

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to share updates to our Honour Roll recognition process at St. Joseph High School. These changes reflect our commitment to celebrating academic excellence in a way that is meaningful, inclusive, and manageable for our growing school community.

Last year, over **800 students** achieved Honour Roll status, resulting in a two-hour ceremony with our gym over-capacity. While we are proud of our students' achievements, the scale of the event made it difficult to create a personal and impactful experience. This year, we've redesigned our recognition format to better suit our space and ensure every student feels celebrated.

- The minimum average required for **Honour Roll** has increased from **80% to 85%**.
- The threshold for **Honour Roll with Distinction** remains at **90%**.
- The courses used to calculate averages have been refined at each grade level.
 - For current **Grade 12 students who will be graduating in June, 2026**, the **Honour Roll** calculation will include their **highest 30-level Math and Science course**, ensuring recognition of their strongest academic efforts.

Despite the changes, we are thrilled to share that nearly **150 students at each grade level** have earned **Honour Roll with Distinction** which is a great testament to the hard work and dedication of our students.

To make recognition more personal and inclusive, we will celebrate students in several meaningful ways:

- **Classroom Presentations:**
On **November 3, 4, and 5**, members of the administration team will visit every **Period 2 class** to present Honour Roll certificates to students in front of their peers.
- **School-Wide Display:**
The names of Honour Roll students will be displayed on the **TV screens throughout the school** for the entire week, allowing the whole community to celebrate their success.
- **Distinction Tea:**
On **November 6, at 2:00 p.m.**, we will host a **tea in the gym** for students who have achieved **Honour Roll with Distinction (90% or higher)**.
This event will include:
 - A brief program with **prayer**, a **Principal's address**, and select **award presentations**.
 - Recognition of **Grade 9, 10, and 11 Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools scholarships**.
 - (Please note: **Athletic and Social Awards** will be presented separately at the **October Pep Rally**.)

We are proud of our students' dedication and achievements, and we look forward to celebrating their success in ways that are both meaningful and memorable. Thank you for your continued support in helping us foster a culture of excellence at St. Joseph High School.

Parent-Teacher Interviews (PTI)

The scheduler for PTI scheduler will open on **Monday, October 6, at 9:00 a.m.** for families to begin booking appointments. If you are interested in connecting with your child's teacher for a 5-minute conference, you must access EDSBY to sign up for a time slot. Parents/guardians will receive an email with sign-up information. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, October 15, 9:00 a.m.

Interview Dates & Times

Thursday, October 16

- **4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**
 - Most teachers will be in the **cafeteria**, arranged by **last name**.
 - **Phys. Ed. teachers** will be in front of the **gym**.
 - **Art, Industrial Arts, Media, Music, and Home Economics teachers** will be in their **classrooms**.
 - **Science teachers** will be in the **science hallway**.
 - Families should **allow time between interviews** to move around the building.
- **6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
 - Same location arrangements as above.

Friday, October 17

- Interviews will continue throughout the day. Locations and structure will follow Thursday's format unless otherwise noted.

October Items & Events

- **October 15 – Lockdown Drill at 10:00 a.m.** (rescheduled from original date).
- **October 17 – SPT conferences**
- **October 21 – CCCC-sponsored event recognizing Carlo Acutis** (see attached poster).
- **October 24–25 – Come cheer on our Senior Girls Volleyball Team during the TCUP Tournament!**
- **October 29 – P.A.R.T.Y. Program** (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) for **Grade 10 students** currently enrolled in **Phys. Ed.**

Reminders & Notices

- *See the attached memo regarding NLS fees.*
 - Fee invoices will be distributed soon.
- If you have **not submitted the media release form**, please do so using the following link: <https://forms.gle/XXysRRWn4j6oHBpW8>