



CLASS OF 2023

Ecole Sir John Franklin
High School



Principal's Message

Sir John Franklin High School opened its doors back in 1958 and today we celebrate the 64th graduating class of SJF.

Many thoughts that rush to my mind when I look out at this grad class;

Their were ups and downs your first three years of high school, but it all came together in your final year. What these young adults have experienced during that time will only make them stronger – they have skills and I am sure they do not even realize they have them; resiliency, perseverance, adaptability, and much more. I think of what Riley Oldford overcame during his time working remotely.... being zoomed into class. Also, how accepting were his classmates of engaging with him during these times and wearing masks when he returned in-person...that is what this grad class is about.

The growth in this group over the years. The bonds formed with some of you since pre-school, to some of you that have just joined this class not that long ago, but have connected with the group immediately. Some of these relationships will last a life time. The memorable moments that you shared together will stories you will tell for years to come. How some of this grad has only been with us a short while; Vy, Julia, Mercy, Dylan, Noah, Katie, Orlane, Fadzai, and more. These students put themselves out there to join clubs,

sports, and grad activities to form strong connections with this class. That also says a lot about the rest of you – again – how accepting you are of others!

-Challenge Cup: the phantom goal of 2022

-Soccer/Volleyball/Basketball tournaments and banners

-Drama and Music productions

-Goofy grad activities

-Chess in Kirkham's room

-Working on math in Ms. Schlosser's room

-Sitting around in Shantora's room just playing music

-Hanging out in the foyer

These are times that you will miss.

Range Lake North students will be thinking about the grad that is watching from beyond this place. You know that Ava Lizotte is here today.

I am sure that all your parents will tell this story of your first day many time over the next few week – or they may already have been telling the story/pictures for the last few months.

It is now time to create new memories – I am giving you some guidance with that in mind;

In every situation you have a decision to make as to how you'd like to respond. There are only two options; respond out of love or fear. Always choose love.

When you are stressed, take walks and a deep breath. And remember, when the world feels like it's going to end, it's already tomorrow in Australia.

Define what success means for you and chase that definition. "Growing pains are not just for physical growth"

Don't judge others; be fair.

Talk with your grandparents. Take them to lunch, call them from school, visit them when you're

home. Tell them you love them. Ask them about their lives. You'll learn something new and be so glad you did.

Mental health is just health. Treat it as such because self-care is not selfish. In order to take care of the people you love, you must first take care of yourself.

Treat yourself the way you would treats others.

You were divinely created to handle that which is in front of you.

Life Math – find people that add and multiply to your life. Cut out the people that subtract and divide. Ultimately: "Make sure your people are good."

Be thankful

It has been a pleasure to get to know you - see you challenge yourself and want a better world.

By getting here today, through all that you have been through you must be proud of yourself. I could not be prouder of this class.

You will look back on high school years and remember what you all have shared together. We were able to have a restart on activities; being a part of MAGAMA, Green Team, GSS Team, Drama and Music productions, grad activities - hanging in out in the foyer of school. Your bond may be stronger than any other group before us.

To close one chapter and begin a new one

Leaving old problems behind because there is many more to go through – you do have the tools to handle those problems.

Come back to visit...gives us an update...we will tell stories about the old days.

I look forward to what life bring each of you - all the best Class of 2023.

Thank you,

Dean MacInnis

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 from the staff of École Sir John Franklin High School



**Dean MacInnis,
Principal
Class of '88**



**Angela Martin
Asst. Principal
Class of '06**



**Peter Curran,
Asst. Principal
Class of '94**



**Kodi Bauldry
Class of '09**



**Dominique
Bennett**



**Dale
Bouchard**



**Cora Brancato
Class of '12**



**Jan Byrne
Class of '74**



**Crystal
Catholique**



**Aidan Cartwright
Class of '04**



**Lindsay Chiasson
Class of '88**



Colleen Cornett



**Janice
Daly**



**Tony
Deveau**



**Joyce
Desjarlais**



**Nathan
Doering**



**Shaun
Doherty**



**Jean-Yves
Drouin**



**Obed
Duru**



**Dylan
Eastcott**



**Jim
Grady**



**Mitch
Grady**



**Hannah Griffin
Class of '12**



**Shamus Hagen
Class of '09**



**Jennifer
Hubert**



**Denise Hurley
Class of '99**



**Russell
Ives**



**Jade
Johnston**



**Michelle
Julian**



**Melissa Kidd
Class of '07**



**Mark Kilbride
Class of '99**



Steve Kirkham
Class of '01



Dan
Knox



Robin Kooymans
Class of '05



MJ Lafferty



Carrie Lauder
Class of '93



Nicole
Lawlor



Carina Lee
Class of '07



Sonia Longchamps
Class of '94



Paul
MacDonald



Sean
Magee



Wendy Malkin
Class of '86



Bridget
McLeod



Samantha
McDougall



Danielle McPhail



Nikita Morozov
Class of '12



Mindee
Naismith



Lea
O'Keefe



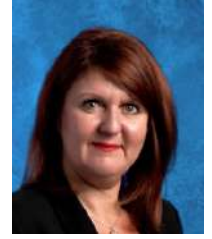
Stephen
Offredi



Sharon Oldford
Class of '88



Landon
Peters



Isabelle
Robidas



Tomiko Robson
Class of '96



Jerome
Rondeau



Allison
Ryan



Pam Schlosser
Class of '87



Robyn
Scott



Susan
Shantora



Logan Shupe
Class of '18



Greg
Skauge



Travis Stewart
Class of '94



Evelyne Straker
Class of '95



Shannon Traynor
Class of '00



Brianna Tremblay
Class of '10



Gillian Waugh
Class of '10



Alycia Wilson
Class of '06



Katelyn
Wiseman



Gwen
Young

Gradbook Committee



Taya Straker



Lily Newberry



Melissa Kidd

Grad Council 2023



Back Row (L to R):

