



# Holy Heart of Mary High School

*International Baccalaureate*

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**May 14, 2021**

**Re: Grade 12 School Leaving Event Details - June 24th, 2021**

**To: Grade 12 Students, Parents, Guardians**

Good Afternoon;

We are in the process of collaborating with the student council and student organizers to plan this year's Leaving Ceremony, an important milestone we wish to celebrate as appropriately and safely as possible. As you are aware, our school leaving event will look a little different this year due to the ongoing pandemic. While we have a plan currently in place (which is detailed below), it should be noted that, given the fluidity of public health guidelines, the situation may change.

Current guidelines stipulate that a gathering be capped at 100 people. To follow these guidelines, we are organizing our graduates into 3 groups, with each group coming to the school at different times. In the event that circumstances change, and group gathering numbers decrease from the current allocation of 100, we may have to alter our schedule for the event. The groupings will NOT be organized alphabetically because we want our students to be able to celebrate with their closest friends. For this reason, we are giving our graduating students an opportunity to sign up with their friend groups.

**A Google Sign-Up Form will be posted on the school website on Tuesday, May 18th at 3:00PM for sign up for one of the following groups and times:**

**Group A: 1:00PM - 2:30PM (Theatre doors open at 12:50PM/Close at 1:00PM)**

**Group B: 2:45PM - 4:15PM (Theatre doors open at 2:35PM/Close at 2:45PM)**

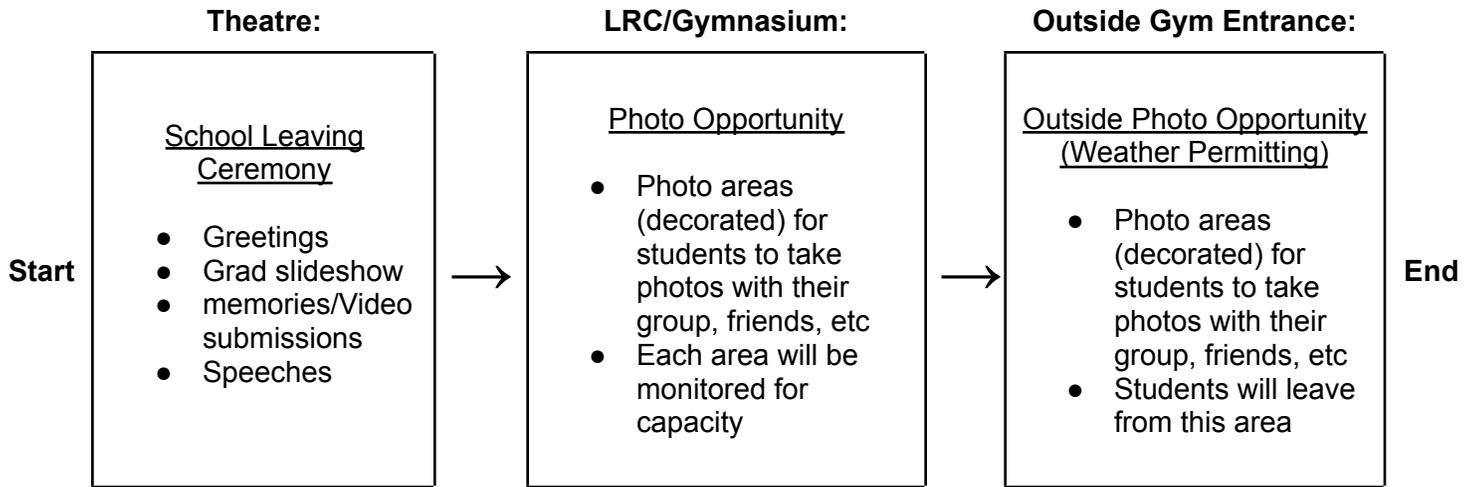
**Group C: 4:30PM - 6:00PM (Theatre doors open at 4:20PM/Close at 4:30PM)**

Graduates are to coordinate with their friends and EACH student will be required to fill out the form (using their @nlesd.ca student email address). This is important, as the list generated for each slot will be used for entrance and, if necessary, any contact tracing. Students who do not sign up through the google form will not be permitted entry on the day of the event. Based on NLESD guidelines, the school leaving event this year will only be for graduating students and staff - there are no parents, family members, guests, photographers or dates permitted in the building.

***The current plan for the day:***

The school leaving event will take place in the theatre, followed by a 'walk-through' to the LRC, gymnasium and outside gym entrance. There will be several spots set up for photo opportunities. All participants will be required to wear a mask while in the building and to keep physically distanced where possible.

Upon arrival at the school, students will enter the theatre, be given a program, and proceed to find a seat. A short ceremony will be hosted, including some videos, speeches and fun awards. Once finished, each student group will move to the assigned area within the school for photo opportunities. Essentially, graduates will start in the theatre, proceed to LRC/Gym, and end at the outside gym entrance, as indicated below:



There will be no cost associated with this event. As we get closer to the date, we will share more details. In addition to this leaving ceremony, we look forward to celebrating with you again in the fall for our annual Cap and Gown celebration, if public health measures allow.

**Please note that this is a school sponsored event and school rules around appropriate conduct will be strictly enforced. Any student who is observed/known to have consumed or in possession of alcohol or drugs will be denied entry to the event.**

If you have any further questions regarding the prom, please contact Sheldon Barry ([sheldonbarry@nlesd.ca](mailto:sheldonbarry@nlesd.ca)), Fiona Higdon ([fionahigdon@nlesd.ca](mailto:fionahigdon@nlesd.ca)), Robert Brake ([robertbrake@nlesd.ca](mailto:robertbrake@nlesd.ca)) or Tanya Edney ([tanyaedney@nlesd.ca](mailto:tanyaedney@nlesd.ca))

Sincerely,

Holy Heart School Graduation Committee