



Monsignor Haller Catholic School

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Dear Grade 8 Graduates & Families:

This has been a school year unlike any other and we are planning a Grade 8 Graduation unlike any other for a group of students unlike any other! It is disappointing that we cannot offer our traditional graduation mass and ceremony, but we think we have planned something special to celebrate the wonderful people you are and all of your accomplishments in your final year at Monsignor Haller.

Please see below for the outline of our very detailed plan. For the health and safety of everyone involved, we ask that you and your family members read and follow the plan very carefully.

- ❖ In lieu of a graduation mass and ceremony, all students will receive a link to a virtual graduation video. This will include pictures/videos/messages, a list of graduation award recipients, and of course our traditional diploma ceremony with staff members introducing each student. Your grade 8 teachers have worked hard to put this together, and in Haller style, many staff were keen to help in anyway possible. We hope you enjoy this very special keepsake. The video link will be shared after our graduation
- ❖ The graduation will take place at the school on **Thursday, June 18th from 4:00pm-5:00pm**
- ❖ Mrs. Rice, Miss. O'Neill, Mrs. Hunter and welcome staff will be present outside the front of the school and will adhere to the physical distancing guidelines
- ❖ Access to school property is prohibited to anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or has had close contact with a confirmed case. All individuals must complete the self-assessment tool prior to arrival:
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>.
- ❖ **One at a time**, each graduate may make their way through our mini procession at the main entrance. Here each grad will receive a memento of the 2020 year: a lawn/window sign ("A Monsignor Haller Grad Lives Here") and a gift bag containing your grad diploma & your awards if you were a recipient. All items the students are receiving will have been handled with gloves only. **Students may wait in their vehicle or edge of the school property until the front entrance is clear before approaching**

- ❖ Each graduate may pose for a quick photo op as you pick up your items from the table. Staff will be happy to take a photo for you as family members are asked to remain in the vehicle / edge of the front walkway
- ❖ In order to complete our event within the hour we have scheduled, unfortunately there will be no time for conversation or a lengthy photo shoot with staff members
- ❖ If it is raining, students will stay in your vehicle, or run up to the main entrance and one of our staff members will pass your items to you
- ❖ As soon as you have picked up your items, you and your family must exit school property and away from the school. There should be no gathering in our parking lot or on Shea Crescent
- ❖ You are encouraged to wear your grad outfit (if you had already bought it) or your “Sunday best”. This is a special occasion so let’s celebrate!
- ❖ If any family does not feel they can participate during this dedicated timeframe, please let one of us know as soon as possible. We will make alternate arrangements for you.

Once again, we ask that you adhere strictly to the plan that has been outlined. Not only is it in keeping with Ministry, School Board and Public Health guidelines for the health and safety of everyone who comes onto school property, varying from the plan in any way could lead to personal liability risk for our staff. Plans are subject to change should guidelines change.

We look forward to seeing you all on June 18th to celebrate our awesome Grade 8 Graduates!

Stay well,

Mrs. Rice, Miss O’Neill and Mrs. Hunter