Trey Granter
Gillian Furniss
Taya Straker
Julia Reid
Symone Berube
Gordon Kwong

Front Row (L to R):

Vy Hong
Juniper Falvo
Lily Newberry
Hilary Kolback

Grad Advisors:

Angela Martin
Melissa Kidd
Carina Lee
Brianna Tremblay

Quick Links



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SJF Staff Video



SJF YouTube

Challenge Cup 2023





merrychristmas



MOST EMBARRASSING MEMORIES FROM HIGH SCHOOL

That one time I tripped on the stairs and dropped Chef's jug- it broke. Thankfully he was cool with it!
-Bilal

Falling down the stairs multiple times.
-Hilary

Accidentally sending a video of my cager fit to the grad group chat.
-Jessica

Seeing teachers as I skip their class.
-Asad

Any presentation I had to endure.
-Kairan

Everytime I did a Curran impression.
-Gordon

Almost falling off the stage opening night.
-Laiza

Accidentally rolling eggs off the counter in cooking class.
-Teresa

Getting a frisbee thrown directly at my face in 10th grade by Asad.
-Katryne

Losing Challenge Cup
-Desmond

Ripping my pants before an exam.
-Christopher M



decorating
**Easter
eggs**

Eating lunch with Mariah
Everyday.
-Katryne

The bio 30 balance lab!
-Madison

Challenge Cup 2019
-Gavin

Coaching Super
Soccer.
-Desmond

Dry grad at Folk on
the Rocks.
-Jake

Favorite memory in high school

When I finished school early on
March 6th, 2023
-Maalea

Building shelters in
Ms.Waugh's Outdoor Ed
class.
-Bilal

Mr.Curran's finesse with
doors.
-Gordon

Challenge Cup 2022!
-Julia

Quarantine.
-Anghus







High school in three words

Get me
out!
-Sebastian

Intense, draining,
tiring.
-Hilary

Thanks
Ms.Martin!
-Trey

What
the heck.
-AJ

It's finally over.
-Desmond

Essays and
slays!
-Kaatje

Felt like forever.
-Jessica

2/10
-Julia

Fun with friends.
-Sophie

So.Much.Fun!
-Bilal

Conformity
to norm.
-Noah

An imbroglia
experience.
-Laiza

Thesaurus
&
Google translate
-Katryne

Passport to
college.
-Holly

could've been
worse.
-Anon

Just do it!
-Kairan

Stress, boring,
slay.
-Maalea

Best years yet!
-Madi

I'm sorry
what?
-Gordon

Never
got caught.
-Christopher

A distant memory.
-Jake

Curran, Chef,
Kirkham
-Anon

Waste of time
-Anghus

It's FINALLY
done.
-Gavin

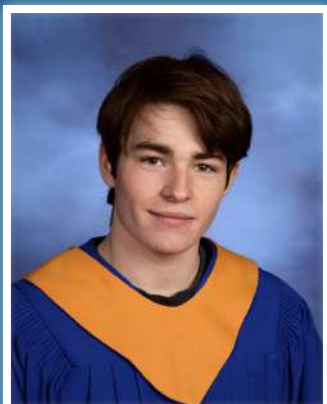
The best is yet to
come.
-Anon



dry grad



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Sage Acorn

"When no one understands, that's usually a good sign that you're wrong."



Zakariya Ahmed

"Look mom, I graduated"



Allison Anstey

"Grad Nation"



Ehxea Antoine

"Skool was crazy"



Kyla Arrowmaker

"There are no regrets in life. Just lessons"



Maalea Baillargeon

"I don't know what I learned, but I know I'm done learning."



Sofia Barichello

"Its better to cheat than repeat"



Anghus Beaton

"Can't believe I woke up early for this"



Hannah Beck

"My assignments aren't done but I sure am."



Symone Berube

"Chase your dreams not your cuzzins"



Kairan

Bonnetrouge-Noseworthy
"I'm not the brightest, nor loudest. But I know how to make someone smile. That's a good thing right?"



Jullian Bowling

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

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Trystan Boyd

"I don't like expending more effort than I have to."



Olivia Campbell

"I don't need backups I'm going to Harvard" - Elle Woods



Jolin Carter

"Cheap work is not good and good work is not cheap"



Leelou Casaway

"For all the Girls, Gays and Theys"



Gavin Craig

"I have no idea what I'm doing but I know I'm doing it really, really well."



Noah Crocker

"Waking up without needing to search, that is comfort."



Dylan Cummings

"They say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing all the time"



Niobe Darku

"The hardest thing about high school was trying to come up with this quote."



Katryne Doucet

"Excelsior; Onward and Upward!" -R.C.G III



Danika Dowbush

"y'all have been saying my name wrong this entire time"



David Dragon

"Real g's move in silence like lasagna"



Colton Drygeese

"Go into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good."

