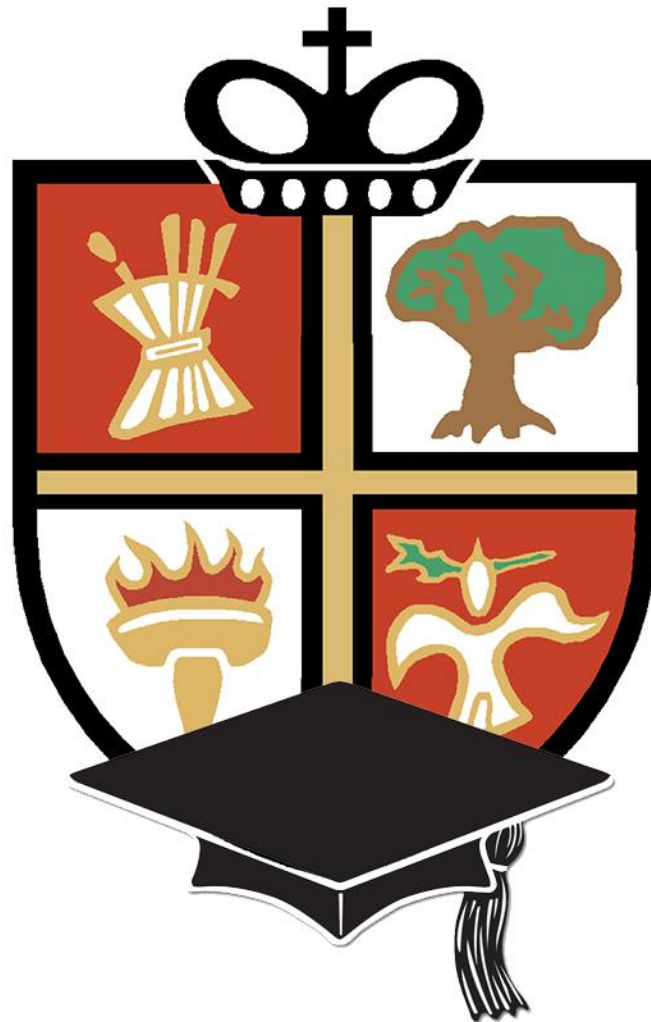


# MILLER COMPREHENSIVE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## 2024

### GRADUATION MASS & EXERCISE INFORMATION

# **STATEMENTS OF POLICY AND PROTOCOL**

## **Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81**

### **Graduation Exercises**

The Board favours high school graduation exercises for all students who are in a position to complete the provincial and school division high school requirements at the end of the current school year. Graduation exercises are to reflect the spiritual and the academic aspects of Catholic education.

### **SYSTEM PRACTICE**

1. Students must acquire a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits overall at the Secondary Level. These requirements are detailed in the student handbook and can be found under Student Services section Miller's website (<https://miller.rcsd.ca/graduation-requirements>)
2. Graduation eligibility lists will be updated and posted shortly after the beginning of Semester II. It is the responsibility of each student to ensure his/her name is on the list, and to verify the spelling of his/her name.
3. In keeping with school division policy, we at Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School believe that a student's academic achievement should be recognized in a Catholic atmosphere. This belief will be manifested at the graduation mass and the graduation exercises.
4. We strive to keep costs reasonable and affordable for all grade 12 students.

### **Tuesday, JUNE 25**

#### **MANDATORY Rehearsal**

Gym A            11:30 am

Graduation caps and gowns will be distributed along with graduate lawn signs to those who have school and graduation fees paid and all other school fees paid in full.

### **Thursday, JUNE 27**

#### **Graduation Exercises**

Conexus Arts Centre            9:00 am

Students wear Miller graduation gown, v-stole, and cap. Students are to be prepared to gather by 8:30 am.

#### **Graduation Mass**

Resurrection Parish            2:00 pm

Students will wear their graduation gowns and v-stole. Graduation caps are not worn to Mass. Students are to sit with their families.

## **DRESS REQUIREMENTS (Exercises)**

The graduation caps and gown for the the mass/exercises will be yours to keep. The cost for this will be covered as part of graduation fees. We ask that all graduands wear appropriate clothing under the gowns (boys may wear a shirt and tie, dress pants and dress shoes, but NOT shorts of any kind. Girls may wear either a dress, or a top and dress pants and dress shoes – no flip flops for anyone please).

## **Fee Collection**

**Graduation fee** amount is **\$100** and should be paid by **May 1, 2024**. This fees, along with any other outstanding school fees, must be paid in order to receive the graduate gown at rehearsal on June 25, 2024.

**\* Please note – All outstanding school fees must be paid before acceptance of graduation fee.**

### **FEES**

A Graduation fee of **\$100** includes:

Cap and gown, auditorium rental, printing of programs, printing of invitations, printing of certificates, graduation exercise tickets, art legacy and miscellaneous/guests/liturg

## **SPEECHES**

### **VALEDICTORIAN** (given at Exercises)

The role of the **VALEDICTORIAN** is to serve as the representative voice of the entire graduating class. This position should be looked upon as an honour. This student acts as a representative on behalf of the graduands.

Each year, eligible graduands choose a student to be their valedictorian. The valedictorian is a student with good academic standing who has contributed to the life of the school in many ways. The student that is chosen as the second choice for Valedictorian will be invited to welcome guests and deliver the invocation/prayer.

