



St. Mary's High School

Class of 2022

Graduation & Prom

Grade 12 families of the St. Mary's Community,

February 25, 2022

As we settle into the second half of the school year, we know many Grade 12 students and families are looking forward to planning celebrations to honour the achievement of graduating from high school. Like many events in the past two years, we have to continually adapt to the changing landscape that Covid restrictions and public health guidance put in place. At the forefront of all these decisions is the safety of our students and of our community.

GRADUATION

Save The Date: **Tuesday, June 21, 2022**. All plans are tentative and are based on Public Health restrictions and requirements. At this time, we are planning for an in-person ceremony at Centre in The Square. We will have the most up to date Grad information on the Graduation page on the school website:

[\(https://stmary.wcdsb.ca/parents/current-students/graduation-information/\)](https://stmary.wcdsb.ca/parents/current-students/graduation-information/)

PROM

In past years, prior to the pandemic, St. Mary's has proudly planned and hosted prom for our grade 12 students. In the most recent years, we were unable to safely host prom while adhering to the restrictions set in place by Public Health. While we remain hopeful as infection rates and cases continue to trend downward and the Province continues to ease restrictions, there are many factors to consider in planning and running large school events. Given the planning, time and coordination required, coupled with the uncertainty of public health restrictions, we have had to make the difficult decision to not move forward with a school hosted prom. We know this may be disappointing to many; however, we are committed to looking for ways to celebrate our graduates and will be focusing our attention on planning a graduation ceremony that honours our students safely pending public health guidance and direction.

Additionally, any privately run events will not be affiliated and will not be supported in any way by the school or the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. If you see any advertisements and communications for such events, please understand these are not approved by us. Participation in any such events will be at the sole discretion of the student and their families and all risks associated with the participation will be assumed by them.