



# Holy Trinity Catholic High School

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Dear Holy Trinity Catholic High School 2020 Graduates, Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this communication is to provide you an update on the status of our school's 2020 graduation ceremony that was scheduled to take place on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Over the last week, the Board has been in contact with the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit to review and discuss our secondary school graduation ceremony plan. Upon review of the plan, Public Health has recommended that we avoid unnecessary public gatherings of 50 people or more to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Understanding that we rely on our Public Health experts to guide our practices and procedures, we have been notified that the Board has made the difficult decision to cancel all in-person fall secondary school graduation ceremonies.

The health and safety of our community is our priority. We understand that a secondary graduation ceremony is an important and celebrated milestone for you and your family, but during this pandemic we feel that we must heed to the advice of Public Health.

At this time, we are exploring an alternative way to recognize our graduates. We will share our plan with the community as soon as we formalize the details.

To support the Public Health directive to minimize direct contact, we will be distributing secondary school diplomas and student awards over the next month via Canada Post mail. You will receive your documents soon.

Graduates, we know this is not how you envisioned celebrating the end of your secondary journey and all your accomplishments. As Principal, I would like to extend admiration and gratitude to all of you for your courage, resilience, selflessness, and leadership. The Holy Trinity 2020 graduating class will forever be fondly remembered as an exemplary group of individuals who are responsible citizens and outstanding Catholic graduates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Cacilhas".

Humberto Cacilhas  
Principal