

April 19, 2017

Dear Parents and Graduates,

It is hard to imagine that the year's end is quickly approaching. As parents of graduating high school students, it is certain that you are feeling some of the pangs of anxiety that are associated with the attainment of many of life's milestones for your children. Convocation at the high school level is one of those milestones, and it is my hope that this letter will serve to alleviate some of the questions you may have at this time.

This year, the Pointe Claire Arena is not available to us for the Convocation evening. The arena will be under construction. As a result, Convocation will take place on:

- ❖ **Monday evening, May 29th, at John Abbott College, Ste Anne de Bellevue, 7:00 p.m.** Each student will be assigned three tickets. The cost is **\$75.00**. The graduate does not require a ticket. A cheque payable to JRHS (or cash) needs to be submitted to the homeroom teacher. The teacher will be distributing the tickets as of May 1st. Any extra ticket that you do not need please return it to reception. We will keep them in case families are in need of extra. Unfortunately space is limited.
 - ❖ **CAP AND GOWNS:** Each Secondary V Homeroom Teacher will receive a list of all graduates, and will write down the height of each one. All Grads will keep the cap and tassel as a souvenir of the event. **Caps and gowns will be given out at John Rennie High School on Monday, May 29th during the last block of the day in the Conference Room.** This will give you an opportunity to take family pictures prior to the ceremony. The gowns must be returned following the ceremony. Instructions will be given. (Please remember that the gowns are open-fronted, so please dress accordingly.)
 - ❖ **PROCESSION:** Students will assemble at 6:30 p.m. in the main hall of the Hertzberg building (in front of the Library) where they will form a processional with the Platform Party. They will then be led by a piper into the Convocation area.
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- ❖ **REFRESHMENTS:** Directly following the Convocation exercises, you are invited to join us for refreshments. Our PPO parents and Leadership students will be on-hand to help with all aspects of the evening.
 - ❖ **PHOTOGRAPHY:** As part of the Convocation festivities, a photographer will be present to take pictures of your child receiving his/her diploma and receiving awards, (where applicable). We will include one photo of your child receiving a diploma as part of the cost of your Convocation Package. A copy of the Mosaic, (group picture), will be given out when report cards are distributed.

The Graduation Committee is working diligently in order to make certain that our Convocation 2017 will be a marvellous and memorable event. Please do not hesitate to phone Ms. Wendy Robinson, my assistant, at 697-3210, should you have any further questions or concerns.

I look forward to celebrating this event with you and with our Graduates.

Sincerely,

Cristina Prata
Principal