tickets and Rehearsal

Tickets for entry into the Centre in the Square (4 tickets for graduate guests – graduate does not require a ticket) and details concerning the night of graduation such as time or arrival, dress, rehearsal details, etc. will be distributed at the graduation breakfast. **Please make sure the school has your proper mailing address and phone number in case we need to contact you before the ceremony in October.** Please notify the school if there is a change during the summer.

Additional tickets may become available. If you would like additional tickets please complete the appropriate section on the participation form to be added to the waiting list. A fee of \$2 is charged for each additional ticket (limit of 3 additional tickets). You will be notified in September if additional tickets are available

Awards

There are many awards available to our graduates – both Academic and/or Community Involvement. Many of these awards require that the graduate APPLY. We encourage you to look over the list of available awards and submit an application directly to Ms. Collins, or your Guidance Counselor. Please consider applying. The Graduation Award List will be posted on Eagle Vision and our website (<http://stmary.wcdsb.ca>) or on the school's network under I:common/graduation.

Prom

Ticket price and sale dates will be announced later and will be available from Student Council Office.

Valedictorian Selection Process

Nomination forms for valedictorian will be distributed in your homerooms. The top three male and female candidates with the most votes and administration approval will be put on the ballot. The final vote will take place at the graduation celebration.

Summary

Only students that have met the criteria for graduation may participate in the graduation celebration in October. Any student currently enrolled in grade 12 can attend the grad breakfast and prom. If you are not planning to attend graduation, you may purchase the breakfast separately

If you have any questions regarding graduation, please speak with, Ms. Joan McCormick (ext. 3054) or Ms. Gisele Leger (ext. 3142).

Sincerely,

The Graduation Committee



Graduation 2010

Ceremony October 7 – Centre in the Square

Participation Form



Student Name (Please Print) <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> First Name Last Name </div>	Student Name to appear on Diploma: <hr/> Student Email (print clearly): <hr/>
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I will participate in the Graduation Ceremony at the Centre in the Square, October 7, 2010
 A graduation gown will be ordered according to height – My height is _____ (feet & inches)

Graduation Packages

Please check one and submit with payment

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$85.00	Ceremony + Breakfast
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$75.00	Ceremony
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00	Breakfast Only

Total (Cash Only) _____	Receipt # _____
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Graduates receive 4 guest tickets with ceremony package purchase (graduate does not require a ticket).

We may have additional tickets available depending on the number of graduates attending the ceremony. If you are interested in additional tickets please indicate below and we will add you to the wait list. You will be notified in September if tickets become available. Additional tickets are \$2 each payable when tickets are picked up.

Please add me to the wait list for _____ additional Graduation Ceremony Tickets (max. 3)
of tickets

Contact Name _____ **Contact Phone Number** _____