



Dear CSS 2020 Graduates and Families:

You have most likely heard that we will not be hosting traditional graduation events this June due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we have been hoping for different news that we would be able to gather this spring, it is clear that social distancing guidelines will be in place for many months ahead with no certainty of an end date. This uncertainty has made it difficult to plan for school ceremonies and events even into the summer or fall. As such we feel that it will be important to celebrate and honour the graduates of 2020 the best way we can this spring.

As noted in the letter from the Superintendent, we will be hosting virtual ceremonies this spring. Although we are unable to host our Traditional Commencement Ceremony, we are planning on incorporating most of the elements of our past Commencement Ceremonies. We are planning on video recording students crossing the stage in their cap and gown and receiving their diploma, along with recording and showing the 2020 Valedictorian Speech and other speeches normally delivered in the ceremony. Please know that as a school team, we will work to provide the best possible ceremony we can considering the circumstances. We will be sending out more information in the coming days as to how this will unfold.

Class of 2020, I know this is not how you would have wanted to end your school days, however, we will be working hard over the next number of weeks to make this a special memory for you and your families.

Sincerely,

Brian Fehlauer

Principal

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