



Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School

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GRADUATION 2012

INFORMATION PACKAGE

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 (Period 1)

<i>Grad Co-Chairpersons</i>	<i>Teacher Advisors</i>	
<i>Mrs. J. Valentini</i>	<i>Ms. L. Byrne</i>	<i>Ms. L. Kocsis</i>
<i>Mrs. V. Cicchetti</i>	<i>Mr. K. Daly</i>	<i>Ms. S. Mazza</i>
	<i>Mr. J. Fleming</i>	<i>Mr. T. Tassone</i>
	<i>Mr. S. Galli</i>	<i>Ms. M. Vincic</i>
	<i>Ms. M. L. Gris</i>	

1. GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY:

To graduate, all diploma requirements must be completed on or before Friday, June 29th, 2012. Questions can be directed to Ms. Byrne in Student Services. **Community Service Hours must be completed by February 3rd, 2012.**

2. GRADUATION AWARDS:

Application packages are available today for anyone who feels that they qualify. You may nominate yourself, a fellow graduate, or a teacher might nominate you. You must meet all of the specific award criteria to be considered by the committee. The application package and profile must be completed in full. Note that some awards require supporting letters or documentation, so please read the requirements for each award carefully. Deadline for applications is Friday, February 10th, 2012 in the Main Office. Questions can be directed to Mr. Daly or Mr. Tassone.

The Christian Life Award will be selected by a nomination procedure. You can nominate yourself or a fellow student using the nomination form. The award goes to one male and one female graduate, each of whom best exemplifies Christian and Catholic values. Forms are available in the Main Office. Nomination forms are due Thursday, April 12th, 2012 to Mr. Daly, Mr. Tassone or the Main Office. Voting will take place on Wednesday, April 18th, 2012 during period one.

3. GRADUATION RINGS:

If you choose to purchase a ring, you will be dealing directly with a Josten's Representative. Josten's will be here November 22nd and 23rd from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in front of the cafeteria to take orders.

4. GRAD PORTRAITS:

Pegasus Canada Inc. photographers will be available to take grad portraits on **December 7th-9th, 12th-16th and 19th-20th**, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You must book an appointment time with Pegasus in front of the cafeteria during the days of **December 5th and 6th**. An appointment slip will be issued to you to remind you of your appointment. Missed appointments or changes must be rescheduled with Mrs. Cicchetti in Special Education across from the Attendance Office. **THIS WILL BE THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE PORTRAITS DONE** that will be included in the yearbook and class composite. Even if you are not buying a package, have your picture **TAKEN**. Questions and concerns are to be directed to Pegasus at 1-800-461-6575 (George Enns).

5. GRADUATION FEES:

The grad fees will be collected in Student Services (Ms. Mazza) starting November 15th, 2011 to Friday, March 9th, 2012. Cash only will be accepted and a receipt will be issued. Please hand in your fee as soon as possible so your orders can be made. Late fees are not accepted.

The cost of participating in the graduation exercises will be:

\$75.00 for male students

\$90.00 for female students

This cost will cover the cost of the gown rental, cap and tassel, flowers, printing, brunch, and the use of the Cathedral of Christ the King. The fee is **non-refundable**. The cap and tassel are yours to keep.

6. GRADUATION COMMITTEE:

Four students have already been selected. They are:

Vanessa De Rubeis
Philip DiFilippo
Alana Klunder
Andre Laranjeiro

Four more students will be added to the committee and will be chosen by vote by the graduating class. If you are interested, please complete a nomination form attached. Read the criteria and complete the form by obtaining signatures from your fellow graduates. A graduate can only sign **ONE** nomination form. Return the form to the **MAIN OFFICE** on or before Friday, November 25th, 2011. If more than four people are nominated, graduates will vote during periods 2, 3 and 4 on Wednesday, November 30th, 2011 outside the cafeteria. Listen for announcements and check the **GRADUATION** bulletin board in the front of the cafeteria.

7. VALEDICTORIAN NOMINATION & SELECTION:

If you are interested in being the class valedictorian, fill in the nomination form and return it to Mrs. Valentini. You must meet all the criteria outlined on the form, obtain 20 supporters who are graduates, and present a 2-minute speech describing why you would be the best choice for Valedictorian. Forms are to be returned to Mrs. Valentini on or before Thursday, December 8th, 2011. Speeches are due in to Mrs. Valentini no later than Friday, January 13th, 2012 for approval. Speeches will then be presented on Friday, March 2nd, 2012 and voting will take place following the presentation. The Valedictorian will receive the Laura Miller Award for Public Speaking at the grad ceremony. Graduates may only support ONE candidate and should only sign ONE nomination form.

8. IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:

November 22 nd -23 rd , 2011	Graduation Rings Viewing/Ordering-Front Foyer of Cafeteria
November 25 th , 2011	Grad Committee Nominations Due-Box in Main Office
November 30 th , 2011	Grad Committee Voting-Front of Cafeteria (Period 2, 3 & 4)
December 5 th -6 th , 2011	Portrait Appointments Booked-Front of Cafeteria
December 8 th , 2011	Valedictorian Nominations Due-Box in Main Office
December 7 th -9 th , 12 th -16 th , 19 th -20 th , 2011	Grad Portraits-Room A9 off of Music Hallway
January 13 th , 2012	Valedictorian Speeches Due for Approval to Mrs. Valentini
February 3 rd , 2012	Community Service Hours Due-Student Services
February 10 th , 2012	Grad Award Applications Due to Mr. Daly/Mr. Tassone
March 2 nd , 2012	Valedictorian Speeches & Voting-Auditorium (Period 1)
March 9 th , 2012	Final Deadline for Grad Fees-Student Services (Ms. Mazza)
April 12 th , 2012	Christian Life Award Nomination Forms Due-Box in Main Office
April 18 th , 2012	Voting of Christian Life Award-Auditorium (Period 1)
June 7 th , 2012	Grad Mass @ St. Luke's Church 9:00 a.m. Grad Brunch @ Liuna Station @ 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Rehearsal @ Cathedral of Christ the King @ 12:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Ceremony @ Cathedral of Christ the King @ 7:00 p.m.
June 8 th , 2012	Dinner/Dance @ Liuna Station, 360 James St. N., Hamilton 5:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Further details will follow as we get closer to the graduation. Please keep this letter for future reference.