



Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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Dear Governor Simcoe graduating students and families of graduates:

We know the last 14 months have been challenging for students, their peers and loved ones, and our staff is proud of our students for their commitment to graduating this year.

Grads – you stuck with it, and here you are, ready to graduate.

With the province's announcement about our return to remote learning for the foreseeable future, we wanted to share what's being planned for your 2021 graduating class.

Unfortunately, the DSBN will not be able to hold in-person graduations ceremonies in June. We sincerely wanted to commemorate this milestone in-person, however COVID-19 had other plans for us, your accomplishments will still be celebrated.

What to expect for graduation this year

We will be hosting a virtual ceremony for our graduates and families. You will receive a cap and gown (yours to keep) and will be able to view safely with your family. The video will include all the elements of a traditional graduation ceremony including graduate picture procession, scholarship & medallion recognitions, and of course, the Valedictorian speech. We will be reaching out to graduates to help us make this graduation video special for our school. Our graduation video will celebrate the graduating class of 2021 while recognizing their accomplishments during secondary school.

Getting your diploma

We are working on a plan for diploma pick up near the end of June. As we monitor provincial and regional health and safety protocols, we will be able to share more specific details closer to the June date.

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, June 24th for the graduation video presentation

Thursday June 24th and Friday, June 25th for graduation diploma pick up.

We will do everything we can to honour your graduation. If there is something else we can do to support you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Teri Thompson