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Joshua Drygeese

"We're adults, when did that happen? And how do we make it stop?" - my idol, Meredith Grey



Chimaham Duru

"Shoot for the Stars, Aim for the Moon"



Juniper Falvo

"Life is a party and I'm the piñata"



Alexander Fast

"Not all those who wander are lost."
J.R.R. Tolkien



Belinda Formaniuk

"I'm a genius"



Jillian French

"True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country" - K. Vonnegut



Kaatje Fulford

"Live, Laugh, In"



Gillain Furniss

"Someone take over
Username: Sjf_badparking
Password: badparking"



Qui Giang

"Don't be late to Curran's!"



Hannah Gillingham

"You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated." -Maya Angelou



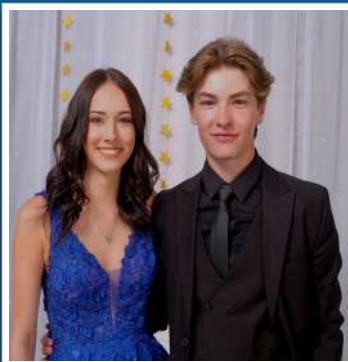
Nikhilesh Gohil

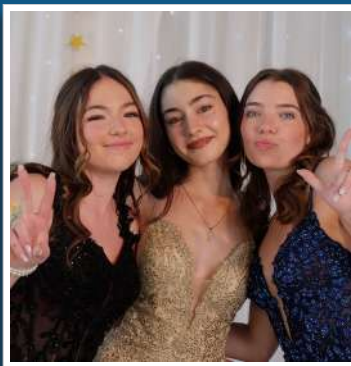
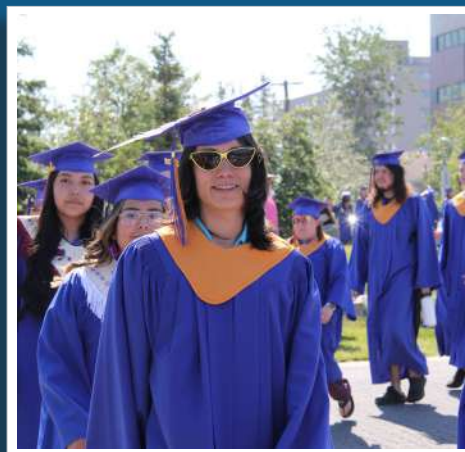
"Then you learn the lessons taught in school won't be enough" - Neil Peart



Trey Granter

"My story written in brail, you gotta feel it to understand"





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Liam Hamel

"Teachers should be paid more."



Riley Hans

"Hold on, I've gotta overthink about this."



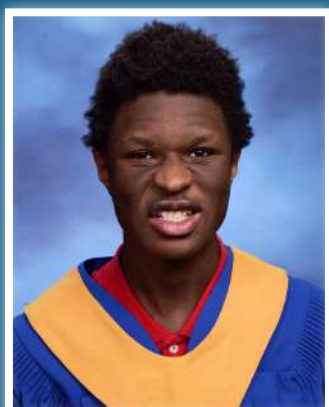
Gabriella Hardisty- Beaverho

"Graduation teaches us that milestones are not just achievements, but a new beginning."



Joel Harris

"If you learned a lesson, it wasn't a loss"



Maxie Hayes

"If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours."



Brooklyn Helyar

"Hockey taught me that success is a team effort. Thank you teammates for the memories"



Kelden Hendrickson

"I am not proud of everything I have ever done but I am pretty sure I'll do it all again."



Ethan Hobbs

"Be bold, be courageous, be your best."



Vy Hong

"Math gives us hope that every problem has a solution." - Unknown
Solve: $(x^2)+1=0$



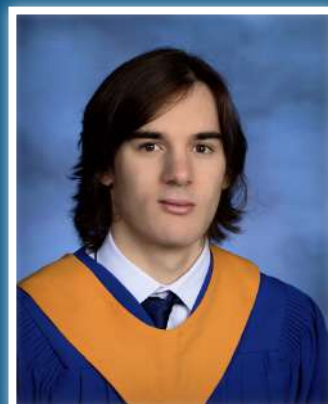
Desmond Hutchings

"It's been a slice" - Lori



Jessica Huynh

"I should have switched sooner."



Carson Impett

"Hockey is harder sport than gymnastics" - Carson Impett

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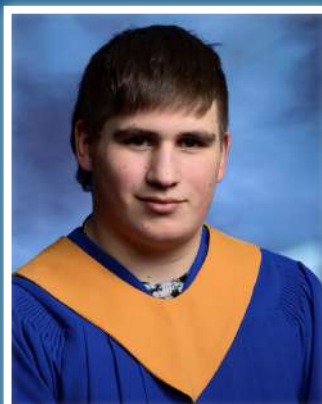
Zefer Jordison

"Gymnastics is a harder sport than hockey"
- Zefer Jordison



Isabella Karl

"I am only responsible for what I say, not for what you understand."



Ryker Karl

"School is important, but blue collarin is importanter"
- Benjamin Franklin



Molishid Katongore

"I don't even know, but thank god I'm done"



Alexander Ketchum

"Don't play the butter notes"
-Miles Davis



Makoa Kokelj

"They said I wasn't good enough, put me on the Black Aces, but look what happened without me on the ice"



Hilary Kolback

"If all else fails, marry rich"



Laiza Koyina

"Quit, don't quit, noodles, don't noodles"



Gordon Kwong

"Just because you will never be the best at everything does not mean you will never be second best."



Adrienne Lam

"I want to become a tree. A blade of grass. I want to become dirt or air or nothing. Nothing. Yes. I want to become nothing."



Johnny Lam

"My code in life are three simple causes: Ambition, Courteousness, and Honour."



