



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL



GRADUATION EXERCISES 2020

THURSDAY JUNE 4, 2020 – GRADUATION DAY

GRADUATION MASS

Regina Mundi Roman Catholic Church. Parents & guests welcome to attend.
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 25, 2020 – 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 Office Window (Student Services). **CHECK TO BE SURE YOUR NAME IS THERE.** The FINALIZED LIST will be posted after Semester 2 mid-term reports are issued (**April 27, 2020**).

To participate in the Graduation Ceremony, it must appear likely on the Semester 2 mid-term report card, issued April 27, 2020, that you will qualify for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma at the end of the semester.

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 **May 8, 2020**.

If you require an official transcript at the end of the year, phone Student Services at least two days in advance in order to give the Guidance Secretary time to prepare the transcript. Diplomas will be available in October 2020 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 27, 2020** if you would like to be considered for Grad awards. For all academic-based awards, Grade 12 U/M/C 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. Chiarelli, or Ms. Skyula by **Friday January 10, 2020**.

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 CMOR. Valedictorian applications will be accepted the week of **April 6, 2020**. CMOR speeches and voting will take place on **April 16, 2020**.

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 15th – 17th, April 20th – April 27th. Sign-up will be completed online. The web address is **stm.school**.

THERE IS A \$10 (CASH) SITTING FEE due at the time of the appointment to Lifetouch.

6. **GRADUATION QUOTES**

1. To submit a graduation quote you must email Ms. Sambuco at stm.gradquotes@gmail.com.
2. Quotes will only be available from Wednesday April 1st, 2020 to Friday April 24th, 2020.
3. The subject line must include your First and Last Name, as it will appear in the graduation section of the yearbook. Your name may only be 38 characters long.
4. You cannot use any abbreviations and/or symbols. Quotes which are offensive, and/or vulgar will not be included and will result in disciplinary action.
5. Slang, codes, hash tags, smileys, profanity and other special characters will not be printed.
6. Proofread your submission.
7. Your quote may only be 130 characters long. 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 quotes: **Friday April 24, 2020.** Only ONE submission per graduate.

7. **CITYWIDE GRAD MASS**

Date to Be Announced – Graduates from all Catholic Secondary Schools are invited to attend this celebration. A social at Liuna Station will immediately follow the Mass.

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 4th, 2019 and close on Friday March 27th, 2020. 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. All graduates are guaranteed two tickets.**

Your fee of \$90 includes the following:

1. Mass at Regina Mundi
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. Ceremony Tickets (graduate and guests) 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 - \$90 (School Cash Online ~ cash will not be accepted)

By paying your graduation fee, you and your parent/guardian acknowledge that you have read and understand the attached Principal's letter.

Ceremony guest tickets will be distributed in May. Guaranteed **TWO (2)** tickets per graduate.

Note:

- A \$10 late fee will be charged after March 27, 2020. No fees will be accepted after April 14, 2020.
- If by May 8, 2020 you do not qualify for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma a refund will be issued.

GRADUATION DINNER DANCE FEE

COST PER TICKET: \$65 (School Cash Online for graduates only~ cash will not be accepted).

ONLINE TICKET SALES: Friday May 1st, 2020 to Friday June 5th, 2020.

GUEST TICKET: \$65 (All non-graduate tickets are to be purchased in person through Ms. Stocco in co-op office ~ **CASH ONLY!**)

GUEST TICKET SALES: Thursday May 28th, 2020 to Thursday June 4th, 2020

TICKET DISTRIBUTION: To Be Announced.

Note:

- To purchase Dinner-Dance tickets you must participate in the ceremony.
- Guests **MUST** have VP approval before tickets are purchased. A "Special Events Guest Permission Form" must be completed, signed, and returned before a guest ticket can be purchased.



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November 4th, 2019

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 – Regina Mundi Roman Catholic Church (Parent's and guests are all welcome to attend)

Thursday June 4, 2020 at 8:45 a.m.

GRADUATION BRUNCH & REHEARSAL – Brunch @ Hamilton Convention Centre by Carmen's, Rehearsal @ FirstOntario Concert Hall (formerly Hamilton Place)

Thursday June 4, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

GRADUATION CEREMONY – FirstOntario Concert Hall (formerly Hamilton Place)

Thursday June 4, 2020 – 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 25, 2020 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 (including smoking and vaping) **WILL NOT** be permitted at any graduation activities. As at all school functions, any student under the influence of alcohol/ illegal substance, smoking and vaping will not be permitted to participate.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. D. DiFrancesco
Principal, St. Thomas More Catholic Secondary School

Note: Please keep this letter for your personal reference.

GRADUATION 2020 – IMPORTANT DATES

Graduation Ceremony ~ Thursday June 4, 2020
 Graduation Dinner Dance ~ Thursday June 25, 2020

Event	Due Date	Location/Time/ Other Information
Graduation Activity Fee \$90	School Cash Online Monday November 4, 2019 to March 27, 2020.	A \$10 late fee will be charged after March 27, 2020. No fees will be accepted after April 14, 2020. Ceremony guest tickets will be distributed in May.
Payment: https://hwcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/		
Height for Graduation Gown	Friday January 10, 2020	See Ms. Chiarelli or Ms. Skyula
Online Student Information Form for Graduation Awards	Friday March 27, 2020	Submit form ONLINE
Graduation Photos	April 15 – 17, 2020, April 20 – April 27, 2020	Location: Library Seminar Room \$10 Cash Sitting Fee paid directly to Lifetouch.
Christian Service Hours (min 40 hours)	Friday May 8, 2020	Submit to Guidance **Final deadline to submit hours**
Graduation Quote for the Year Book	Friday April 24, 2020	Submit to stm.gradquotes@gmail.com No Graduation Quotes will be accepted after the due date. (See page 3 for requirements)
Graduation Dinner Dance Fee \$65 – Online Payment ~ For graduates only	Friday May 1 st to Friday June 5 th , 2020	To Be Announced
Guest Ticket fee \$65 ~ purchased in person through Ms. Stocco in co-op office.	Thursday May 28 th , 2020 to Thursday June 4 th , 2020	