



# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL



## GRADUATION EXERCISES 2019

### THURSDAY JUNE 6, 2019 – GRADUATION DAY

#### **GRADUATION MASS**

St. Mary Pro Cathedral (146 Park St. N.)

8:45 a.m.

#### **GRADUATION BRUNCH**

Hamilton Convention Centre by Carmen's (1 Summers Lane)

10:30 a.m.

Brunch follows the Mass. **IT IS FOR GRADUATES ONLY.**

#### **GRADUATION REHEARSAL**

FirstOntario Concert Hall (formerly Hamilton Place)

12:15 p.m. (immediately following Brunch)

#### **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

FirstOntario Concert Hall (formerly Hamilton Place)

7:00 p.m.

(Graduates must arrive at 6:15 p.m.)

**ALL GUESTS AND GRADUATES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE TICKETS FOR ENTRY.**

### THURSDAY JUNE 27, 2019 – GRADUATION DINNER-DANCE

**In order to attend the Dinner-Dance, students must participate in the Graduation Ceremony.**

**LIUNA STATION** (360 James St. N.)

5:30 p.m. - Reception

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

8:00 to 11:00 p.m. – Dance

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

## **1. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION EXERCISES**

The TENTATIVE LIST OF POTENTIAL GRADUATES will be posted on the Guidance Screen. **CHECK TO BE SURE YOUR NAME IS THERE.** The FINALIZED LIST will be posted after Semester 2 mid-term reports are issued (**April 26, 2019**).

To participate in the Graduation Ceremony, it must appear likely on the Semester 2 mid-term report card, issued April 26, 2019, that you will qualify for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma at the end of the semester.

As well, the school requires successful achievement in the Grade 12 Religion program (or the Religion course taken in the Graduation year) and participation in the Grade 12 Retreat. If you are not achieving success due to neglect of responsibility or absenteeism, as judged by the Principal, you will not be permitted to take part in the Graduation exercises.

To qualify for a diploma, you must have earned 30 credits (including all compulsory ones), complete the 40 hours of Christian Service and pass either the OSSLT (the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) or the Ontario Literacy course.

**Note:** The absolute **final** deadline to submit **Christian Service Hours** is **April 26, 2019**.

*It is imperative that you pick up your report card at semester-end to ensure that all requirements have been met and you have qualified for a diploma. If you require an official transcript at the end of the year, please phone to give the Guidance Secretary two days notice to prepare the transcript. Diplomas will be available in October 2019 from the Guidance Office.*

## **2. ONLINE STUDENT INFORMATION FORM FOR GRADUATION AWARDS**

The Online Student Information Form is used by the Committee to assist in selecting the Graduation award recipients. You **MUST** complete this online form by **Friday March 22, 2019** if you would like to be considered for Grad awards. For all academic-based awards, Grade 12 U/M courses are considered. For all other awards, different criteria will be considered for each specific award. *If you do not submit this online form, you will **NOT** be considered for graduation awards.*

### **3. HEIGHT FOR GRADUATION GOWN**

Everyone on the Graduation List needs to submit their height which is required to place an order for your graduation gown. Please submit your height to Ms. Paradisi, Mrs. Young, or Mrs. Mauro by **Friday January 18, 2019**.

### **4. VALEDICTORIAN**

Your class Valedictorian should be an articulate public speaker with a good Christian message. Your Valedictorian will put the thoughts and feelings of your Graduating class into words. Valedictorian candidates will present a brief synopsis of their speech via CMORE. Valedictorian applications will be accepted the week of **April 1, 2019**. CMORE speeches and voting will take place on **April 11, 2019**.

### **5. GRADUATION PHOTOS (by Luxarte Studios) / Quotes**

Everyone needs a photo for the yearbook. There is no obligation to purchase Grad photos. You may schedule a time for April 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the library entrance. Please listen to announcements for further details.

**THERE IS A \$10 (CASH) SITTING FEE.**

### **6. GRADUATION QUOTES**

Grad Quote Forms (included in this package) must be submitted by email to [stmgradquotes2019@gmail.com](mailto:stmgradquotes2019@gmail.com) by **Friday, April 26, 2019**. If you have any questions regarding your quote, please see Mr. Ciardullo.

### **7. CITYWIDE GRAD MASS**

**To Be Announced** – Graduates from all Catholic Secondary Schools are invited to attend this celebration.

### **8. GRADUATION FEES AND CEREMONY TICKETS**

Each Graduate will receive **guest tickets** for the Graduation Ceremony. These tickets are included in the Graduation fee. The Graduation Ceremony is **reserved seating**. All guests require a ticket for entry to FirstOntario Concert Hall (formerly Hamilton Place) to attend the Ceremony. **Cash online for fees will open Monday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and close on Friday, March 29, 2019. Important NOTE: Tickets will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Therefore, the earlier you submit your fees the better seats your guests will receive for the ceremony. Lost tickets WILL NOT be replaced.**

Your fee of \$80 includes the following:

1. Mass at St. Mary Pro Cathedral
2. Rental of Hamilton Convention Centre by Carmen's
3. Brunch at Hamilton Convention Centre by Carmen's
4. Souvenir for each graduating student at brunch
5. Rental of FirstOntario Concert Hall
6. Graduation Program
7. Tickets and Invitations
8. Cap, Tassel and Gown (for students to keep)
9. Stage Flowers at FirstOntario Concert Hall for the Ceremony

# PAYMENT & DEADLINES

## GRADUATION ACTIVITY FEE - \$80 (*School Cash Online*)

To participate in the 2019 Graduation Activities, eligible students **MUST** submit a **SIGNED PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER** (*included in this package*) between November 5, 2018 and March 29, 2019 in the Graduation Receipt Box in Guidance.