Lacey Lewis

"And that's a wrap."

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Effie Lockhart

"Hope these are nowhere near the best years of my life" - Brad Paisley



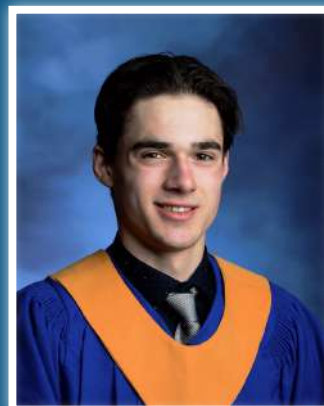
Andrew Louttit

"If you're gonna be late you might as well go grab some breakfast and make it worth it."



Vincent Lumacad

"The best thing I learned here is pretending to be competent."



Lachlan MacGillivray

"Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning."



Mariah MacIntosh

"Vivienne Westwood, Nana, Strawberries, and butterflies. Mari's favorite things never changed."



Sara Mackay

"250+ absences & I still graduated"



Christopher MacLellan

"Escobar took 7 years to escape prison, took me 4 or something like that."



Lydell Macnab

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."



Sophie Mahon

"Catch me climbing" :)



Ava Mailloux

"The only time I set the bar low is for limbo." -Michael Scott



Payton Major

"Jokes on you guys, the concussion was fake."



Teresa Martin

"Per Aspera Ad Astra
Through hardships to the stars "

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Thea Marzan

"If it ain't rice it ain't nice."



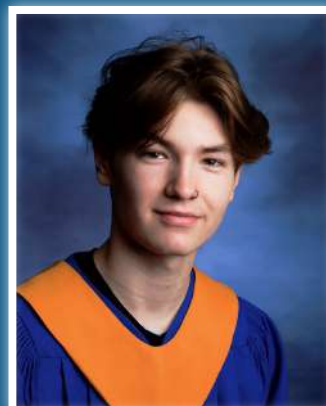
Jimena Maule

"Remember, if you're gonna do something stupid, do it right."



Fadzai Maziriri

"Don't let your surroundings determine who you want to be or what you want to achieve in life. Be you and do you"



River McQueen

"If you ain't first, you're last"



Orlane Medzam

"Gotta keep a slim ego for a thick wallet!" - AG



Madison Mobach

"In this moment now capture it, remember it"



Mercy Mupedziswa

"6/10"



Lennox Mutford

"It's been a slice" -Desmond's mom



Lily Newberry

"13 years of school and I still don't know the difference between there and their."



Trent Newcombe

"It is what it is"



Ngoc Nguyen

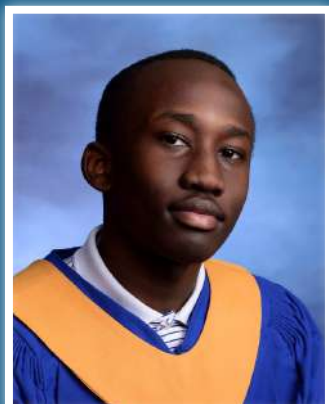
"Hey how do you pronounce your name?" - everyone in this school



Riley Oldford

"Graduation was easy but actually getting to class was not."

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Salim Osman
"I'll do it later"



Alanna Pellerin
"You may say I'm a dreamer,
but I'm not the only one." -John
Lennon



Sebastian Pickles
"Yes, my last name is Pickles,
spelt the same as the food pick-
les... Stop laughing please."



Desiree Pitt
"slay"



Erika Pollard
"The inner machinations of my
mind are an enigma." - Patrick
Star



Julia Reid
"I can't believe the Bella's are
being passed down to you guys
after we graduate"



Asad Rizvi
"Eat spaghetti to forgetti
your regretti."



Makena Robbiard
"... was released from her 4 year
sentence"



Lana Sanders
"Can I go home now?"



Jake Saunders
"If you've got a problem, take it
out on a drum." ~ Neil Peart



Liam Sauv 
"I like work it fascinates me. I
can sit and look at it for hours."



L a Schwarz
"Creativity is Intelligence Having
Fun." -Albert Einstein

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AJ Sévigny

"Anything worth doing starts out as a bad idea." - Leigh Bardugo



Janica Silverio

"Where's my grammy for acting like everything was ok?"



Dylan Snaggs

"Thanks to Mr. Curran, I learned to write good."



Gabe Solomon

"Smoke tires, not drugs"



Grady Stabel

"They had to take out part of my brain so I'm as smart as you guys now"



Ryley Steinwand

"If there is a god it's probably me."



Taya Straker

"It's my first full year of in person high school and I'm already graduating?!"



Colin Tanguay

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game"
Babe Ruth



Lux Thompson

"0/10 don't recommend, 257 missed classes and I'm still here."



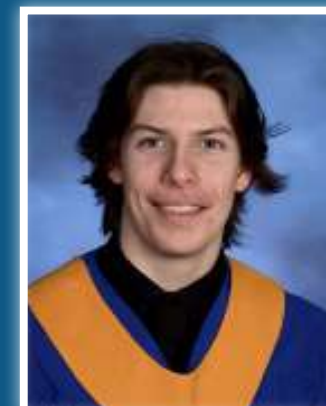
Brooke Vallis

"Smiling cause it's over"



Noah Valpy

"If you're not first, your last"-
Ricky Bobby



Michael Van Metre

"Sorry I'm late brah"

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Shayla Westgard

"I personally would like to thank me for getting to this point."



