

Welcome
CLASS OF
2026

February 24, 2026
Graduation Meeting #1

GRADUATION MEETING #1

- Opening Prayer & Grad Retreat – Chaplain Dunn
- Principal's remarks – Mr. Freeman
- Graduation Requirements, Important Dates & Scholarships – Mrs. Beltrano
- College & University info & Grad Photos – Mrs. Saliba
- Trades Report, Apprenticeship Pathway, 5th year Return – Mr. Montesi
- Yearbook Messages – Mrs. Jazvac
- Graduation Dinner/Dance – Tavia Clarke

Prayer for Discernment by Thomas Merton

(Chaplain Dunn Fave!)

MY LORD GOD, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that
I am following your will does not mean that I am
actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact
please you.

And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that
desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right
road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore, will I trust in you always though I may seem
to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will
never leave me to face my perils alone.

Amen.

GRAD TO
KNOW YA 2026
CRIEFF HILLS
CENTRE
PUSLINCH
APRIL 27, 2026
8:30am-2:20pm
DUE: MARCH 7TH







CRIEFF HILLS CENTRE, PUSLINCH

Monday April 27 : 8:30am - 2:20 pm

8:30 Attendance in Chapel

9:15 Arrival , Intro, Icebreakers

10:00 Hike – Reflection

10:45 – Labyrinth

11:00 - Lifelines & Reflection

12:00 –Lunch (Provided)

1:00 - Campfire

1:45 - Depart

RELAY FOR LIFE – CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY MONDAY MAY 25TH, 2026

- **Monday May 25th – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
- Team Captain, & Teams of 8-10
- No Team? NO PROBLEM!
- Fundraising goal personal or TEAM
- Games, entertainment
- Team members to walk track (1 person always on the track)
- Fundraise for cancer research & have a legacy project for ND!
- Last Year we raised

GOTTALENT?

We need you!!
Singers/musicians
for both morning
graduation mass
and evening
ceremony (see
Chaplain Dunn for
audition info)



Principal Freeman

- ▶ Culmination of 4 years of hard work
- ▶ What will be your Legacy?
- ▶ Returning 12 students
- ▶ Graduate with Pride
- ▶ What's next?







The background features a light blue sky with several black silhouettes of graduation caps (mortarboards) scattered across the upper half. At the bottom, there are black silhouettes of hands raised in the air, some in celebratory gestures. The overall design is modern with geometric shapes and a color palette of blues and gold.

NOTRE DAME
GRADUATION
CLASS of 2026
Tuesday, June 23



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

-  Completion of 30 credits - no repeat courses
-  Passing grade on OSSLT or OLC 40 course
-  2 on-line courses - or opt out
-  Minimum 40 hours Community Service due June 1 (check Student Services for opportunities)



Graduation Inclusions

- Cap and Gown keepsake
- 5 guest tickets to June 23 Graduation at FirstOntario Concert Hall (Hamilton)
- Grad Gift*
- Reception following morning mass
- Diploma holder
- Grad Retreat



2026 Graduation Fees

please submit
payment by April 30

\$135 per graduate



Pay for an item with
School Cash Online



Financing Post-Secondary Education

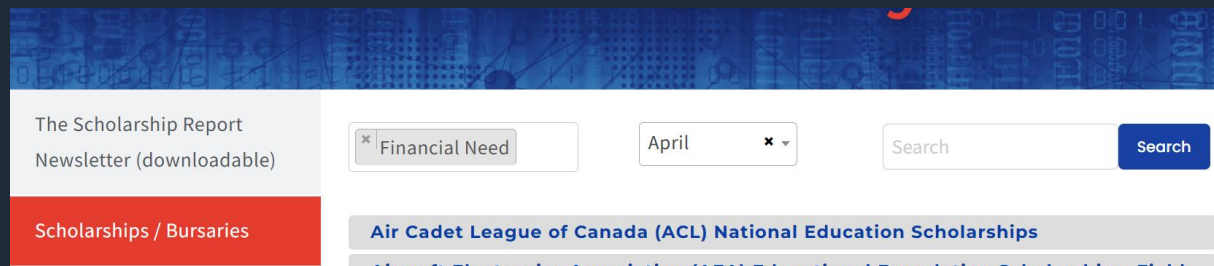
- Financial Aid (Including OSAP and Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG))
- Student Awards/Financial Aid page of post-secondary institutions (Automatic Awards based on admission average)
- Scholarships
- Part-time job/employer (parent/guardian employer)
- Church, organizations you/parents belong to

Lunch and Learn – 3A & B
How to Finance Post-secondary Education
THURS. APRIL 16



The Scholarship Report

- See the Student Service D2L for the link and password
- Use the filter tools under Scholarship and Bursaries



- There are too many to list... and many for you to find!



