



April 28, 2021

Dear SWC graduating students, and families of graduates:

We know the last 14 months have been challenging for students, their peers and loved ones, and our staff is proud of our students for their commitment to graduating this year.

Grads – you stuck with it, and here you are, ready to graduate.

With the province's announcement about our return to remote learning for the foreseeable future, we wanted to share what's being planned for your 2021 graduating class.

Unfortunately, the DSBN will not be able to hold in-person graduation ceremonies in June. We sincerely wanted to commemorate this milestone in-person, however COVID-19 had other plans for us; yet your accomplishments will still be celebrated.

What to expect for graduation this year

Every DSBN secondary school will be hosting a virtual ceremony in the form of a video for our graduates and families to watch from home. We will release ours on the morning of June 24, which will be the same day as our diploma pick-up. Our SWC graduation video will include all the elements of our traditional graduation ceremony with an acknowledgement of each graduate, awards & medallion recognitions, and of course, the Valedictorian speech.

We will be reaching out to graduates to help us make this graduation video special for our school. Links will be posted in your Gr. 12 D2L announcements shell for both the submission of a Gr. 12 selfie and a video clip for the annual SWC Student Grad Video (which will, once again, be directed by Mr. Nickel and his team). We are concerned that graduation photos might not be completed in time for the creation of the graduation video, so be sure to give us a selfie as directed, so that we have a photo of you for the virtual ceremony!

You will be involved in the nomination, and voting, process for Valedictorian and Rotary Medalists later next month, again through your Gr. 12 D2L site.

Collection of Grad Documentation

We are working on a plan for students to be able to pick up their grad portfolios on Thursday, June 24th. As we monitor provincial and regional health and safety protocols, we will be able to share more specific details closer to the June date.

Graduate apparel (cap, sash, and gown) have arrived and will be distributed to students at their grad photo session with "Lasting Images". This is yours to keep, and we encourage you to wear it when you come to the school to collect your diploma. Students can still make grad photo appointments using the link found on our website and in D2L.

We will do everything we can to honour your graduation. If there is something else we can do to support you, please don't hesitate to contact me

Sincerely,

Ms. Gilmore, Principal