Brenna Willis

"Guess who didn't bring a lunch today?"



Lucas Wilson

"If I do good I feel good.
If I do bad I feel bad.
That is my religion "



Bilal Yalahow

"Never get tired of doing little things for others; sometimes those little things take up a big place in their heart."




Amabel Zoe

"Be secure with yourself."

Not Pictured

Jennifer Bloss
William Mackay

École Sir John Franklin high school




To the
graduating
class of 2023,


You have earned your high school diploma, an achievement that will be yours forever. Be proud of what you have accomplished and carry it forward.

Best of luck in your next chapter.

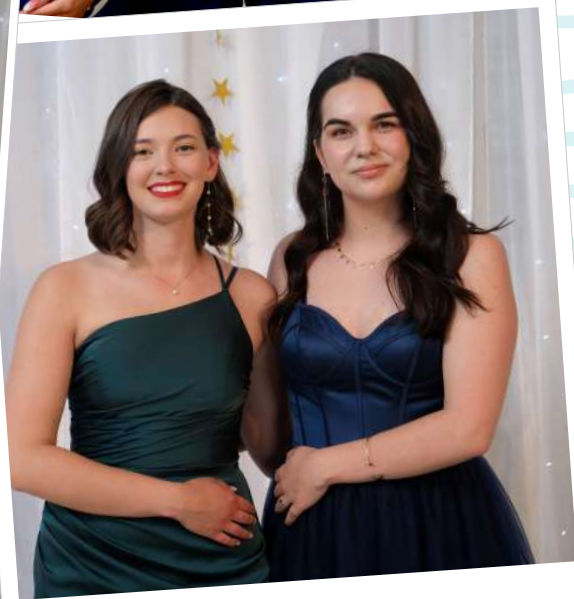
Congratulations!
~ Michael McLeod



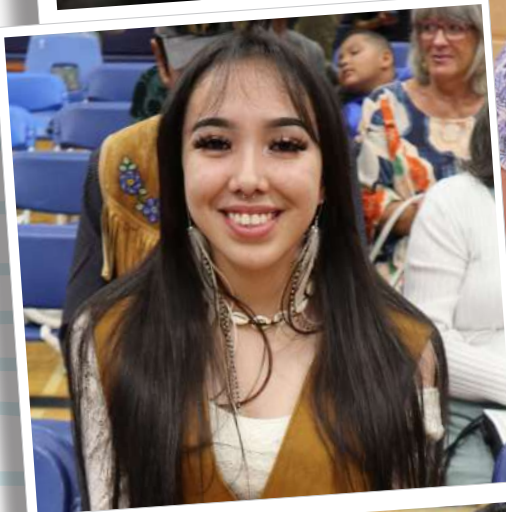
Michael McLeod
Member of Parliament
for Northwest Territories



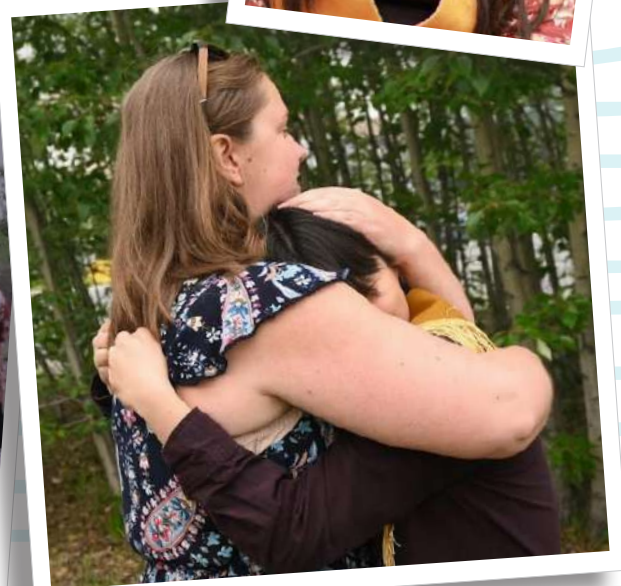
HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
CANADA



indigenous honour ceremony



indigenous honour ceremony



Voted Most Likely

**Most likely to become
Canada's worst driver**



Hilary Kolback

**Most likely to study
after the test is done**

**Most likely to become
an Olympian**



Zefer Jordison

**Most likely to win a
grammy**

**Most likely to be late
for grad**



Michael Van Metre

**Most likely to be a PTA
parent**

**Most likely to be on
America's Got Talent**



Belinda Formaniuk

**Most likely to be a
dance mom**



Ryley Steinwand

**Most likely to become
TikTok famous**



Vincent Lumacad

**Most likely to become
Prime Minister**



Alanna Pellerin

**Most likely to cure
cancer**



Symone Berube

**Most likely to cure
cancer**



Trystan Boyd



Gordon Kwong



Sophie Mahon



Teresa Martin

It's a
tie!

