



Class of 2026  
Convocation Information Session  
February 19 & 20th, 2026  
P2- Lecture Hall

# Agenda

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- Graduation vs. Convocation
  - Convocation Information:
    - Grad photo update
    - Dates & Events
    - Tickets
    - Fees & Form
    - Awards
    - Valedictorian nomination
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# GRADUATION VS. CONVOCATION

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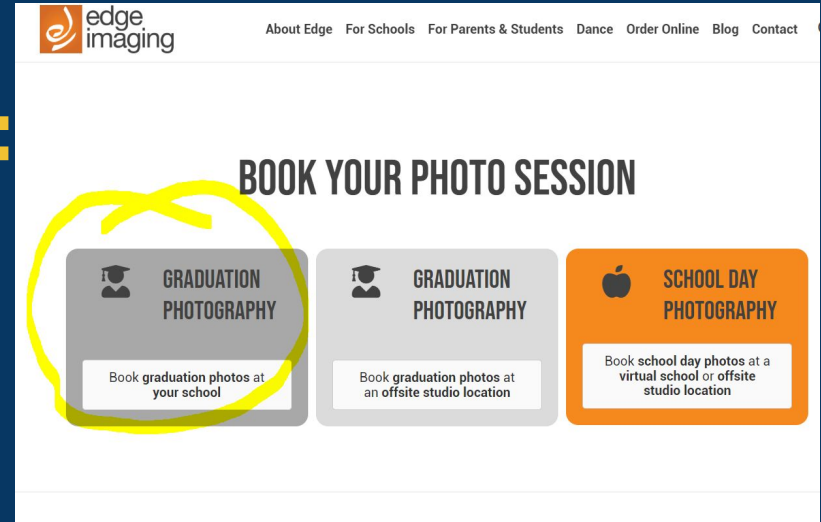
## What's the difference?

- Graduation= receive your OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma) by completing the requirements outlined by the Ministry of Education
  - Convocation = ceremony to celebrate the whole class of 2026 regardless of graduation status
  - All students in the class of 2026 (those born in 2008) are eligible to attend the convocation ceremony in June *regardless of graduation status*
  - Those who are unsure about their graduation/convocation status, should confirm with their guidance counsellor
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# Grad Photos: Feb. 12-16th

**#1:** [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca)

**#2:**



**#3:**

Start Booking Now

School Code

Submit

**LAST BLOCK NOW OPEN!!!!!! DON'T MISS OUT!**



# Convocation Ceremony

**Tuesday, June 9th, 2026**

**Centre in the Square**

101 Queen Street North, Kitchener, ON

**Ceremony: 7:00 pm**



\*Class of 2026 students to arrive approx. 5:30pm

\*Musicians will arrive earlier for soundcheck

# Convocation Tickets

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- Each grad is can purchase up to 4 tickets for guests
- Students will receive a code to purchase tickets from the CITS box office
- More information will be provided after March Break
- Please **do not** contact the main office/guidance- they have no additional information

\*\*If you require a Sign-language interpreter, please email Mrs. Garza: [shane.pereiragarza@wcdsb.ca](mailto:shane.pereiragarza@wcdsb.ca) asap!

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# Convocation Fee

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- Convocation Fee \$80  
**payable on schoolcashonline Feb. 12 - Mar. 12th**
  - Convocation Fee primarily covers Convocation venue, ceremony, cap and gown and composite
  - **Cap & Gown included**
  - Pick up date for gown/cap (end of May) will be posted on website and sent by email.
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# Liturgy & Breakfast

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**Thursday, May 28th, 2026**

**St. Benedict C.S.S. Cafeteria**

**8:00 - 10:30 am**

Please RVSP on the Convocation Form

Registration is used to determine catering numbers and attendance 😊

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# Convocation RSVP



- RSVP's
- gown size  
height/full fit
- Name

**Only your WCDSB email can access!**

**Due March 6th, 2026**

# Diploma Check

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## Are you on track to receive your diploma?

- Do you have your community service hours? 40 hours now PAST DUE!
  - Have you completed 2 eLearning credits or exemption form?
  - 30 credits by June 25th
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# Next Steps

If moving on . . .