**Ceremony guest tickets** will be distributed in May.

### **Note:**

- A \$10 late fee will be charged after March 29, 2019. No fees will be accepted after April 12, 2019.
- If by April 26, 2019 you do not qualify for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma a refund will be issued.

## GRADUATION DINNER DANCE FEE

**COST PER TICKET: \$60**

**ONLINE TICKET SALES: Monday May 27, 2019 to Friday June 7, 2019.**

**TICKET DISTRIBUTION: Monday June 10, 2019 to Friday June 14, 2019.**

### **Note:**

- To purchase Dinner-Dance tickets you must participate in the ceremony.
- Guests **MUST** have VP approval before tickets are purchased.



# St. Thomas More Catholic Secondary School

*“Praestantia Scholastica, Praestantia Religiosa, Praestantia Athletica”*

1045 Upper Paradise Road, Hamilton, ON. L9B 2N4



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Mr. K. Monaco  
Vice-Principal

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

DEAR PARENT(S):

Graduation is a time of celebration, a time when parents and teachers recognize the accomplishments of our graduating students and share in the joy of their success. In order to make it a happy and memorable occasion, our staff and our graduation committee have organized the following activities:

***GRADUATION MASS – St. Mary Pro Cathedral (146 Park St. N.)  
Thursday June 6, 2019 at 8:45 a.m.***

***GRADUATION BRUNCH & REHEARSAL – Brunch @ Hamilton Convention Centre by Carmen’s,  
Rehearsal @ FirstOntario Concert Hall (formerly Hamilton Place)  
Thursday June 6, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.***

***GRADUATION CEREMONY – FirstOntario Concert Hall (formerly Hamilton Place)  
Thursday June 6, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Students are to arrive at 6:15 p.m.)  
(Distribution of Scrolls and Awards)***

***GRADUATION DINNER/DANCE – LIUNA STATION (360 James St. N.)  
Thursday June 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. – 11:00p.m.***

The above-listed events are the activities organized and supervised by our School personnel. Should any other event be organized, there will be a separate permission form.

We felt it was important to make you aware of this so that you are able to make a well-informed decision for your son/daughter, if you choose to take responsibility for sanctioning any other graduation activity.

The consumption of alcohol/ illegal substances **WILL NOT** be permitted at any grad activities. As at all school functions, any student under the influence of alcohol/ illegal substance will not be permitted to participate.

Please be aware that ceremony tickets are reserved seating at Hamilton Place. **Anyone who has lost or forgotten their tickets will be denied entry as they must be presented at the door.**

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Cannon  
Principal

**Note: Please keep this letter for your personal reference.**



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## Parent Acknowledgment Form:

I have read and understand the attached Principal's letter.

Graduate's Name:

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(please print)

Graduate's Signature:

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Parent/Guardian Signature:

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### NOTE:

- THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO GUIDANCE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2019 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY.
- GUEST TICKETS TO THE GRADUATION CEREMONY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN MAY.

# Grad Quote 2019

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Print one letter, punctuation mark, or space, in each available box.
2. Slang, codes, hash tags and profanity will not be printed.
3. Complete BOTH sets of boxes (Name and your Quote).
4. Proofread your submission.
5. Submit this information via email to: [stmgradquotes2019@gmail.com](mailto:stmgradquotes2019@gmail.com)

## **NAME:**

Print your name below as you want it to appear in the yearbook. (Please indicate the name you gave for your Grad photo, if different).


## **QUOTE:**

Quotes must be appropriate to accompany the grad portrait. All quotations and lyrics should be cited in compliance with copyright laws. If quoting another language, please provide a translation with your electronic submission. **We reserve the right to edit or omit any content.**


Deadline for completed forms: **Friday April 26, 2019.**

Submit online.

Only ONE submission per graduate.

# GRADUATION 2019 – IMPORTANT DATES

Graduation Ceremony ~ Thursday June 6, 2019

Graduation Dinner Dance ~ Thursday June 27, 2019

Event	Due Date	Location/Time/ Other Information
Graduation Activity Fee  1. \$80  2. Parent Acknowledgement Form Signed	1. School Cash Online opens Monday November 5, 2018 to March 29, 2019  2. Friday March 29, 2019	Submit <b>signed form</b> to guidance no later than March 29, 2019  <b>A \$10 late fee will be charged after March 29, 2019. No fees will be accepted after April 12, 2019.</b>  <b>Ceremony guest tickets</b> will be distributed in May.
<b>Payment: <a href="https://hwcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/">https://hwcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/</a></b>		
Height for Graduation Gown	Friday January 18, 2019	See Ms. Paradisi, Mrs. Young, or Mrs. Mauro
Online Student Information Form for Graduation Awards	Friday March 22, 2019	Submit form <b>ONLINE</b>
Graduation Photos	April 15 – 18, 2019, April 23 – May 3, 2019	Location: TBA \$10 Cash Sitting Fee
Christian Service Hours (min 40 hours)	Friday April 26, 2019	Submit to Guidance  **Final deadline to submit hours**
Graduation Quote for the Year Book	Friday April 26, 2019	Submit to <a href="mailto:stmgradquotes2019@gmail.com">stmgradquotes2019@gmail.com</a>  <b>No Graduation Quotes will be accepted after the due date.</b>
Graduation Dinner Dance Fee \$60 – Online Payment	Monday May 27 to Friday June 7, 2019	June 10 – 14, 2019 to pick up tickets.  Location: TBA