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Dear Parents/Guardians:

"Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with my right hand."
[Isaiah 41:10](#)

It's hard to believe we only have 2 months of school left. School has become very busy and students are falling back into their traditional routines of classes and extra-curricular activities. In this update, you will find some important dates to record.

Some items we wanted to share:

1. Final Exams/Diploma Exams
 - a. Last day of classes for Semester 2 is Thursday, June 22.
 - b. Complete listing of Diploma Exams can be found at: <https://www.stjosephhigh.ca/about/calendars>
 - c. Final Exam Schedule can be found at: <https://www.stjosephhigh.ca/exams/exam-schedule>
2. School Awards Celebration
 - a. Year end awards is scheduled for Thursday, June 9 here at the school. Parents of students receiving either an academic, athletic or scholarship award will be invited by their TAG teacher.
3. Graduation
 - a. Grad Mass is scheduled for Sunday, June 5 at 1:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish with light snacks to follow in the Parish Hall.
 - b. Students are scheduled to receive their caps/gowns at the Grad rehearsal on June 24.
 - i. All students are required to pay a \$50.00 graduation fee. This covers the gown rental and student keepsakes.
 - ii. Students will only be allowed 7 guests for the ceremony. There is no charge for these tickets.
 - iii. Ceremony will be live streamed, details to follow.
 - c. Graduation Ceremony is on June 29 in the Fieldhouse starting at 10:00 am.
 - d. Graduation Banquet/Dance is scheduled for June 29 at the Westerner with the doors opening around 5:00 pm.
 - i. Tickets will be on sale when we return from Easter Break. Each student will be limited to 8 tickets (including the graduate). Ticket cost is \$60.00/ticket.

In closing, a comment on Catholic Education; it is at times like Lent and Easter when we consider the value of Catholic education and the spiritual guidance/awareness that it brings. A question to pose is what would you do if there were no Catholic schools? We hope you are sending your children to our school because you want to see another dimension of their education, a spiritual one. And in turn, I'm sure you would like your children's children to have the same opportunity to go to Catholic schools. Because we have seen a drastic decrease in the baptism rate, the Catholic education option may not be available in years to come. The need for Catholic schools is based on the number of baptized families in any particular area or community. Fewer baptisms translate into the need for fewer Catholic schools. During the Easter season, we would ask you to reflect on your commitment to Catholic education and if you have not done so, look at baptizing your children in the Catholic Faith. If you require help with this process please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will be happy to assist you.

Blessings,

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