

Celebration of Excellence

The Celebration of Excellence is an opportunity to come together as a school community to honour and celebrate the achievements of the students from the previous academic year. Invitations to attend will be sent to the students and their families.

Determination of Honours Awards Criteria

Calculations of averages for each academic year will be based **only** on courses taken **at grade level**. It is important to note that marks will not be rounded up.

Students who have achieved an average of at least 80.00% in five subjects (see below) will be awarded the designation of **Honours**.

Students who have averages in the top 20% of their grade level in five subjects (see below) will be awarded the designation of **Magna Cum Laude**.

The ten students who achieved the highest averages from the Magna Cum Laude cohort will be awarded the designation of **Summa Cum Laude**. Any mark that is 65.00% or below, even if it is not used in the determination of a student's eligibility for Summa Cum Laude, will disqualify the student from receiving a Summa Cum Laude award. Only courses taken at Archbishop MacDonald High School will be used in the determination of eligibility for Summa Cum Laude.

The breakdown of the five subjects are as follows:

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English 10	English 20	English 30
AND at least two of: Math / Mathématiques Science / Sciences Social Studies / Études Sociales French Language Arts	AND at least two of: Math / Mathématiques Biology / Biologie Physics Chemistry / Chimie Social Studies / Études Sociales French Language Arts	AND at least two of: Math / Mathématiques Biology / Biologie Physics Chemistry / Chimie Social Studies / Études Sociales French Language Arts
AND two other 3 or 5-credit 10-level courses*	AND two other 3 or 5-credit 20-level courses*	AND two other 3 or 5-credit 30-level courses*

** For CTS courses, three one-credit modules will be combined. Work Experience, Learning Strategies and Special Projects will **not** be used in calculations.*

Individual Subject Awards

Individual subject awards reflect excellence in an academic subject at the grade 12 level of study at Archbishop MacDonald. The students who receive these awards:

- achieve an overall high academic standing
- demonstrate a keen interest in the subject
- demonstrate outstanding class participation
- have a unique insight into the subject
- work beyond expectations

The subjects for the Individual Subject Awards are:

English	Art
Social Studies/Études Sociales	Drama
Mathematics/ Mathématiques	Choral Music
Biology/Biologie	Instrumental Music
Chemistry/Chimie	Instrumental Jazz
Physics	Phys. Ed.
Religion	CTS
French Language Arts	
French FSL (Raymond Courchesne Prix Méritoire)	
Spanish	

French Immersion Award

The French Immersion Award is awarded to a grade 12 student who, over three years of study at Archbishop MacDonald within the French Immersion program, achieves an overall high academic standing, demonstrates keen interest, demonstrates outstanding class participation, and works beyond standard expectations within the French Immersion Program.

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme – Explorer Award

The IB MYP Explorer Award is awarded to an IB MYP student who demonstrates the qualities, interests and attitudes consistent with the spirit of the International Baccalaureate Middle Year Programme.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme – IB Diploma

An IB Diploma is awarded to a student who completes the requirements of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme – Orest Melnyk Learner Profile Award

The IB DP Orest Melnyk Learner Profile Award is awarded to a full IB Diploma student at the grade 12 level who best exemplifies the characteristics of the IB Learner Profile. The recipient will receive a cheque from the Archbishop MacDonald Parent Advisory Council. The amount may vary from year-to-year, dependent on the availability of funds. The IB Learner Profile is a collection of ten attributes that permeate all subjects in the IB Diploma Programme.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme – Highest IB Diploma Average Award

The IB DP Highest IB Diploma Average Award is awarded to the full IB Diploma candidate at the grade 12 level who achieves the highest overall IB Diploma mark. The award recipient will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship sponsored by Morgex. In the event of a tie, the \$1000.00 will be divided amongst the recipients.

The Don Biamonte Award for Outstanding Contribution to Speech, Debate, and Model UN

The Don Biamonte Award for Outstanding Contribution to Speech, Debate, and Model UN is awarded to a student who demonstrates a positive influence on speech, debate and Model UN. The student promotes the club and encourages participation.

