



# Graduation 2024

Information & Reminders

# What is required to achieve an OSSD?

- ▶ **30 credits** = 22 compulsory courses and 8 elective credits
- ▶ At least one ARTS credit, 1 Gym and one TECH/Senior Science/computer studies/co-op and 1 arts/business/co-op/gym/french) See Guidance if any questions
- ▶ If you have been at LCHS for four years you successfully complete all 4 religion credits
- ▶ If you failed a course or repeat credits
- ▶ 40 hours of **community service**
- ▶ *Religion courses & PARTICIPATION in the CEREMONY*
- ▶ **OSSLT** successfully completed or completed OLC40 course
- ▶ **Ontario Scholar-** must have 6 grade 12 courses any level with an overall average of 80%

# Community hours

- ▶ **159 grads**
- ▶ **89 students** still have not completed all 40 hours
- ▶ 44% completion rate
- ▶ **9 students** have 0 hours (as of February)
- ▶ **May 17<sup>th</sup>**- due date for hours if attending Prom
- ▶ **June 3-** last date that Guidance will accept hours

# Grad ceremony & rehearsal

- ▶ **Date/Time: 6pm on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**
  - ▶ **Location: LCHS**
  - ▶ **YOU MUST arrive at least 1 hour prior to the ceremony in order to be organized in your processional order (5:00-arrival)**
  - ▶ **Remember to bring your gown and cap as there are no extras on hand**
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- ▶ **Date/Time: 9am- 10:30 am on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**
  - ▶ **Location: LCHS**
  - ▶ **GRAD REHEARSAL all must attend, provide your own transportation (processional order, proper procedure, receive your cap and gown)**

# Tickets for graduation/Pricing

- ▶ Each grad will receive 3 tickets. Overflow in the Gym or streaming
- ▶ **The ceremony = \$100**
- ▶ Costs for Graduation (gown, tassel & cap fee, if applicable golden honor cord, portfolio, grad retreat, grad program, celebration and breakfast)
- ▶ **The Prom= TBA pricing**
- ▶ **Prom May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm at John Michael's Hall, Thorold;**
- ▶ **?(due date for payment TBA)**

# Mandatory grad events

- ▶ Grad Retreat
- ▶ May 31st- Grad Mass at LCHS  
out of uniform but proper  
attire, annual grad casual  
photo, breakfast



# Grad Photos

- ▶ Sign ups occurred in December
- ▶ Retakes/2<sup>nd</sup> sitting- March 27 & 28th



# Scholarships

- ▶ Students who have completed a **Financial Form in Google** will be considered for LCHS scholarships:
  1. Application
  2. Grad committee votes
  3. Grad list is sent and the sponsor chooses
  
- ▶ **Valedictorian Selection** will begin shortly, the process involves mark calculation, graduate profile, review by principal and voting by the graduating class and grad committee



# Valedictorian

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**Valedictorian:** The Valedictorian will deliver the farewell/congratulatory address to the graduating class

**Salutatorian:** The salutatorian will welcome guests to the Catholic faith-based graduation ceremony on behalf of the graduating class.

All Grade 12 graduating students will be provided with the opportunity to complete and submit the Valedictorian application for review/consideration by the Graduation Committee **by April 26th** no later than 12:00 p.m

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

- ▶ Five categories:
- ▶ 1. **Academic achievement** - Overall grade point average for **Grade 11 and 12** courses only
- ▶ 2. **School leadership**
- ▶ 3. **Co-instruction involvement**
- ▶ 4. **Community involvement**
- ▶ 5. **Self-reflection** - Student choice

- ▶ **Step One:** Application Review by the Graduation Committee
- ▶ Upon review, the Graduation Committee will select no fewer than **five, and no more than 10** candidates for peer voting.  
Confirm that their names will appear on the ballot
- ▶ **Step Two: Peer Voting**
- ▶ A link to voting ballot will be provided, · Students are to rank their top three choices.
- ▶ **Step Three: Scoring of the Ballots by the Graduation Committee**
- ▶ The Graduation Committee **will score** the eligible ballots and award the candidates with points as follows:
  - ▶ Three points for a first vote; · Two points for a second vote; · One point for a third vote
- ▶ The candidate receiving the highest overall score will be selected as the Valedictorian and the second highest overall score will be the Salutatorian.
- ▶ Must submit a copy of their graduation address to the principal for review at least two weeks prior to the graduation ceremony.

# Guidance needs to know

- ▶ If you have received an **ENTRANCE** scholarship or any outside scholarships

# College & University acceptances

- ▶ set up an **account** at you particular school
- ▶ **confirm** your offer on-line (all offers are conditional); there are due dates
- ▶ attend all orientation sessions as most are mandatory, Student Profile Forms
- ▶ **-did not receive an offer** \* wait list, see what programs are still open, may want to consider different start date, alternate offers
- ▶ -check school websites for application **scholarships/bursaries** others will be automatic based on your final average
- ▶ **-Mid April OCAS and OUAC** will receive your midterm marks; if you are taking an **on-line/ night course** see Mrs. Capretta to make sure it has been inputted on the site
- ▶ **-July final** marks will be sent; if you take **Summer courses** (your responsibility)
- ▶ **RETURNING GRADE 12's** need to see Guidance then we can choose courses in myBlueprint together
- ▶ **Your Niagara Catholic accounts and drive**

# The Physical Set-up

- ▶ Mr. Pascuzzi for the Grad ceremony and Expectations
- ▶ ANY QUESTIONS?