



June 14, 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

As we approach the final days of the school year, we know that graduations, as announced by the Premier and Minister of Education, are at the top of mind for graduating students and their families.

We also recognize the significant amount of time and effort administrators and school staff have put into making graduation plans this year, and the strict regulations remaining in place within Step 1 of the Ontario Government's [Roadmap to Reopen](#).

With this in mind, we are sharing this information with families.

GRADUATIONS

In order to comply with the province-wide outdoor gathering limit of 10 people at this time, we will continue to move forward with plans as they were presented to families earlier this year; all secondary school graduations will take place in the fall, and are tentatively scheduled for in-person. Graduates will receive their Ontario Secondary School Diploma at that time.

All schools also have plans to recognize graduates, in-person, at the end of June well in hand, and we are supporting principals with these plans. You will hear more from your principal directly on what to expect for your specific school recognition event, but the general requirements from the Ministry of Education and Niagara Region Public Health, as noted below, must be followed.

- Each graduate is allowed up to two guests (for those other than drive-bys)
- All participants must wear a mask
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use upon arrival
- Individuals must maintain a safe physical distance from anyone outside their household
- All graduates and guests must fill in the Daily Self-Assessment form sent by the school or fill in one upon arrival
- There will be no access to indoor facilities (classrooms, office, gyms or washrooms) for students or their families
- There are no rain dates for these events

If it is possible to do so, graduates are to return any technology or other items belonging to the Board that they were provided with to support online learning on that same day. These items will be picked up from trunks of vehicles whenever possible. If your child requires the borrowed technology through June 28, please speak with their principal.

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RETURN OF TECHNOLOGY – GRADES 9-11

If you have a child in Grades 9-11, your school principal will designate a day for students to return items belonging to the school or Board. Students will be given individual time slots and we ask that you please notify the school if you cannot arrive at your designated time.

Please be advised that all components borrowed from the school or Board (technology devices, covers, power cords) must be returned.

I know that this has been a challenging year for students and am grateful for your ongoing commitment and support. If you have additional questions, please contact your child's principal.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cipriano', written in a cursive style.

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education