Sometimes they are closer than you think!

Rotary Burlington Lakeshore - April 1, 2026

PATH TO YOUR FUTURE
Graduating? \$2,500 in Awards!

Rotary 





SCAN TO APPLY
DEADLINE: APRIL 1st

Academic Awards 	Students demonstrating leadership and organizational skills in school and community, a history of academic excellence and are pursuing a post-secondary Degree.
Leap Forward 	Local youth or mature students needing assistance for further training/education in a recognized occupation, vocation or skilled trade. Demonstrate financial need and a strong desire to move forward. Renewable up to 4 years.
Vocational Studies 	Students pursuing post-secondary vocational training in community college, private, apprenticeship, trade or university programs. <i>In memory of Ron McDermott.</i>
Specialty: Fine Arts 	Student pursuing a degree or non-degree post-secondary program in Visual Arts, Performing Arts or Arts Therapy Program. <i>In honour of Leon and Betty Laron.</i>
Specialty: Educational 	Student pursuing a post-secondary degree leading to a career as a teacher, educational administrator, or educational assistant. <i>In memory of Bev Bowra.</i>
Specialty: International 	Student pursuing a post-secondary degree in a program with an international focus or leading to an international career. <i>In memory of Kan Nakazawa.</i>
Athletic Awards 	Local high school student athletes to provide assistance with training costs for enrollment in sports related training programs beyond high school.



Halton Region offering:

SB Partners = April 30, 2026

African Caribbean & Black
Excellence = April 11, 2026

Scholarship opportunity for accounting students attending a Burlington high school

SB Partners Education Scholarship

Are you a Burlington high school student studying
accounting, business or commerce at the post-secondary
level in the fall of 2026?

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TODAY!



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African Caribbean Council
OF HALTON

African Caribbean & Black Excellence Scholarship Award 2026

Our Criteria's Application Open: **Wed, Jan 30th** &
Closes: **Fri, April 11th, 2026**

- ✓ Students who are of African or Caribbean & Black descents
- ✓ Resident of Halton Region & Attend High School in Halton Region
- ✓ Achieved the required Academic/Applied credits for entrance to a Post Secondary Institution
- ✓ Valid acceptance to an accredited post-secondary
- ✓ AND MORE

To Learn More About Our Criteria's Visit:



GEORGETOWN DISTRICT H.S.
(70 GUELPH STREET, GEORGETOWN)

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OR EMAIL US @ >

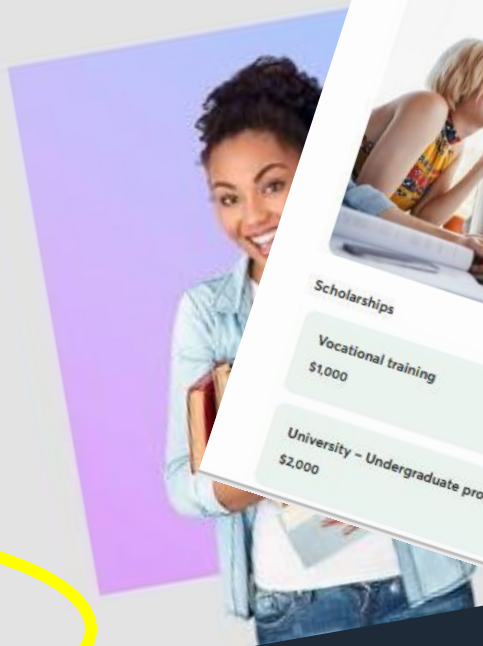




\$5000 Black High School Student Scholarship and Internship Opportunity

Applications are open through
ICON Talent Partners!

Applications close on Friday
March 6, 2026 at 11:59PM EST.



Personal Business

Home > About us > Community > Our commitment to community development > Scholarships

Scholarships

Supporting youth is one of our key priorities. Each year, our scholarships provide financial assistance to thousands of students.

About us Careers Advice Contact us



A range of scholarships to help you succeed

We know that financial support can make a real difference. That's why the Desjardins Foundation and Desjardins Ontario Credit Union award scholarships made possible by generous donations from our partners and the network's Community Development Funds.



