

SMH GRADUATION INFORMATION

January, 2017

Dear Graduate:

It is with pleasure that we invite you to participate in St. Mary's High School Graduation.

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 by August 1st, 2017. There are **no exceptions to this requirement**.
- successfully completed the Grade 10 Literacy Test (OSSLT) or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course
- completed and documented 40 hours of community service (due in Guidance by April 28th, 2017)

Please be aware of **Fee Collection Dates**. This will be your LAST opportunity to purchase spirit wear.

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| Fee Collection* & Additional Spirit Wear | 8:30-9:00 a.m. Wed. Jan. 18, Thurs. Jan. 19 & Fri. Jan. 20 + Thursday, Jan. 19 both lunches |
| Grad Prices: | Ceremony \$85, Breakfast \$15, Retreat \$50 |
| CASH ONLY PLEASE | <i>Special:</i> Pay Ceremony fee by January 20 to receive \$5 discount for Breakfast |
| Spirit Wear Prices: | T-shirt \$15, Long Sleeve Tee \$20, Crew Cut Sweatshirt \$25, Crew \$30 --- Last chance: Orders must be placed by Jan. 20th --- |
| NEW – Pay ONLINE ANYTIME* | Online Ceremony Payments through SchoolCashOnline **Prizes for Online include St. Mary's Scarves and New Edition Longitude/Latitude T-shirts** |

*Pay by January 20th for a Breakfast Discount and a souvenir St. Mary's Pen, Chance to win Scarf and/or New Edition T-shirt

Additional important dates include:

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| Senior Graduation Portraits – Photos #2 <i>LifeTouch</i> | February 20 - March 5 – listen for announcements early in February for the new code to reserve your time at www.lifetouch.ca/wwgrads |
| Community Service Hours Due | Friday, April 28 |
| Special Award Applications Due | Friday, April 28 |
| Breakfast and Liturgy | Thursday, June 1 |
| Retreat (max. 175 students) | Friday, May 26 – Camp Kintail, Goderich (no refunds) Pick up Time from St. Mary's: 8:15 a.m.; Drop off Time at St. Mary's: 6:30 p.m. |
| Graduation, Centre in the Square | Tuesday, June 27 |
| Yearbook Pickup | Available October, 2017 – Pick up in the main office (check website for availability dates, http://stmary.wcdsb.ca/) |

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 start time, dress, rehearsal details, etc. will be distributed early in May through homerooms and the Main Office. All guests, including children and babies, need a ticket to get in. Special Seating must be reserved ahead of time through the school.

Additional tickets may become available. If you would like additional tickets (\$5 each) please check at the Main Office starting June 5th. Quantities are limited – first come, first served.

Grad Retreat

The Grad Retreat is an exciting part of graduating and will center on your journey through life as well as your faith journey. You will be able to see your fellow classmates in a more relaxed environment and it promises to be a lot of fun. Outside activities will be part of the day therefore you do not need to be in uniform.



This is an all-inclusive day for you. The total price is \$50.00 (no refunds). This includes your transportation, mid-day meal and a snack. Some of the activities planned include:

- Rockwall/High Ropes/Zip line/Flying Squirrel, Archery, Beach, Arts & Crafts, Name that Tune & Improv Drama (Skit in a Bag)

Plan to...

- Wear your grad spirit wear
- Bring a refillable water bottle
- Bring your cameras and cell phones: take pictures to share during the Grad Breakfast
- Wear running shoes: required to participate in many of the activities
- Dress for the weather: bring sun screen, hats, an umbrella, a sweater

Please Note: Pick up Time from St. Mary's: 8:15 a.m.; Drop off Time at St. Mary's: 6:30 p.m.

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. McCarroll or your Guidance Counselor. 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 early in semester 2. 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 in March and announced shortly afterwards.

Yearbook Pickup

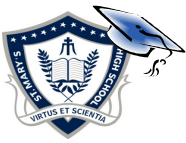
Yearbooks will be available in October, 2017. Pick yours up in the main office (check website for availability dates, <http://stmary.wcdsb.ca/>) or send a note along with a friend to pick yours up for you.

Summary

Only students that have met the criteria for graduation may participate in the graduation celebration in June. Any student currently enrolled in grade 12 can purchase Grad spirit wear, attend grad breakfast and go to prom. If you are not planning to attend graduation, you may purchase spirit wear and/or pay for the breakfast separately during the grad fee collection dates.

If you have any questions regarding graduation, please speak with Ms. Leslie Mask (ext. 5606).

