



Information Bulletin for Parents/Guardians: Year End Celebrations and Graduations

June is upon us and we can certainly look back upon this year as having presented us with many challenges. That being said, we can be very proud of the accomplishments of both students and staff as they persevered through many changes and adapted to the many new approaches adopted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including health and safety measures and pivoting to remote learning.

We recognize what an important milestone the end of the school year represents for our students, families and staff, especially for students moving on, in particular students moving from grade 6 to their new school for grade 7, students graduating from grade 8 and from grade 12. We also know how important it is to you and to our students and staff that we continue our commitment to health and safety at this critical point in the pandemic.

Our principals and staff began planning some time ago to prepare wonderful celebrations to honour the hard work and accomplishments of students in grades 6, 8 and 12. While not the same as it would be if we could gather in person, these planned virtual celebrations and graduation ceremonies have been carefully planned and serve to celebrate our students in a meaningful way. One advantage is that these can be shared with family and friends far and wide so that more can join in celebrating your children. Schools will also be augmenting the virtual celebrations with outdoor opportunities where possible. These might include drive by and photo opportunities, pick up of certificates and awards/gifts and the chance to greet staff at the school. All of this will take place outdoors as is required and will follow all of the guidelines provided by the Ministry of Education, including social distancing, no gathering before and after the opportunity, self-screening, masking, hand hygiene and no use of gowns. Students in all other grades will celebrate the end of the school year virtually as planned by classroom teachers.

On behalf of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board, we thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to operate under exceptional circumstances. We also extend our congratulations and very best wishes to your children as they complete this school year and prepare for the next phase of their educational journey.

Many Blessings and Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne Bénard".

Joanne Bénard
Director of Education

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Michael Bellmore
Chair of the Board