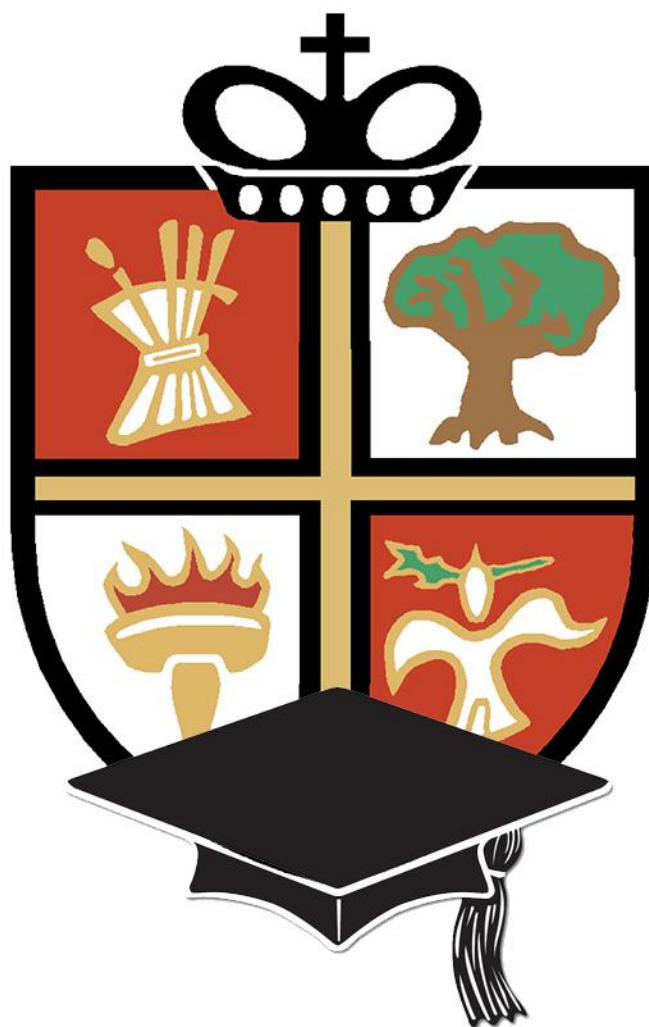


MILLER COMPREHENSIVE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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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.

Graduation Exercises - Administrative Protocol

1. The principal shall assure that each Grade 12 student is made aware of the requirements for graduation eligibility at the beginning of his/her graduating year.
2. To be eligible to participate in graduation exercises, the student must be able to complete the provincial requirements for Grade 12 standing at the end of the current school year and must have completed Catholic Studies 30 or be currently enrolled in the class and, in the opinion of the principal, doing satisfactory work in classes in order to participate in graduation exercises.
3. Each high school shall inform graduands and parents/guardians about the policy and protocol regarding high school graduation exercise participation prior to April 1.
4. Each high school shall provide graduands and parents/guardians all necessary information regarding graduation activities that are part of the school's planned program.
5. Parents shall also be advised that any other activities related to graduation do not have the approval of the school or the School Board. A letter from the Board to parents of graduands about graduation activities addresses this.
6. Schools should attempt to hold graduation exercises at a time outside the regular school day. If they are held during a school day, they may not begin before 1:00 p.m.
7. Graduation exercises should be self-sustaining. Graduation fees should pay for all related costs. Principals are to alert graduation organizers about issues of student and family poverty.
8. The celebration of Mass is to be held in close proximity to graduation.
9. Each high school shall develop and conduct a program emphasizing safety and due diligence in all activities related to graduation.
10. High school principals should provide guidance and advice to parent committees planning after graduation activities for graduands and their guests.

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.
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.

Friday, JUNE 23

MANDATORY Rehearsal

Gym A 11:30 am

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

Tuesday, JUNE 27

Graduation Mass

Resurrection Parish 7:00 pm

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

Wednesday, JUNE 28

Graduation Exercises

Conexus Arts Centre 7:00 pm

Students wear Miller graduation gown, v-stole, and cap. Students are to be prepared to gather by 6:30 pm.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS (Exercises)

The academic dress worn to the mass/exercises will be yours to keep this year because of the pandemic. 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

Fee amount and collection date is yet to be set. Fees will be payable online, as other school-related fees are.

*** 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
Beginning of March	Parent Meeting (Virtual) To be determined
	Graduation Photos – Monday, March 20 to Friday, March 24, 2023 (\$30 sitting fee) (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	Updated Graduation Eligibility list posted
May	Valedictorian nomination and voting process
June 23	Mandatory Grad Rehearsal 11:30 am- Gym A (Gowns/Lawn Signs will be distributed at this time.
June 27	Graduation Mass 7:00 pm - Resurrection Parish
June 28	Graduation Exercices 7 :00 pm - Conexus Arts Centre

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Graduation Awards

Top Academic Awards:

- Chancellery of Canadian Order & Decoration, Rideau Hall – Governor General's Academic Medal (presented at Fall Academic Awards)
- Regina Catholic Schools Academic Proficiency Award

Grade 12 Subject Awards:

- These are determined by subject specific criteria and are presented at Fall Academic Awards. See complete list below.

Leadership Awards: (Due May 12)

(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 12)

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 the May long weekend.

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)