Sincerely, *The Graduation Committee*



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| Student Name (Please print clearly): _____ | | Student Email (Please print clearly): _____ | |
| First Name | Last Name | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will participate in the Graduation Ceremony at the Centre in the Square, Tues. June 27th, 2017 | | A REGULAR size gown will be ordered according to height: _____ feet inches | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Check here to request a FULL FIT Gown | |
| GRADUATION FEES – CASH ONLY | | GRADUATION SPIRIT WEAR (Unisex Sizing) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$85.00 Ceremony <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 Retreat (no refunds) <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 Breakfast* <input type="checkbox"/> *Pay by January 20 th for a \$5 Breakfast Discount & a souvenir St. Mary's Pen PLUS Chance to win Scarf | | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 T-Shirt <input type="radio"/> S <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> L <input type="radio"/> XL <input type="radio"/> XXL Colour: <input type="radio"/> Navy or <input type="radio"/> Grey <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Long Sleeve <input type="radio"/> S <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> L <input type="radio"/> XL <input type="radio"/> XXL Colour: <input type="radio"/> Navy or <input type="radio"/> Grey <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Crewcut <input type="radio"/> S <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> L <input type="radio"/> XL <input type="radio"/> XXL Colour: <input type="radio"/> Navy or <input type="radio"/> Grey <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Hoodie <input type="radio"/> S <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> L <input type="radio"/> XL <input type="radio"/> XXL Colour: <input type="radio"/> Navy or <input type="radio"/> Grey | |
| _____ Total (Cash Only) Receipt #: _____ | | _____ Total (Cash Only) Receipt #: _____ | |
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WATERLOO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

I hereby grant permission to St. Mary's High School and its representatives to take photographs or videos of me and to make recordings of my voice at the events or locations noted:

Graduation Celebrations including: Grad Liturgy & Breakfast, June 1, 2017, Grad Retreat, May 26, 2017, Graduation Ceremony, June 27, 2017

Student's First and Last Name (Printed) _____ Phone _____ Parent/Guardian Name - if under age 18 (Printed) _____

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Student Signature (if age 18 or older) _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under age 18) _____ Date _____

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PARENT CONSENT/PERMISSION FORM FOR EDUCATIONAL TRIPS (for students under 18)
and **RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION FORM** (for students 18 and over)



THIS FORM MUST BE READ AND SIGNED BY EVERY STUDENT WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE AND BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A PARTICIPATING STUDENT (if student is under 18).

St. Mary's High School, WCDSB is arranging the **Grad Retreat (Camp Kintail, Fri. May 26, 2017)** for all graduates. Pick up Time from St. Mary's: 8:15 a.m.; Drop off Time at St. Mary's: 6:30 p.m.

ELEMENTS OF RISK

Educational activity programs, such as the **Grad Retreat** which is being offered, involve certain elements of risk. Accidents may occur while participating in these activities. These accidents may cause injury. By choosing to participate in the activity, you are assuming the risk of an accident occurring.

The chance of an accident occurring can be reduced by carefully following instructions at all times while engaged in the activity. If you choose to participate in the **Grad Retreat** on **May 26th, 2017**, you must understand that you will bear the responsibility for any accident that might occur.

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board does not provide any accidental death, disability, dismemberment, dental, or medical expenses insurance on behalf of the students participating in this activity.

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board strongly advises that all students participate in the STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE PLAN offered by the Reliable Life Insurance Company and which covers participants for all accidents, 24-hours per day, every day during the full policy term.

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| Activity choices for the day – enjoy!! | Rockwall | Archery | Volleyball | Name that Tune |
| | Improv Drama (Skit in a Bag) | High Ropes | Arts & Crafts | Zip line/Flying Squirrel |

| ACKNOWLEDGMENT | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Please List Food Allergies: | |
| Students Under 18 | Students 18 and Over |
| We have read the above. We understand that in participating in the activity, GRAD RETREAT , we are assuming the risks associated with doing so. Printed Student Name: _____ Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____ PERMISSION I give _____ permission to participate in the GRAD RETREAT to be held on or about May 26, 2017 . Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____ NOTE TO PARENT(S): 1) STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ARE NOT PERMITTED TO TRANSPORT OTHER STUDENTS. | Printed Student Name: _____ I, _____, understand and accept the above and provide the Waterloo Catholic District School Board with the following waiver of liability and indemnification agreement. RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT I, _____, hereby release the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and its staff and agents from any and all liability for any injury sustained by me, regardless of how caused, resulting from my participation in the GRAD RETREAT arranged through the Waterloo Catholic District School Board on or about May 27, 2017 . I further agree to indemnify and save harmless the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and its staff and agents from and against any and all, suits, demands, torts, and actions of any kind which may be brought against its staff or agents for which it/they may become liable by reason of any injury, loss, damage, or death resulting from, or occasioned to, or suffered by any person or any property, by reason of any act, neglect or default of mine. Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____ |