



# MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 12 graduating students,

As our Grade 12 Graduating class nears the end of their high school experience at Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary, the following are some important items and dates that apply to our graduating students:

- **Community Service Hours** – these are a Ministry requirement which cannot be waived and must be submitted ASAP (the deadline is **May 13, 2022**). Only students who have submitted their community service hours will receive their graduation ceremony tickets.
- **Grad Day** - will be held on **June 7, 2022**, beginning with the grade 12 graduation liturgy, followed by guest speaker ending with the Grad lunch. Graduates are asked to dress up on this day and therefore are not required to be in uniform.
- **Class Valedictorian** – Nominations will be submitted to the main office and graduates will vote for their class valedictorian. The valedictorian will be announced on Grad Day (June 7, 2022).
- **Graduation Tickets** – Grad tickets will be distributed on Grad Day. The number of tickets has not been determined and will depend on whether we are able to celebrate in-person.
- **Graduation Rehearsal** – There will be a mandatory graduation rehearsal on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 11:00 am at Centennial Hall (this usually takes about an hour).
- **Graduation Ceremony** – The ceremony will be held at **Centennial Hall on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 7:00 pm**. Graduates must be there by no later than 6:15 pm to get in line. Caps and gowns will be distributed to students the week of June 20-25<sup>th</sup>. Pictures in their caps and gowns must be taken after the ceremony.
- **All Graduation activities are subject to change given the Covid-19 pandemic.**

In preparation for the events that will follow, we would like to reinforce that although year-end pranks are the actions of a few students, the impact they have is negative to the moral tone of the school. Any student involvement with year-end pranks will result in consequences which may lead to exclusion from participating in some or all of our graduation activities.

We trust that any students or parents who know of any year-end pranks in the planning stages will take some steps to convince these students that this type of activity breeds a dangerous and negative culture and poses a risk to the safety of others.

We encourage all students to continue their positive behavior for the remainder of the school year. We have been blessed at Mother Teresa to be working with students who have demonstrated themselves as inclusive, kind, and respectful. We are proud of them!

Sincerely,  
*Patrick Gilson*  
Principal

*Inspired by Christ. Learning together. Serving together.*