Holy Cross High School Graduation 2024

School Prayer

Creator God,

As we begin this new day, we thank you for being with us.

We thank you for the talents, the gifts and the graces you have blessed us with.

We ask you to open our hearts and fill us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we might have the courage and strength to do your will.

School Prayer

Unite us, and inspire us to be people of faith, hope and love, so that through us

You may build your kingdom of peace and justice on earth.

We ask all this through Jesus your Son and our Brother, and Mary our Mother,

Amen.

All the Saints at the Holy Cross of Jesus – pray for us.

Agenda

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Graduation Information
 - a. Graduation activities
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 - c. Grade 12 Honour Roll
 - d. Timelines
 - e. Fees
- 3. Grad Parent Committee

Grade 12 Retreat

All Grade 12 students are required to attend the retreat (during the school day) in late May/early June. Further details coming.

Graduation Activities Thursday, June 27, 2024

Graduation Liturgy and Ceremony

Merlis Belsher Place at 1:30pm

(Grade 12's need to arrive to line up at 12:30pm)

New location – Merlis Belsher Place

- We have moved to Merlis Belcher due to the size of this graduation class and not having enough seating at TCU
- Parking will be better at Merlis as we can use the parking lot in front of Merlis and the stadium parking (at no cost)



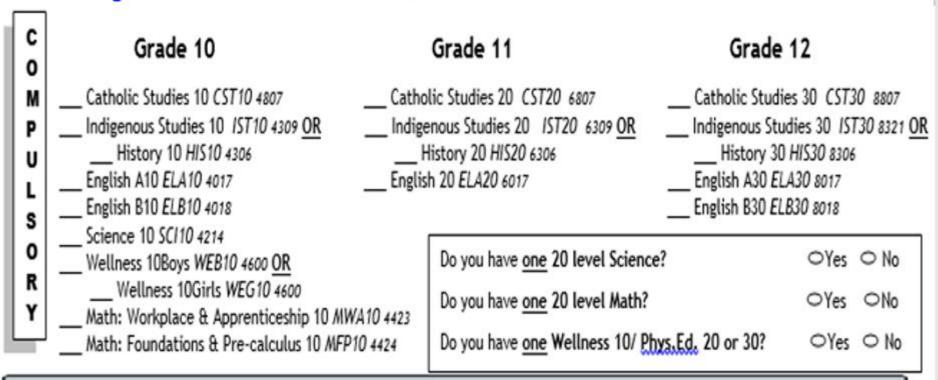


Eligibility for Graduation

To be eligible to participate in Graduation, a student must:

- Have at least 19 credits before entering the final semester.
- Be registered in Semester 2 for enough courses that total at least 24 credits.
- Have passed or be passing all required courses (including Cyber) by April 22 (midterm date). If not, the student will meet with Ms. Hayes to make a plan and parents/guardians will be informed.
- Satisfy the requirements of Catholic Studies 30 and attend the Grade 12 Retreat.

Required Courses for Graduation



A student must earn a minimum of 24 credits units to graduate

Eligibility for Graduation

 Students complete an online Application to Graduate package (February).

 Paid all school fees, returned all school materials (start paying in school fees in installments if needed)

The Application to Graduate

- o Students will access a copy of their transcripts on MSS and complete the Application to Graduate online form in class.
- o They need to make sure the list of credits is accurate from Grade 10 and up, including the ones they are currently taking.

The Application to Graduate

- o Include credits received from other schools like Cyber School.
- o Also need to include height for Grad gown.
- olf unable or not wanting to participate in grad, please indicate on form.

Grade 12 Honour Roll

oFirst semester <u>final</u> marks and 2nd semester <u>June 3 marks</u>.

oStudents taking a Cyber School class like CST 30 or IST30 (required courses) must be at mid-term in that course for it to be calculated. If not, they will not be eligible for Honour Roll.

English Honour Roll

Required Courses:

- oEnglish Language Arts A30 and B30
- oCatholic Studies 30
- **o**History 30 or Indigenous Studies 30
- oNext 4 highest Level 30 classes

French Immersion Honour Roll

Required Courses:

- oÉtudes Catholiques 30
- **o**Science Sociale 30
- oFrançais Immersion 30
- oEnglish Language Arts A30 or B30
- oNext 4 highest level 30 classes

Second Semester

oValedictorian and Salutatorian will be chosen (May).

Grad Photos

- o January 22 26
- o All Grade 12's are asked to sign up for grad photos online whether they are graduating or not. Purchase is optional, but we need photos for yearbook and composite.
- o\$35 sitting fee which includes 10 12 poses and the 11x14 class composite and vinyl folder is received at Grad

Graduation Mass and Exercises

- Must wear cap, gown and stole.
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Shorts may not be worn under the gown.
- Don't wear tux or gown during Exercises.
- Gown and stole must be returned immediately after the ceremony.
- olf you are getting hair done, make appointments for the morning.

Grad Rehearsal and picking up of grad gowns

Friday, June 21 after the Period 3 final exam in the theatre.

You will also pick up your grad gown at this time. School fees must be paid prior to picking up grad gown.

You can book personal photos for June 22 – June 26

Graduation Costs

\$25.00 (Grad Retreat) and \$70.00 (Other costs) - included with initial school fees:

- Gown and stole rental
- Grad cap and tassel (graduates keep these)
- Merlis Bersher rental/costs (Mass & Ceremonies)
- o Flowers
- Incidentals

Not included in \$70.00

o Parent-led graduation activities, e.g. banquet or tea, after grad

Final Words

- o Grad is still 8 months away. Make a plan and pace yourself.
- o Remember grad is one day, what you really need to plan for is life after grad.
- o This term pass all your classes! If you are struggling, talk to someone!
- o Pay attention to Student Services notices!
- o Be leaders.
- o Have a great year!
- o Questions?

Stay informed!

- o 2024 Graduates Edsby group
- o Student Services Notices Edsby group
- o Counsellor Connection tile on portal

Parent Grad Committee

Winter Formal is Monday, January 29 at Gordie Howe facility. No school the next day as semester turnaround. More details to come.

Grad banquet and after grad – Prairieland Hall B on June 27 at 6:30pm

Deane Martin-Gray is taking the lead and is looking for parent volunteers to help out. Please email her to volunteer: deanemartin@yahoo.com