

Class of 2026

GRADUATION CEREMONY



A Celebration of Excellence

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

1125 Kennedy Circle East
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*Young people are not meant to
become discouraged; they are
meant to dream great things, to
seek vast horizons, to aim higher, to
take on the world, to accept
challenges and to offer the best of
themselves to the building of
something better.*

- Pope Francis

ORDER OF CEREMONIES



Master of Ceremonies:	Ms. A. Taylor
Processional:	St. Kateri Concert Band
National Anthem:	St. Kateri Choir
Honouring of the Land:	Ms. A. Taylor
Graduate Salutation:	Ashir Yousfani
Opening Prayer:	Ms. A. Taylor
Scripture Reading:	Rachel Jonker
Greetings from the Board:	Mr. M. Duarte
Principal's Address:	Mr. K. Wong
Valedictorian Address:	Omono Eghobamien
Graduate Solo Performance:	Lilian Almuti
Presentation of Diplomas & Awards:	Mr. K. Wong Mr. D. Montoya Mrs. M. Munro
Blessing and Commissioning:	Ms. A. Taylor
Recessional:	St. Kateri Concert Band

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep respect, we acknowledge that
our Catholic school, St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
stands on the traditional territory of the
Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron-Wendat peoples.

We would like to acknowledge and honour
the enduring presence, immense resilience,
and beautiful contributions
they have made to this country.

We recognize that these lands
were never surrendered or abandoned
by the Indigenous peoples
and that we are guests to the territory
that they shaped with beautiful traditions,
cultures, and teachings that we strive to honour.

As guests, we acknowledge that our actions
have an influence on the environment
and commit to becoming responsible
stewards of the land.

With humility, we recognize the significance
of reconciliation and fostering a united spirit
guided by the ideals of truth, justice,
and respect for everyone.

As we continue our learning upon these lands,
we promise to respect the traditions
and teachings of the First Nations,
Métis, and Inuit peoples.

ST. KATERI PRAYER

God of all peoples,

We thank and praise You for the wonderful gifts of creation: those we experience around us, and those we discover within us. Help us to seek You in the four directions, the majesty of the universe, and in the faces of the poor and vulnerable among us.

Grant us the strength to emulate St. Kateri Tekakwitha to the best of our abilities: in her respect for the environment, her humility and grace when faced with challenges, her strong prayer life, and her care for those in need. May her example of how faith and culture can enrich each other shine upon our school community, so rich in cultures from around the world.

Help us to promote friendship, equity, respect, and reconciliation of all divisions, so that we may work together to be good stewards of creation for all peoples today and for generations to come.

Amen

GRADUATION CANDIDATES 2026

Abbasi, Laiba	Cortes, Megan	Ghazi, Ghina
Adeelah, Saif	Cowan, Chenelle	Goertzen, Lennon
Ahmad, Fayzan	Craig-Gill, Ashton	Gomez Perez, Noelia
Ahmed, Sumayya	Cuevas Calvario,	Grant, Tommy-Juniour
Al-Alyawie, Sara	Marco	Dennis
Alajrab, Maryam	Cunanan, Vean	Green-Carothers,
Alam, Rayyan	Curtis, Ella	Jahzante
Ali, Hamnah	Da Silva, Gabriela	Jawa, Anusha
Allen, Jonah	Daou, Isabelle	Jonker, Rachel
Almeida, Victoria	David, Aveanne	Khairi, Owis
Almorad, Khaled	De Jesus, Matthew	Klaas, Aiden
Almuti, Lilian	De Vries, Ethan	Koraby, Sami
AlSheikhly, Tara	Dedomo, Dion	Kurd, Hamza
Alzeer, Ahmad	Dela Cruz, Ethan	Lisi, Gabrielle
Amjad Mohammed,	Divina, Daniel	Lutero, Carlene
Farhan	Donaher, Nolan	Maiola, Danica
Arbelaez Nino,	Drake, Teagan	Maltby, Bryce
Mariaclara	Edrees, Zena	Maltby, Parker
Asghar, Haider	Edwards, Alyssa	Mandegar, Kasra
Aziz, Fatima	Eghobamien, Omono	Mansoor, Zainab
Baig, Zayan	El Shandawily,	Manzi, Joey
Barnes, Rachel	Jomanah	McCarthy, Abigail
Bhutta, Ziyen	Etchegoin, Martina	McHutchon, Anlon
Bobanovic, Maja	Faea, Rawan	McLaren, Xavier
Bowers, Madison	Fagbenro, Praise	Melchionna, Gerard
Bozikovic, John	Fahmi, Ban	Miguel, Jordan
Bunsie, Nathanael	Faisal, Wania	Mistry, Kiana
Cabbuag, Katie	Fatima, Fizza	Mohamed, Yassin
Cachia, Sarah	Fernandez, Cristian	Mohammed, Malik
Canfield, Toby	Filipowicz, Adrian	Montiel, Isabella
Casas Camargo, Sofía	Finan-Richardson,	Morley, William
Chachaj, Gabriel	Conor	Mota, Amelia
Christmas, Olivia	Folefac, Tracy	Muia, Juliano
Clemens, Brandon	Garapati, Dhannush	Nasir, Sabrina
Collins, Ava	Garcia Ardon, Krista	Ocampo-Rios, Camilo