### **Procedure for selecting a Valedictorian**

#### **Eligible Candidates**

The top 10 students based on May 2 average marks in the following courses will be selected as nominees: **CATHOLIC STUDIES 30, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS A30, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS B30, SOCIAL STUDIES 30** and the next best **THREE** taken in the Grade XII year.

#### **Nomination and Election**

- The nominee receiving the most votes based on student vote will be the valedictorian, whereas the student who receives the second highest number of votes will give the invocation. The nomination and voting processes for these positions will run during April/May. If the result of the first vote is determined to be a close race, there may be an additional vote with a reduced number of nominees to determine the valedictorian.
- The selected student must have their speech approved by the school administration and presented to the speech committee by the agreed upon specified date. In the event that the speech is not

completed to present to the committee someone else may be selected. The speech must be rehearsed with the appointed teacher(s).

## **TIMELINE**

November 15	First Graduation Eligibility List posted
<b>February</b>	Parent Meeting (Virtual) To be determined
March 11-15	Graduation Photos (\$30 sitting fee) Heights for gowns will be collected at this time, as well. (Contact Lifetouch at 949-8448 for additional information or for order assistance)
April	Valedictorian Speech selection and voting process begins
April	Updated Graduation Eligibility list posted
May 1	Also school fees, including \$100 graduation fee, are due.
May	Updated Graduation Eligibility list posted
May	Valedictorian nomination and voting process
June 25	Mandatory Grad Rehearsal 11:30 am- Gym A (Gowns/Lawn Signs will be distributed at this time.
June 27	Graduation Exercises 9 am – Grad Exercises
June 27	Graduation Mass 2 pm – Resurrection Parish

# Graduation Awards

## Top Academic Awards:

- Chancellery of Canadian Order & Decoration, Rideau Hall – Governor General's Academic Medal
- Regina Catholic Schools Academic Proficiency Award

## Grade 12 Subject Awards:

- These are determined by subject specific criteria and are presented at Graduation Exercises

## Leadership Awards: (Due May 15)

(Award specific criteria, voted on by the Miller Staff. These award are subject to change.)

- Regina Catholic Schools:
  - Catholic Leadership Award
  - Chevaliers De Dolum Francais Award (2)
  - Indigenous Student Achievement Award
  - Circle of Voices first Nations Inuit & Metis Award – “Inspiring Success”
  - The Anton and Magdalena Scholarship for Academic Excellence (Indigenous Student)
  - The Anton and Magdalena Scholarship for Academic Excellence
- Archbishop Donald Bolen - Archbishop's Award
- Mrs. L. Selinger - Gary J. Selinger Humanitarian Award
- Reverend Monsignor Kenneth E. Miller, P.H. - J.P. Miller Award
- Knights of Columbus Council #1247 Achievement Award
- Miller Staff Award
- Darlene Solie - Student Achievement Award (Alternative Program)
- Regina Catholic Schools Teachers' Association (RCSTA) School Spirit Award

The faculty of Miller Comprehensive High School votes on these awards. Students have the opportunity to submit a written profile outlining their involvement in extracurricular, school, leadership and parish related activities so they can be considered for these awards. Priest or parish worker references are required for awards that consider parish involvement. Guidance counsellors will visit Grade 12 classes in early March to inform students about the leadership awards and the written profile.

## The Allan and Darlene Exner Scholarships (Due May 15)

Six \$1250 scholarships are awarded annually to graduating Miller students who:

- Are in good academic standing
- Are enrolled in a post-secondary program for the fall after graduation
- Have significant school based extra-curricular involvement and community volunteer activity outside of their CAP Project.

A minimum of 2 of the 6 scholarships will be awarded to recipients enrolled in a trades or apprenticeship program and a minimum of 2 of the 6 scholarships will be awarded to graduates who are self-declared Indigenous Students. Click on the link provided to begin the application process.

**\*\* Please note, applicants MUST use their RCSD account to complete the application below. \*\***

<https://forms.office.com/r/Gz7v7Tj343>

Applicants must submit a 250-300 word essay on *the value of education and their reason(s) for their post-secondary program of choice*. Applicants must provide references as well as proof of enrolment at the post-secondary institution they are attending.

## Honour Roll:

The Honour Roll consists of Major Honour Awards and Honour Awards. A Major Honour Award is presented to a student who has achieved an academic average of 90.00% or higher. An Honour Award is presented to a student who has achieved an academic average between 80.00% and 89.99%. Grade 12 Honour Roll Criteria is listed below. Credits earned at Miller, through on-line courses, or at a high school from which a student transfers can be used in the calculations. Honour Roll for Graduating students is calculated after period 5 exams are completed.

### **Grade 12**

ELA A30  
ELA B30  
Catholic Studies 30  
Social/Native Studies 30  
3 highest remaining C.Y. Marks\*

### **Grade 12 (Modified Courses)**

ELA A31  
ELA B31  
Catholic Studies 30  
Social 31/Native Studies 30  
Highest remaining C.Y. Mark\*

### **Grade 12 (Alternate Program)**

ELA A38  
ELA B38  
Catholic Studies 38  
2 highest remaining C.Y. Marks\*

\*Current Year Mark(s)