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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With one quarter of the 2020-21 school year completed, we are now planning for the remainder of the year. Planning a graduation is undertaken by both staff and students within each of our Edmonton Catholic High Schools and happens well before the actual graduation date.

Edmonton Catholic Schools is very committed to honoring the students of the graduating class of 2021. At this time, we are anticipating that public health restrictions will continue for the indefinite future, and thus will not allow for our schools to gather in a traditional way at a banquet center. We are exploring different ways to host commencements to make them meaningful under current circumstances.

Our high school principals have made the collective decision to begin to plan graduation activities that will align with the anticipated continuation of gathering restrictions. All high schools have committed to having the traditional program, which includes a Valedictorian address, along with other speeches, even if they are delivered in non-traditional ways. We are looking forward to having students receive their school portfolio and cap and are excited to explore creative ways to have them “walk the stage” in a safe way!

As a Division, we are blessed to have our chaplains who will host a virtual graduation Mass for all our Edmonton Catholic Schools families, united as one Catholic educational community, celebrating this milestone for our students.

Yours in Christ,

Robert Martin  
Chief Superintendent  
On behalf of the Edmonton Catholic Schools' High School Principals