Desjardins Foundation scholarships

Every year, the Desjardins Foundation recognizes young people who excel through their dedication, well beyond academic achievement. With its scholarships, it supports students who need financial assistance to pursue their post-secondary education.

[Read the Desjardins Foundation scholarship rules](#)

Scholarships

Vocational training
\$1,000

University - Undergraduate programs
\$2,000

College
\$1,500

University - Master's programs
\$3,000

University - Doctoral programs
\$5,000

- Disability Awards website hundreds of scholarships for students with visible/invisible disabilities
<https://disabilityawards.ca/>
- Indigenous Student Bursary
Contact the school you applied to for more information



IMPORTANT GRADUATION DATES

- Graduation Meeting #2 – Tuesday, April 14 – period 1
- Grad Fees Due - April 30 \$135/graduate
- Grad to Know Ya Retreat – Mon. April 27
Crieff Hills Centre, Puslinch
- Graduation Rehearsal – Thursday, May 21 @ 10am
ND Cafeteria
- Graduation Dinner Dance – Friday, May 22



IMPORTANT GRADUATION DATES

- Mass for Graduates and Families

Friday, June 19 @10am - St. Paul the Apostle Parish

- Reception following Family Mass

Friday, June 19 @11am - St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall

- Graduation 2026 Ceremony

Tuesday, June 23 @ 3pm (arrive by 2pm)

FirstOntario Concert Hall Hamilton

- Entrance by ticket only



POST SECONDARY INFORMATION

Login to OUAC and OCAS websites to verify marks

- Semester 1 marks processed on **February 12th** .
See your counsellor if you notice an error

Taking a course through Night school/
correspondence/private school?

- Final grades need to be provided to your counsellor prior to **June 18**

Applications outside of Ontario

- Request transcripts from counsellor or Mrs. McManus in Guidance

Considering dropping a course?

- See your counsellor prior to **April 10**



ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES DATES

May 28, 2026 – The latest date all applicants who met the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario University (acceptance, rejection or waitlist)
- read ALL CONDITIONAL offers carefully

June 1, 2026 – The deadline to respond to an offer and give a financial commitment. Log in to your OUAC application to accept.

Beginning of June – OUAC will list all university programs with seats remaining – must have prerequisites and average cutoff



ONTARIO COLLEGES DATES

May 1, 2026 – Deadline to confirm conditional offer of admission. Read ALL CONDITIONS carefully.

- Login to your Ontario Colleges account to accept/confirm

June 2026 – tuition deposits due at College. Check your selected college user account/email for details

It's not too late to apply – many programs still available



GRAD PHOTOS @ ND

<https://booking.edgeimaging.ca/>

School Code: NAO

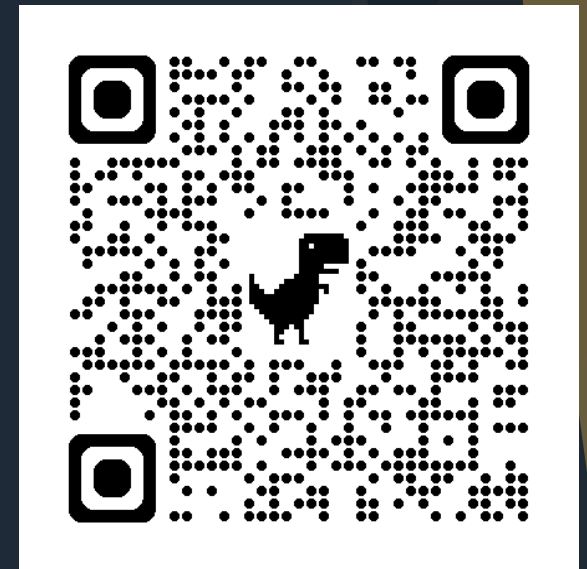
- New block of dates: THURS. MARCH 12th
- Location = WELLNESS ROOM
- Photos will be included in the Yearbook and Graduate Composite



Sitting Type

Select your sitting type by clicking on one of the options below:

Classic Sitting	\$40
The Classic Sitting incorporates 10 poses, including props, on both contemporary and traditional backgrounds. In addition to your portrait session, you will also receive a graduating class composite. Please note that the sitting fee does not cover the cost of a printed photo.	



