



## GOVERNOR SIMCOE SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATE INFORMATION

Dear Potential Graduates and Families:

**Graduation will take place on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. at Bethany Community Church, 1388 Third Street, St. Catharines.** Graduates need to be at the church between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. to meet with their class in the Bethany Gymnasium. Please remember to bring your gown! Graduates are to leave purses, cell phones, etc. with a trusted guest. The Theatre will be open for guest seating at 5:30 p.m.

### **Steps to ensure a smooth graduation process:**

**1. Make sure you are on the list** Students should check to make sure that their name is on the graduation list located on the Guidance Door. If a student's name is not on the list it may be because a) the student has not met the academic requirements for a secondary school diploma, b) the student has not met the literacy requirement, c) 40 hours of community service has not been completed and submitted to the Guidance Office, d) the student did not register to graduate (see Guidance for the form). Proof of completion of community hours are to be submitted via the Hour Republic program to the Guidance Office by May 15, 2018. Parents are welcome to call the school in order to verify that their child is on the list.

**2. Submit your G.S.S.S Awards Association – Student Profile Summary** by May 15<sup>th</sup> to the Guidance Office. This helps the Awards Committee when considering students for awards.

**3. Attend the Graduate Breakfast – Thursday, May 17th, 7:45 a.m., Simcoe Cafeteria** Graduates will enjoy breakfast with peers and faculty and proceed to vote for their class valedictorian. A graduation information session will follow during period 1 where graduates will receive instructions for the big night! Students will also complete a *Graduate Profile Card* which provides the information that will be read when the student crosses the stage.

**4. Pick up your gown and guest tickets** Come to the Math Office any time after the graduate breakfast and before Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. You will receive three guest tickets. If you would like to be on a waiting list for an additional grad ticket please notify the math office at that time.

### **5. After the ceremony**

A celebratory reception will take place in the Bethany foyer for all of our guests.

Please pick up your red folder diploma package in the main foyer. You are welcome to take pictures with family and friends in the auditorium in your gown.

**6. If you receive a community award** please **mail** a thank you note to the person or organization giving you the gift expressing your appreciation as soon as possible (within one week). At the end of your graduation evening you will receive a red folder that will contain a letter with information about the award, and the contact information for the donor.

As a school, we are very proud of our students and their accomplishments. We look forward to celebrating your successes at this year's commencement ceremony!