Voted Most Likely

**Most likely to be a
comedian**



Dylan Snaggs

**Most likely to be a
comedian**



Trent Newcombe

**Most likely to write a
best selling book**



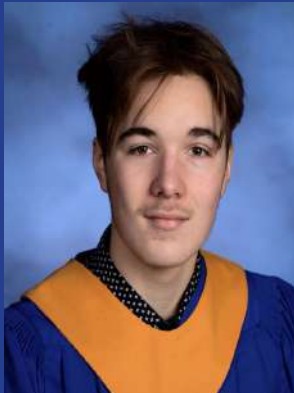
Madison Mobach

**Most likely to have 30
cats**



Kaatje Fulford

**Most likely to be a
millionaire**



Joel Harris

**Most likely to be on
broadway**



Mariah MacIntosh

**Most likely to be on
reality tv**



Sofia Barichello

**Most likely to be a WAG
(wife of a pro athlete)**



Hannah Beck

**Most likely to be in a
bromance**



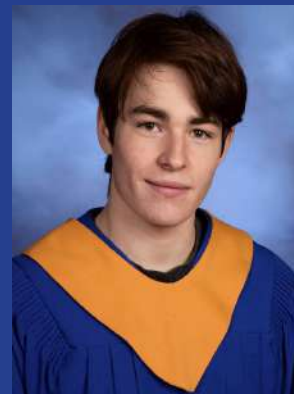
Kelden Hendrickson

**Most likely to be in a
bromance**



Sebastian Pickles

**Most likely to be
a professional athlete**



Sage Acorn

**Most likely to be a
Yellowknifer for life**



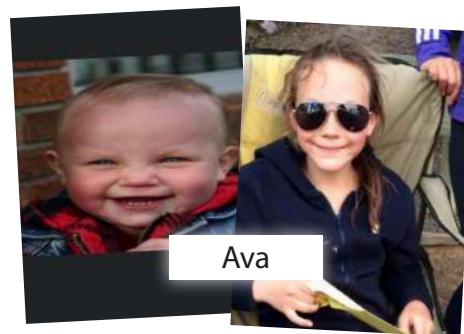
Grady Stabel



Alanna



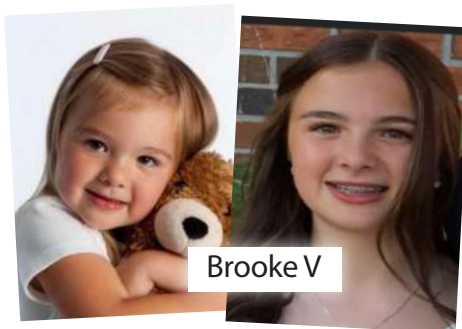
Alex K



Ava



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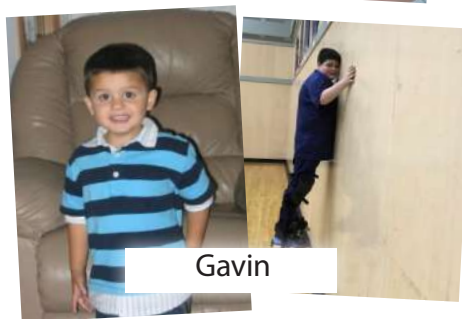
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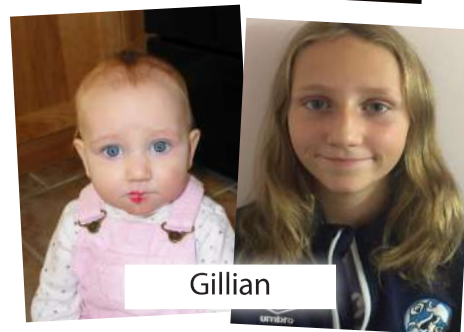
Christopher



Fadzai



Gavin



Gillian

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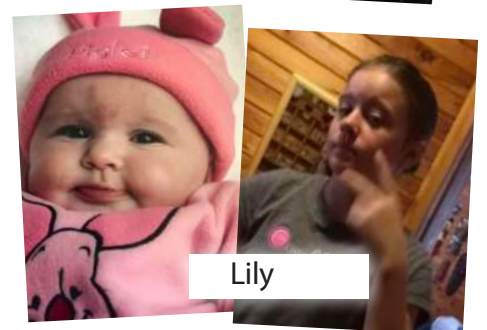
Katryne



Laiza



Léa



Lily

GRAD GLOWUP



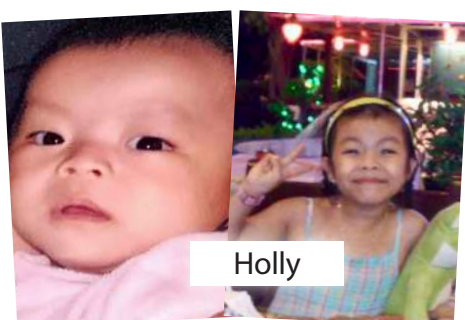
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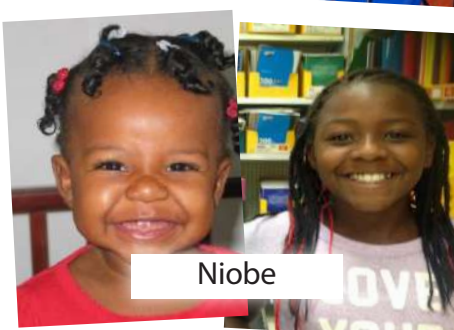
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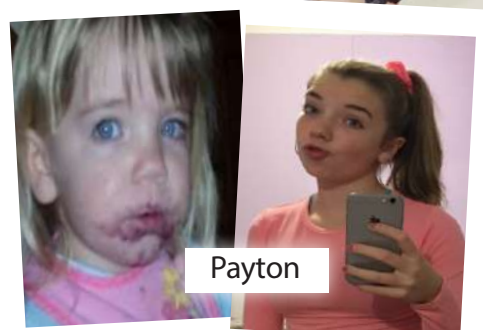
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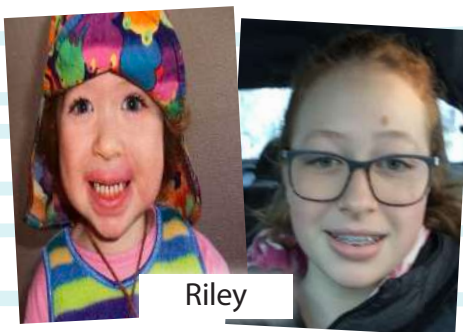
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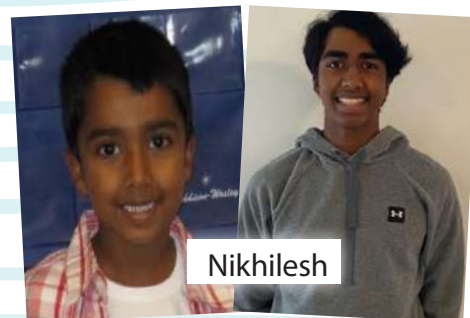
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Thank You Teachers! by Madison Mobach

