



# Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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## Communication to Grads May 5th, 2021

### Important Dates:

- ❑ **May 10th** – All potential grads are asked to have the *Application to Graduate & Student Profile* completed by this date. See link below.
- ❑ **May 11th** - Deadline date to submit your nomination for Valedictorian
- ❑ **May 13th** - MUST submit your graduation photo by midnight!
- ❑ **May 15th** – 20 Community Hours must be submitted through Hour Republic to the Guidance Office by this date in order to participate in a June graduation.
- ❑ **May 17th** - Plan on returning? You must submit an application to return. See below.
- ❑ **June 24th & June 25th** - Outdoor Graduate Celebration and family photo (as outlined per Public Health guidelines).

### Reminder to Complete your Student Profile

As a Governor Simcoe grad, you **MUST complete the Application form "Graduate Student Profile" --> no later than May 10th** in order to participate in the June celebration and be considered for graduation awards. Click here to access the form [Grad Student Profile & Future Plans](#).

### Valedictorian

It is time for you to nominate individual(s) to be your class valedictorian! Before nominating an individual please make sure that he/she would be willing to accept the nomination.

The process:

1. Nominations for Valedictorian consideration are available now and **due to be submitted no later than Wednesday, May 11th**. Once the nomination process is complete, you will receive another email with the Valedictorian Voting Form.
2. Awards Committee meets to solidify nominee list.
3. Students vote for Class Valedictorian.

Must meet all four criteria:

1. Excellent attendance
2. Strong commitment to academics
3. Positive role model for peers
4. Respect for self, peers, staff and community
5. Co-curricular involvement (clubs, teams, etc.)

You may only submit one nomination. Please submit your nominations using the Google Form below. You must be signed-in to your DSN account in order to access this form and submit.

[Valedictorian Nomination Form](#)

### **Formal Graduation Photos via Lasting Images Photography**

Unfortunately, due to the lockdown, many of you who had booked your formal graduation sitting for your graduation photo had to be re-booked. If you have not yet booked your graduation photos please visit <https://lastingimages.ca/clients/booking-calendar/>. Some of these sessions are moving well into June and may enter into July. Unfortunately, we will not be able to include these photos in the graduation video, however ...

### **Photos for Graduation Video**

... we are asking that you submit an individualized (one person) graduation photo of yourself for us to use in the graduation video! The photo may be formal or casual; you decide! Please add your first name, last name, and a message to your fellow graduates if you like. **Please upload your photo by Thursday, May 13th @ midnight.** If you do not meet this deadline your grade 11 photo will be used if it is available.. [Please upload your photo for the grad video here](#)

### **Outdoor Graduation Celebration - June 24th & 25th**

Closer to the date we will send out a form where you can sign in to a pick-up time. The plan is to distribute Grad Gowns (gown, cap, and sash that are yours to keep) when you arrive. At the Outdoor Graduation Celebration you will don your graduation gown, and then proceed to receive your diploma, and pick up your graduate package. There will be an opportunity to have your photo taken with family members (# of people permitted will be determined by Public Health).

*Please note: All of our plans are subject to approval from Niagara Public Health.*

### **Returning grads**

Sometimes returning to secondary school after you have graduated is a good idea, sometimes, not so much. It seems to be most successful when there is a real reason to be here, as opposed to simply not having made any other plans. Also, it helps to set goals and commit to attaining them.

An interview with our Principal, Guidance Counsellor, and/or Student Success Teacher will be arranged for you. After this meeting, and upon Administration approval, your course requests will be entered by the Guidance Department.

NOTE: All 12B requests are subject to Administrative approval and approved applicants will be reviewed at midterm. **You MUST complete the application below by Monday, May 17th.**

[2021 Returning Grad Student Application](#)