GRADUATION CANDIDATES 2026

Ogons, Emeka
Osterling, Sebastian
Oxley, Madeline
Peckham, Laura
Poon, Logan
Qasim, Jawayria
Rezk, Sarah
Ricci, Nathaniel
Rita, Kaden
Rizwan, Abdullah
Rocha, Ayden
Rodriguez, Steven
Rosewell, Katie
Roukos, Michael
Rouse, Kara
Saad, Daniel
Saclamacis, Aristea
Sagar, Jasmine
Said, Ghezal
Sakmani, Elan
Salazar Barroso, Diego
Sanchez Hernandez,
 Samuel
Sandhu, Harveer
Savona, Gabriel
Schembri, Nathan
Scrocco, Samantha
Sebastiao, Brady
Shahid, Abdussamad
Shaikh, Aisha
Sheikh, Hadi
Shirzad, Sahil
Shore, Nathan
Silva, Andrea

Silveira, Chenoa
Sohail, Haniyyah
Susnik, Katherine
Tariq, Abdullah
Tawadrous, Marive
Thorpe, Samantha
Tombia, Duncan
Torralba-Legerton,
 Athena
Tylenda, Oliver
Uchemudi, Alexis
Unais, Maraam
Urrasio, Kiara
Vega, Nevah
Vojnov, Milan
Vukovic, Luka
Wasay, Abdul
Watson, Mack
Webb, Liam
Wisniewski, Nicole
Witlox, Maxx
Young, Trystan
Yousfani, Ashir
Zahra, Manahil
Zaia, Joseph
Zaman, Amna
Zarezadeh, Leo

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM) DIPLOMAS

ARTS & CULTURE SHSM

Curtis, Ella
Faea, Rawan
Maiola, Danica
Nasir, Sabrina

Susnik, Katherine
Urrasio, Kiara
Watson, Mack

BUSINESS SHSM

Almorad, Khaled
AlSheikhly, Tara
Arbelaez Nino, Mariaclara
Da Silva, Gabriela
Fahmi, Ban
Garcia Ardon, Krista
Koraby, Sami
Mansoor, Zainab

Rita, Kaden
Saad, Daniel
Shahid, Abdussamad
Sheikh, Hadi
Silveira, Chenoa
Tariq, Abdullah
Vojnov, Milan
Vukovic, Luka

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Jonker, Rachel

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY SHSM

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El Shandawily, Jomanah
Faisal, Wania
Maltby, Bryce

Maltby, Parker
Mistry, Kiana
Witlox, Maxx
Yousfani, Ashir
Zarezadeh, Leo

SPORTS LEADERSHIP & HEALTH PROMOTION SHSM

Allen, Jonah
Bobanovic, Maja
Casas Camargo, Sofia
Chachaj, Gabriel

David, Aveyanne
Divina, Daniel
Thorpe, Samantha
Webb, Liam

ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (OYAP)

ELECTRICAL CONCENTRATED OYAP

Rocha, Ayden

DIPLOME D'ETUDES EN LANGUE FRANCAISE (DELF)

The following students challenged the DELF Exam:

AlSheikhly, Tara
Fernandez, Cristian
Finan-Richardson, Conor
Jonker, Rachel

Maiola, Danica
Salazar Barroso, Diego
Sohail, Haniyyah

CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

ONTARIO SCHOLAR AWARDS

Ontario Scholar Award Certificates are presented to graduates who achieve an average mark of at least 80% in any six grade 12 courses.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Awarded to a graduate for a blend of high academic achievement, passion in the subject matter, and an attitude of continuous improvement within the department.

