



February 17, 2026

Dear Fighting Irish Families and 2026 Graduation Candidates:

Congratulations on beginning your final semester of high school! We look forward to and are excited for the opportunities ahead of you as our St. Patrick's family continues to support you in preparing for your post-secondary journey.

Today, we would like to provide you with initial information related to the 2026 Graduation Ceremony. We kindly ask that you take the following steps in response to this correspondence:

Checklist

- Read this email through in its entirety
- Ensure you will meet the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) requirements by the end of this school year
- Pay the graduation fee by Friday, February 27, 2026
- Check your email often and regularly

Save the Date

St. Patrick's will be celebrating our 91st graduating class – the Class of 2026 – on Saturday, June 13, 2026, 12 – 2pm at the Progressive Auto Sales Arena. Graduation Candidates are asked to arrive at the arena by 11am to prepare and line up for the ceremony procession. General seating is available (no limit on number of guests attending), and parking is free. There is also an elevator and accessible seating in the arena.

OSSD Requirements

To be eligible to participate in the 2026 Graduation Ceremony, Graduation Candidates must be on track to complete the provincial graduation requirements by the end of this school year. Below you will find a link to the complete list of OSSD requirements, as well as additional forms to be completed and submitted, if you have not already done so.

- [What you need to graduate](#)
- [Form: Opt out of eLearning requirement](#)
- [School Withdrawal Form](#) (*required if you are not returning to St. Patrick's in September 2026*)

Please book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor if you have any questions.

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Graduation Gown Package and Graduation Fee

The graduation gown package includes a cap, tassel (includes “2026” pendant), stole, and gown – all of which are yours to keep. Distribution of the graduation gown packages will take place at St. Patrick’s immediately following the graduation rehearsal during the week of June 8. Please ensure you have paid the graduation fee by Friday, February 27 at noon.

- [Pay the graduation fee \(\\$60\)](#)

Note: Details of the graduation fee are outlined in School Cash Online. Financial assistance is available, if needed. Please contact your respective vice-principal.

Staying Up to Date

Our primary form of communicating information is via your school email address and the parent/guardian email address provided to the school. Please check your email often and regularly to ensure you meet deadlines and are up to date. We also encourage you to visit our school website regularly for additional information throughout the semester.

Wishing you a blessed upcoming Lenten Season,

Your Fighting Irish Student Services Team

St. Patrick, pray for us!

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