SKILLED TRADES INFORMATION



The
TRADES
Report
for Ontario high schools

JANUARY 2026

PATHWAYS TO APPRENTICESHIP

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- PATHWAYS TO APPRENTICESHIP
- TOP 10 QUESTIONS TO ASK A TRADESPERSON
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- OYAP IN ACTION: STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
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What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a **postsecondary pathway** that combines **workplace training** with **in-school learning** for students interested in careers in the skilled trades.

- Approximately **85–90%** of learning takes place **on the job**
- Students learn directly from a **certified journeyperson**
- The remaining training occurs in a classroom setting
- Most apprenticeships take **2–5 years** to complete

Apprenticeships focus on developing **technical skills**, **employability skills**, and **industry-recognized certification**. Apprentices are paid while they learn and work toward becoming fully qualified tradespeople.

THE APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY IS A POSTSECONDARY OPTION, JUST LIKE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

A photograph of a woman wearing a blue uniform and a headscarf, standing in a workshop. In the background, another person is working at a table. A sign on the wall reads 'MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP'.

Trades Report – Continue to visit the ND Student Services D2L page to view new editions of trades reports.



SKILLED TRADES REPORT

- Read up on emerging careers in the skilled trades, specific info on 4 trade sectors (construction, industrial, motive power, service). What trades are in high demand?
- Hear what employers have to say about young people entering the trades.
- Apprenticeship routes after high school.
- Benefits of a career in the trades, scholarships, career quizzes, experiences of apprentices and much more.



SKILLED TRADES (PRE-APPRENTICESHIP OPTIONS)

- Gateway to the Trades – is a 5-week (part-time program) covering skilled trades career awareness, health and safety training, numeracy skills for the trades, financial literacy, and job search training. Equips you with skills needed to find meaningful employment in the skilled trades.
- Get in Gear – over the course of 6 weeks, engage in hands on training in construction and manufacturing, working directly with tools and materials to gain practical, real-world experience. Full-time program, Mon-Fri, paid living allowance wage.



RETURN REQUEST TO NOTRE DAME FOR A 5TH YEAR

- Complete the google form (D2L Student Services page) for administration approval.
- Once approved, meet with your Guidance Counsellor to select courses in myBlueprint.
- Pay \$65 activity fee – school cash online.



GRADUATION YEARBOOK QUOTE & BABY PHOTO

- Send your Grad quote and baby/childhood photo to:
<https://forms.gle/io3QU8grsCuZdnE39>
- Grad quotes must be no longer than 180 characters
- Due May 1, 2026



Save the date

*Graduation
Dinner Dance*

Friday, May 22nd 2026

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR GRAD COMMITTEE

- Please send us school appropriate photos of memories with you and friends throughout the school year
- Photos can be sent to ndgraduation26@gmail.com



*Diamonds
& Dice*

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DINNER DANCE INFORMATION

Ticket cost \$125- Payment through school cash online

CASH ONLINE OPEN TODAY - MAY 8TH

Guest forms must be picked up and signed BEFORE you can get a physical ticket.

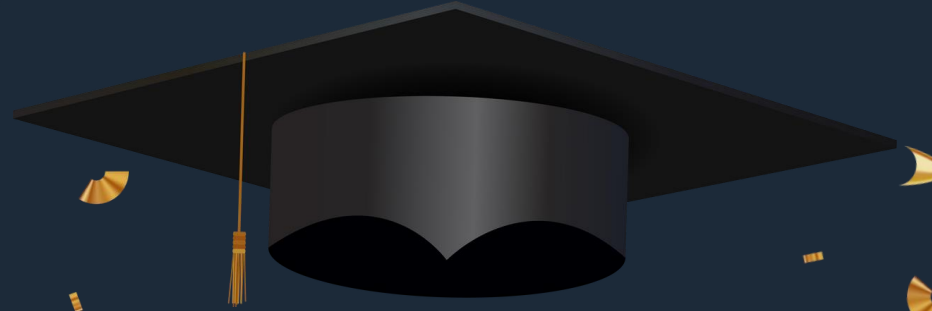
- Forms will be available in the main office.
- No guest ticket will be given WITHOUT a signed form.

Speak to Ms Benvenuto in 231, workroom 23, (email) if anyone needs financial support*

Coming soon...

"Grad Dinner Dance Seating Arrangement" Google Form

- Start gathering your tables of 10 and select a table leader who will input your names
- More information on Seating form and QR codes will be released at the next Grad meeting!



Next Meeting

Tuesday, APRIL 14, 2026

PERIOD 1