Good evening fellow graduates, friends, family, and of course, teachers. For those of you who might not know me, my name is Madison Mobach and I am incredibly honored to be delivering this speech tonight.

The staff at this school are some of the most caring and compassionate individuals I have ever interacted with. Every single one of the teachers at Sir John has gone above and beyond in guiding this grad class to this stage today. We wouldn't be here were it not for you.

While their teaching of course content is exemplary, they have also helped shape us into the young adults we are today by modeling the behaviors and traits of a positive, well-developed, mature individual. Mr Kooymans taught us the impact a simple smile can have on a person's day by offering one to everybody he passed in the hallway. Ms Schlosser taught us patience and kindness by holding our hands as we struggled to grasp the unit circle in Pre-Calc 30. And Mr. Kirkham just saved us - point blank - by answering every emailed question in very thorough detail and with remarkable speed. I know I'm not the only one who benefitted from your quick responses. So many more of you teachers led by example and demonstrated qualities that are valuable and transferable to wherever our paths may take us in this life. I could stand here and list them, but we'd be here all night. Instead, just know that your actions were noticed and made a positive difference in one or all of our lives. For that we are forever grateful.

It's not a coincidence that so many of the staff members at Sir John also graduated from this school. That's because the staff prioritize a safe, positive learning environment for us students to succeed in. In a time where life was unpredictable, where meeting in person was restricted, we could count on you to keep school - both online and in person - engaging by sharing stories, having attendance questions, and always staying positive. We looked forward to Mr Kielstra's "weekly recommendations" in ninth grade, to Mr Traynor's "celebrations of learning" before exams, to Ms Brancato's sporcle Friday's, and to Ms Wilson's games of "Oregon trail" during chemistry class. From the class of 2023, we appreciate your inside jokes and overall efforts to make school enjoyable more than any of us could ever express.

This past year, semester, day, even, has been a whirlwind of graduation prep, grad activities, and stress. I mean, some of us were just writing the physics exam not five hours ago. But we're here now. We made it, and we couldn't have done it without your persistent support. Without Ms Young reminding us that a seven-week-long project probably shouldn't be procrastinated until the night before, but offering extensions anyway, or Mr Knox gifting us freezies in the middle of our study sessions. Without Mr Kirkham letting us cover his whiteboard in mind maps over exam break, or the whole staff coming in and out of the school all weekend to ensure our grad is everything we wanted it to be and more. It really does look fantastic in here. We want to thank all of you for investing in us, for leading us here over the course of these past four years, and for showing up tonight to watch us graduate. Our high school years have been some of the most memorable and enjoyable yet, thanks to your dedication to us and our learning. I hope we've made you proud, and I can't wait to see where we go next. Thank you.





Thank you Parents! by Taya Straker & Lily Newberry

Good evening fellow graduates, teachers and staff, friends, family and a special welcome to the parents and guardians, who we will be addressing this speech to tonight. My name is Taya, and my name is Lily and we're delivering the thanks to parents speech tonight.

It is our honor and privilege to be thanking the parents and guardians of the 2023 graduating class. We would like to first thank you for always showing up. You are here tonight to celebrate us just like you were there for our elementary school concerts, basketball games, piano recitals and so on. You have always been our biggest fans. You have guided us through life's many ups and downs, obstacles, and failures. You cleaned our wounds, wiped our tears and taught us about perseverance, grit, determination but also about taking a break, being kind to ourselves and accepting our imperfections.

You have shown us patience and kindness and when we really pushed your limits we also saw that you are humans too.

Our thanks goes to;

the parents who coached us in school and community sports. Wendy, Joe, Brad, Ev, Benji...

To the parents who came out and cheered us on.

To the siblings that took on parental roles and made sure we got to our events on time. Thanks, Meghan!

To our friends parents who treated us like their own, who always had good advice, good food and cared about our well-being - Chasity, Manny, Danny, Taylor, Scot, and Caroline

To the grandparents that snuck us candy before dinner, and let us be kids.

To the parents and parental figures who helped us tie our skates, navigate through broken hearts and made us laugh even when the jokes weren't funny.

Our success has been heavily influenced by you. Graduation has been made possible because you believed in us and made sure that we were equipped to succeed in these last four years. During our covid school years, you made sure that we got up for our zoom classes, finished our assignments and then prepared us for in-person schooling. We survived a pandemic and still managed to graduate and it is thanks to our parents for supporting us during that stressful time.

Although we're here to acknowledge all the parental figures with us tonight, we would like to say a few special words about our own.

