



# Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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Dear Governor Simcoe Graduates and Families,

We are looking forward to your upcoming graduation celebration and wanted to take a moment to share some important information with you.

We know that this is a big milestone for you and your family and so we want to assure you that we are working hard to make your moment special!

This pandemic has forced us all to reimagine the way we celebrate and connect with one another. With the impact of COVID-19 on the world and here in our community, we must do what we can to keep everyone safe by adhering to provincial and Niagara Region Public Health guidelines. Our goal is to keep you and your family safe and not put anyone at risk by hosting a large event.

We are pleased to have planned a personalized outdoor graduation celebration for you and your family. We will be able to see you in your cap and gown and personally congratulate you as you receive your diploma. We have planned for you and your family members to have time to capture this memorable moment with photos.

**Our virtual graduation celebration video will be going live on our website on Thursday June 24th at 7:30 p.m.** You will see that our school came together to create a video tribute to what you and all of your fellow graduates have accomplished as the Governor Simcoe Graduating Class of 2021!

## **Personalized Outdoor Graduation Celebration:**

### **Diploma Package Pick Up & Photo Opportunity Information**

The personalized outdoor graduation celebration dates will be:

- **Thursday June 24, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- **Friday June 25th from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**



You will be able to book an appointment slot (5 minutes per graduate) using the [School Appointments App](#) **starting today at 5:00 p.m. until June 22nd midnight.** If you have not used the School Appointment App before, you might be required to create an account (this is the same software used for parent-teacher interviews).

***Some things to consider:***

- **Families will be restricted to no more than 5 people, including the graduate, and should ideally be in a single vehicle or caravan.** If you are using alternate forms of transportation to attend the celebration, you will still be required to book a timeslot through the school appointment app and check-in with a staff member when you arrive.
- You will be asked to remain in your car/queue until it is your turn, and we will signal when you may exit your vehicle/proceed to receive your diploma package and have your photo taken.
- Family photos are welcome but we need to be prompt and efficient.
- This event will take place outside only so please dress appropriately for the weather-- **Graduates - wear your cap and gown to the pickup!!!**
- **Students and their guests (max. 4) will be required to complete the COVID-self assessment on the day of their pick up.** Use the following link: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

We look forward to seeing you soon to celebrate together!

Sincerely,

Teri Thompson

Principal, Governor Simcoe Secondary