- Application deadlines have been met
- Continue to check emails and meet deadlines
- Continue to work on your resumes

If returning . . .

- ❖ Cannot have an application to university/college and select courses at Bennies
- ❖ Ultimately grade 12's hoping to return is at the discretion of administration
- ❖ Complete myBlueprint by February 27, 2026

# Grad Awards

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There are several awards available at graduation.

These include:

- ★ various community awards
- ★ subject awards
- ★ academic awards that represent excellence

Please visit the [Guidance scholarship page](#) for additional information.

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# Valedictorian Award

*Nominated by the graduating class and chosen by the awards committee*

This individual would be representative of the graduating class in that they have been able to capture the spirit of the school and can express that spirit on behalf of the graduation class.

This nominee will speak on behalf of the graduation class.

Nomination form will be available from teachers and Guidance D2L (coming beginning of April)

*Nominations due by April 15th.*

## *Awards of Distinction*

*Awarded by the Catholic Community  
Foundation of Waterloo Region*

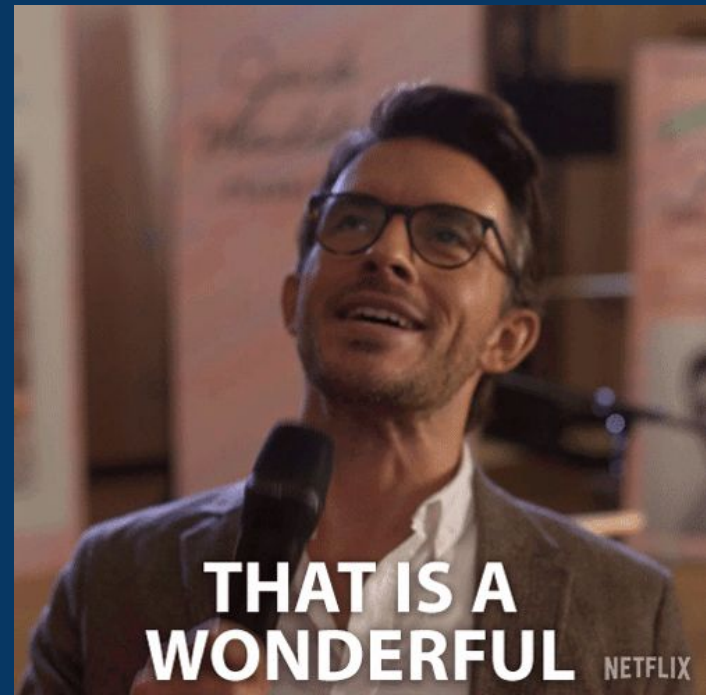
The CCFOWR and the St. Jerome's High School Memorial Fund have established the 'Awards of Distinction' program honouring Catholic secondary graduates who demonstrated exemplary performance in one of more of the award categories through academic achievement and participation in extra-curricular school activities.

- Athletic Leadership
- Faith and Social Justice Leadership
- Math and Science
- Technical Studies
- The Arts (Performing Arts, Visual, Music, Literary)
- Volunteerism (School and Community)

*Nominations due: TBA - end of May*

# Any questions for guidance?

Remember you can  
find answers on the  
School website,  
(guidance, grad page)  
Speak with your  
guidance counsellor



# Convocation Information

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Stay tuned for updates visit the webpage:

[CONVOCATION 2026](#)

- School Website
  - Your school email
  - Announcements
  - BENN newsletter
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# Student 18+

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Please note, unless you have signed the permission form for parents to still be a contact...  
parents **WILL NOT** receive Convocation information.

Strict deadlines this year for RSVP and guest tickets.  
Please make sure you are passing information to your families or better yet...

**SIGN THE FORM!**

# Recap of Important Convocation Dates

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- **Grad photos - email Edgelmaging**
  - **Convocation 2026 Form/Fee**  
February 12 - March 19th
  - **Tickets**  
Stay tuned for more information
  - **Liturgy & Breakfast Celebration**  
Thursday, May 28th, 2026
  - **Convocation Ceremony**  
Tuesday, June 9th, 2026
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**Thank you for your  
attention :)**

**We look forward to celebrating  
with you!!!!!!**

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