ARTS

Ella Curtis

MATHEMATICS

Maxx Witlox

BUSINESS

Khaled Almorad

MODERNS

Tara AlSheikhly

CANADIAN & WORLD STUDIES

Lilian Almuti

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Madison Bowers

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Kasra Mandegar

SCIENCE

Rachel Jonker

ENGLISH

Tracy Folefac

SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES

Abdullah Rizwan

EQUITY & INCLUSION

Madeline Oxley

TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Maxx Witlox

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Gabriel Chachaj

AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS

The Award of Excellence for Multilingual Students recognizes the perseverance and efforts of newcomer students through their transition to a new environment and learning a new language. Students demonstrate outstanding qualities in Catholic leadership, family commitments, involvement in school affairs and community activities.

RECIPIENT: *Marive Tawadrous*

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL AWARD FOR PERSEVERANCE

Awarded to a graduate who has overcome many hurdles, developed self-advocacy skills and has been a mentor to others in similar situations.

RECIPIENTS: *Zainab Mansoor*
Marive Tawadrous
Milan Vojnov

DONOR: *St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School Council*

CHAPLAINCY AWARD

Awarded to a graduate who has demonstrated continuous self-improvement, exemplifies an attitude of service through everyday acts of kindness, and realizes their social responsibility to live out Gospel values in the world.

RECIPIENT: *Samantha Thorpe*

DONOR: *St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School*

AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

COMPASS GRADUATION AWARD

Presented to a graduate who has excelled within the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations framework and is pursuing a non-degree post-secondary pathway, including community programs, trades, certificates, and apprenticeships. The recipient has proven to be a self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner whose practical talents, critical thinking, and ethical leadership will shape the future of their industry.

RECIPIENTS: *Madeline Oxley*
Ayden Rocha
DONOR: *Compass Group Canada*

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON AWARD

Presented to a graduate who has demonstrated high academic achievement and exemplifies Catholic leadership, Christian values and a commitment to service within the school and wider community.

RECIPIENT: *Danica Maiola*
DONOR: *Diocese of Hamilton*

HCDSB SPIRIT OF INCLUSION AWARD

Presented to a graduate who is a builder of school community, demonstrates a commitment to school activities and is involved in the spiritual life of the school; they demonstrate excellent attitude and spirit in dealing with challenges.

RECIPIENT: *Brandon Clemens*

AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

HCDSB STUDENT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Presented annually to a student from each elementary and secondary school who has demonstrated outstanding qualities in Catholic leadership, family commitment, involvement in school affairs, and community activities.

RECIPIENT: *Laura Peckham*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARD

Presented to a Catholic graduate who is a member of St. Benedict Parish and actively demonstrates that they are living the parish mission statement. This award acknowledges their fine academic, co-curricular, and spiritual efforts.

RECIPIENTS: *Jonah Allen*
Rachel Jonker

DONOR: *Knights of Columbus - St. Benedict of Nursia Council 16746*

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD

Presented to a graduate who is an exemplary volunteer, completes the required number of volunteer hours and goes above and beyond.

RECIPIENT: *Kiana Mistry*
DONOR: *Government of Ontario*

MCCARTHY UNIFORM AWARD

Presented to a graduate who demonstrates compassion, empathy, resilience and an inner strength of hope in light of adversity.

RECIPIENTS: *Sarah Rezk*
Diego Salazar Barroso
DONOR: *McCarthy Uniforms*

AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

MILTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP

Presented to a graduate from each high school in Milton who demonstrates exceptional academic achievement, leadership, and active involvement in their school and community.

RECIPIENTS: *Jawayria Qasim*
Luka Vukovic
DONOR: *Milton Chamber of Commerce*

MILTON OLD STARS HOCKEY CLUB BURSARY

Presented to a graduate who has combined athletic and academic excellence, contributed to school citizenship and is pursuing post-secondary education.

RECIPIENTS: *Trystan Young*
Madison Bowers
DONOR: *Milton Old Stars Hockey Club*

MILTON ROTARY CLUB MIKE LEDWITH YOUTH BURSARY

Presented to a graduate of the Arts & Culture SHSM and a graduate of the ICT SHSM who conveys information and ideas exceptionally well in print, electronic forms, words, graphics or visuals.

RECIPIENTS: *Mack Watson*
Bryce Maltby
DONOR: *Milton Rotary Club*

AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

MILTON ROTARY CLUB ROCKWOOL YOUTH BURSARY

Presented to a graduate and Milton resident who has excelled academically and significantly exceeded the required 40 hours of community service. This graduating student has demonstrated exceptional leadership and initiative within their school, community, or both.

