

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 ([Admin Application 8520](#)).

SYSTEM PRACTICE

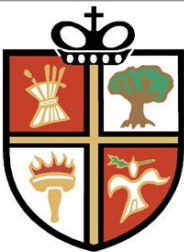
1. Students must acquire a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits overall at the Secondary Level. These requirements are detailed in the student handbook and can be found under Student Services section Miller's website (<https://miller.rcsd.ca/graduation-requirements>)
2. Graduation eligibility lists will 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 23, 2026

MANDATORY Rehearsal

Gym A 11:30 am

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



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Thursday, JUNE 25

Graduation Mass

Resurrection Parish

9:30 AM

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

Graduation Exercises

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.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS (Exercises)

The graduation caps and gown for 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 free amount is **\$100** and should be paid by **May 1, 2026**. This fees, along with any other outstanding school fees, must be paid in order to receive the graduate gown at rehearsal on June 23, 2026.

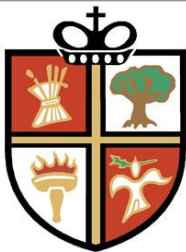
Admin App 8510- “Graduation exercises should be self-sustaining and graduation fees should pay for all of the related costs. Principals are to notify the planners of graduation celebrations of any issues of student and family poverty.”

*** 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



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SPEECHES

VALEDICTORIAN (speech 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.

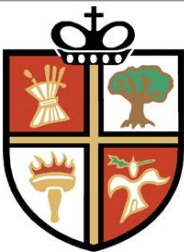
Procedure for selecting a Valedictorian

Eligible Candidates

The top 10 students based on May 1 average marks in all courses. The list of up to ten nominees is based on students' overall grade average. If a nominee chooses not to have their name on the ballot, a replacement name is not selected.

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 salutatory speech. Two other nominees may be selected for the exercise 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).



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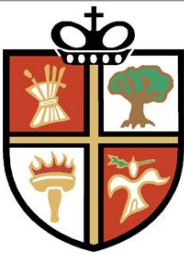
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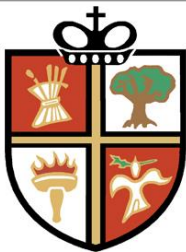
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TIMELINE

November 15	First Graduation Eligibility List posted
January 19-23	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)
February	Parent Meeting (Virtual) To be determined
April	Valedictorian Speech selection and voting process begins
April	Updated Graduation Eligibility list posted
May 1	Any school fees, including \$100 graduation fee, are due.
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 25	Graduation Mass 9:30 AM Resurrection Parish
June 25	Graduation Exercises 7 :00PM Conexus Arts Centre



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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 awards are subject to change.)

- Regina Catholic Schools:
 - Catholic Leadership Award
 - Chevaliers De Colum Français 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)
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- 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
- 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)

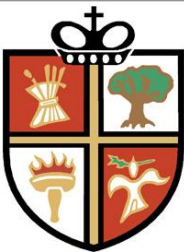
Six \$1250 scholarships are awarded annually to graduating Miller students who:

- 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>



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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 is based on all of a student's marks.