

# **ESJFHS Valedictorian**

## **Valedictorian Criteria**

### **The nominee must**

- Be in good standing;
- Demonstrate a commitment to the school and community through extra-curricular involvement (e.g. participation on sports teams, clubs, service, volunteer work);
- Serve as a student leader and role model, respected by the students of the graduating class and staff of SJF.

## **Selection Process**

- Candidates must be nominated by classmates and teachers. The nomination package must be complete;
- The Principal, a Vice Principal, a Guidance Counsellor and a Grade 12 Teacher Representative will read all applications and short list eligible candidates;
- The short-listed candidates will participate in an interview with the committee (if necessary);
- The committee will select the top candidate for Valedictorian, and this will be announced two weeks prior to the graduation ceremony.

## **Selection Categories**

### **Academic Standing:**

Candidates must have a high academic standing, with an average no lower than 75% in grade 12, including:

- English 30-1 or 2;
- Three of Social Studies 30-1 or 2, Math 30-1 or 2, Math 31, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, or FLA 30-1;
- The student selected must have attended Ecole Sir John Franklin High School for their full Gr.12 academic year.

### **School Spirit:**

- The selected student needs to have made significant contributions to their school and/or community and be a good representative of the SJF values of Respect, Responsibility and Pride;
- Candidates must be active members of the school community (extra-curricular, sports, student council, etc.);

- Candidates must possess and demonstrate a strong positive attitude during school;
- Candidates must have demonstrated exemplary behaviour during their high school years.

**Community Involvement:**

- Candidates must be active members of the community through their involvement in a variety of organizations and activities.

**Speech Delivery:**

- The valedictorian must be able to prepare an address that captures the spirit of the occasion and is reflective of the graduating class;
- The individual must be able to deliver this address in a clear, engaging manner at the SJF Academic Ceremony.