RECIPIENT: *Nathanael Bunsie*
DONOR: *Milton Rotary Club*

PEGASUS BURSARY AWARD

Presented to a graduate who has demonstrated a high level of achievement in the Yearbook, Photography, and Arts courses.

RECIPIENT: *Kiara Urrasio*
DONOR: *Pegasus School Images*

ST. BENEDICT PARISH ORA ET LABORA GRADUATION AWARD

The St. Benedict Parish Ora et Labora Graduation Award is presented to a graduate who reflects the Benedictine spirit of prayer and work, who has been an excellent example of lived faith, academic dedication, humble service in both St. Benedict Parish and the community, and trust in God in all they do.

RECIPIENT: *Aveanne David*
DONOR: *St. Benedict Parish*

AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ST. KATERI "LILY OF THE MOHAWKS" RESILIENCE AND PURPOSE AWARD

Presented to a graduate in honour of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Indigenous saint and a model of unwavering faith and strength, this award recognizes a student whose life reflects remarkable perseverance, quiet courage, and a deep sense of purpose.

RECIPIENTS:	<i>Sofia Casas Camargo</i>	<i>Owis Khairi</i>
	<i>Ban Fahmi</i>	<i>Jordan Miguel</i>
	<i>Tommy-Juniour Dennis Grant</i>	<i>Nevah Vega</i>
DONOR:	<i>Mrs. A. Carambia</i>	

ST. KATERI STUDENT SUCCESS BURSARY

Presented to a graduate who has demonstrated a marked academic improvement in the final two years of high school.

RECIPIENT:	<i>Krista Garcia Ardon</i>
DONOR:	<i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School</i>

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

The Principal's Award is presented to the graduating student who, in the opinion of the principal, has lived out the Catholic Graduate Expectations daily in their interactions with others in the school community. They have exhibited unique qualities of leadership, determination, integrity and participation both in the academic and co-curricular aspects of school life.

RECIPIENT:	<i>Laura Peckham</i>
DONOR:	<i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School</i>

AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT AWARD

Presented to a graduate who has demonstrated leadership in Student Government and actively contributed to creating a positive and supportive school environment.

RECIPIENT: *Tara AlSheikhly* *Kara Rouse*
DONOR: *Megan Cortes* *Alexis Uchemudi*
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

Presented to a graduate who demonstrates superior academic performance, original and creative thought, and exceptional achievement in a broad context.

RECIPIENT: *Kiana Mistry*
DONOR: *University of Toronto*

VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

Presented to the Valedictorian of the graduating class.

RECIPIENT: *Omono Eghobamien*
DONOR: *St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School*

AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ST. KATERI AVERAGE AWARDS OF MERIT

Governor General Academic Medal Winner

This award recognizes academic excellence and is presented to the graduate who has achieved the highest overall academic average in all Grade 11 and 12 courses taken.

RECIPIENT: *TBA*

DONOR: *Chancellery of Honours*

High Average Award of Merit - 2nd place

This award recognizes academic excellence and is presented to the graduate who has achieved the second-highest overall academic average in all Grade 11 and 12 courses taken.

RECIPIENT: *TBA*

DONOR: *St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School*

High Average Award of Merit - 3rd place

This award recognizes academic excellence and is presented to the graduate who has achieved the third-highest overall academic average in all Grade 11 and 12 courses taken.

RECIPIENT: *TBA*

DONOR: *St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Secondary School*

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Halton Catholic District School Board, in partnership with home and Church, is an inclusive and equitable learning community, dedicated to providing excellence in Catholic education by developing Christ-centred individuals enabled to transform society.

OUR GOVERNING VALUES

At the Halton Catholic District School Board, we value:

Our Catholic Faith and aspire to be models of Christ through our actions of love, forgiveness, compassion, and acceptance.

The Whole Child and create conditions that support the spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional well-being of all students so that they may fulfill their God-given potential.

Excellence in Learning and provide opportunities that meet the needs and aspirations of all learners in a supportive, creative and innovative learning environment.

Relationships and Partnerships and recognize that our success is reflective of the healthy and vibrant partnership of staff, parents, pastors, and members of our broader community.

The Importance of Contributing to Our Communities and respect diversity, celebrate multiculturalism, honour individual rights, and embrace the social values of collective responsibility and the common good.

ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

Promote a unique vision of the learner as growing to be:

- A discerning believer formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.
- An effective communicator who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of Gospel values.
- A reflective, creative and holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.
- A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential.
- A collaborative contributor who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.
- A caring family member who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community.
- A responsible citizen who gives witness to Catholic Social Teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

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