Marilyn Troock Social Studies Scholarship

The Marilyn Troock Social Studies Scholarship is awarded to a grade 12 student who is passionate and active in building a faith-based community of understanding in their local community. Through his/her actions, he/she is a model for Catholic education. The student demonstrates interest and participation in Social Studies/Humanities in his/her three years of attendance at Archbishop MacDonald. The student participates in social justice initiatives. A representative of the Troock family will present the recipient with a cheque in the amount of \$500 at the Celebration of Excellence.

The David Adomako-Ansah Leadership Scholarship

The David Adomako-Ansah Leadership Scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates commitment to volunteer service and leadership in our school community. This scholarship commemorates David, who was a leader both in and out of the MAC community, and was a generous, passionate, philanthropic, and loving individual. Its purpose is to ensure that his legacy will never be forgotten and to recognize students who embody and demonstrate these qualities.

Governor General Award

Lord Dufferin, Canada's third Governor General after Confederation, created the Academic Medals in 1873 to encourage academic excellence across the nation. A bronze medal is awarded, by the office of the Governor General in Ottawa, to the student who achieves the highest average in all grade 11 and grade 12 courses upon graduation from a secondary school. The average cannot be anticipated; it must be calculated based on the final results after diploma exams have been written, as listed on the student's official provincial transcript. Equitable access for the entire student population is an important aspect of the medal's value. Regardless of the stream or the subjects chosen, all students are eligible for consideration upon graduation.

Academic Excellence Award

The Academic Excellence Award is awarded to the grade 12 student who achieves the highest average in the five subjects that are used to determine eligibility for Honours over his/her three years of high school at Archbishop MacDonald.

Humanitarian Award

The Humanitarian Award is awarded to the grade 12 student who, through acts of charity, promotes peace. The recipient expresses concern for the hungry, homeless and the oppressed and takes part in activities that help to alleviate the suffering of the less fortunate among us.

Caritas and Spiritus Awards

The Caritas and Spiritus Awards are awarded to two grade 12 students who show leadership in several school clubs or organizations. The recipient of the Caritas Award is a female grade 12 student and the recipient of the Spiritus Award is a male grade 12 student. The recipients demonstrate positivity, enthusiasm, and a Christ-like commitment to others.

General Excellence Award

The General Excellence Award is Archbishop MacDonald's most prestigious award, and it is awarded to the grade twelve student who, over three years, combines academic excellence with leadership and participation. The recipient maintains an honours average while being an active and positive participant in classroom activities. Involvement in several school clubs, organizations and activities is a mandatory requirement. Active participation in the athletic program is an asset for selection. The recipient shows leadership qualities that incorporate Christian values and attitudes, and is an influential contributor to the academic, spiritual, cultural, and social life of the school.

Outstanding Contribution to Music Award

The Outstanding Contribution to Music Award is awarded to a grade 12 student who achieves an overall high academic standing in music, demonstrates commitment to the pursuit of excellence in class and in performance through involvement in honour bands, jazz bands, and festivals. A leadership role in Music Council and enrollment in a post-secondary music program are requirements for selection. The recipient will receive a bursary of \$500.

Laurier Picard/Claire McGinn Award

The Laurier Picard/Claire McGinn Award is awarded to the grade 12 student who assumes a leadership role and/or contributes significantly to the quality of art, drama, music, and the humanities at Archbishop MacDonald. A leadership role and active involvement in drama projects and the music program are assets for selection.

Outstanding Service Award

An Outstanding Service Award is awarded to a grade 12 student who serves a club, school organization and/or the school beyond normal expectations in a positive and influential way. The recipient demonstrates organizational and leadership qualities and contributes a significant amount of time to a variety of activities over an extended period. A student may be nominated for a single activity if his/her service is such that the success of the activity was centered on his/her contributions.