Thank you dad for pushing me to achieve all my basketball goals, I couldn't have done it without you. You stick by every decision I make whether it's right or wrong.

Thank you mom for raising me to be the strong, independent woman I'm growing to be. You're not only my role model, but my best friend.

Thank you dad for always managing to put a smile on my face, no matter how I'm feeling. You have been a light in my life. Thank you for being my #1 fan.

Thank you mom for teaching me what strength, perseverance and resilience means. You've been my anchor, and always will be. You have always encouraged me to do and be whoever I wanted to be.

As we embark on this next stage of our lives we will still need you so you're not off the hook yet! We will call you when we need a listening ear, sound advice, a calming voice, a financial planner, an essay editor, and friend.

We are now technically adults ready to take on the world and you should feel proud of the work you have done to get us here. It wasn't always easy but you did it! Good job. We are proud of you!





Class Prophets by Dylan Snaggs & Zefer Jordison

Dylan: Ladies and gentlemen, parents, family members, esteemed teachers, and fellow graduates,

Zefer: Gather 'round as we unveil the class prophecy for the graduating stars of Sir John Franklin! Tonight, I'm your visionary host, Zefer Jordison, and with me is the insightful Dylan Snaggs.

Dylan: That's right, Zefer! Tonight, we transport you to a realm of possibilities, where we peer into the future and shed light on what lies ahead for our remarkable graduates.

Now, between the two of us, we're not sure whose idea it was, but let this be a lesson to all future grad classes: if you ever find yourselves presenting a speech to 800 people for your graduation, make sure you avoid the combination of two notorious procrastinators like us.

Zefer: That's right, Dylan. The struggle has been real, and we've had our fair share of late-night cramming sessions and last-minute panics. But hey, we made it here, and that's all that matters.

Dylan: Absolutely, Zefer. I mean, let's not forget that we were making edits to this speech just a mere two hours ago.

Zefer: Grads, tonight is about us, and taking a look at all the things we've accomplished. With such an interesting highschool experience, we've all stayed resilient through the highs and lows, and finally everything we have all worked so hard to achieve is now becoming reality.

Dylan: And with that being said, let's embark on our predictions for the Sir John Franklin Graduating class of 2023.

Zefer: Writing this speech was not easy, there were so many directions we could go, but we're just going to dive right into the world of athletics, more specifically, the Hockey players.

Dylan: As many of you know, every year (with the exception of those rudely interrupted by COVID-19), the two major schools of the NWT go head to head in an epic hockey match where the rivalry reaches its peak. In this school year's edition of the Challenge Cup, our boys faced a devastating 3-2 loss, 4-2 if you count the "goal" that hit the post of the net, which the refs still counted anyway. It's totally unfair and biased.

Zefer: Dylan, Dylan, not right now.

Dylan: I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

Zefer: Okay, as Dylan was saying, during the Challenge Cup, our boys faced a devastating loss that shook all of us Falcons. 15 years down the road, we checked in with our Sir John boys' Challenge Cup team to see how they're doing.

Dylan: This was no easy task. The search for our boys hockey team had us falling short, almost as if they had been wiped off the face of the earth.

Zefer: However, eventually they were found in the South Pole, isolated from all contact with the outside world. It turns out our Falcons had been left so devastated by the loss that they embarked on an expedition to find solace and redemption in the icy wilderness.

Dylan: They formed their own hockey league, battling it out on frozen lakes and glaciers, defying the harsh conditions to reclaim their lost glory.

Zefer: They named their league "The Clover Grinders," a testament to their indomitable spirit and unwavering determination to crush St. Pats.

Dylan: So, while we may have suffered a heartbreaking loss during Challenge Cup, our Falcons have risen from the ashes and are creating their own legacy in the most extraordinary way.

Next up, we have the gym bros, led by the one and only David Dragon; The Muscle Man himself.

Zefer: That's right Dylan. Mr. Dragon is destined for the dazzling world of professional wrestling, following in the footsteps of his legendary father, John Cena Dragon.

Dylan: But wait Zefer, there's more; In our search for our grads 15 years after highschool, we found that David Dragon, and Salim Osman, or as many call him, Salami Mommy, have teamed up to unleash a dynamic WWE tag team like no other, they call themselves "DRAGON Salami"?

Zefer: With this feat, David and Salim have been crowned WrestleMania champions, and even went on to release their own energy drink, 'Dragon Salami Fuel'. Doesn't that sound amazing?

Dylan: **uncertain** Yeah sure does, Zefer. Now let's move on to the people who've kept our grad class' average up throughout highschool.

Zefer: Ah yes Dylan, someones gotta do all the work here while we're gone on vacation .

Dylan: Yes indeed, and speaking of doing all the work, our valedictorian, Teresa Martin. Teresa is president of the student council, a chair member of the green team, a member of the Territorial debate team and most notably the president of her grade 8 class in middle school.

Zefer: In conclusion, Teresa's future can all be summarized by one thing and one thing only.. Let's say it together

Zefer: Prime Minister of Canada!

Dylan: A broke university student who peaked in high school!

Zefer: Dylan, I think we're going to go with my answer on this one.

Dylan: You're probably right.

Zefer: Swiftly moving on to Gordon, The Savant, Kwong. Gordon Kwong is one of the brainiacs here at Sir John, getting on the principles list every year as well as winning many awards. Gordon is planning on pursuing physics in university and he is also getting his pilot's license as he has been in air cadets since he was young.

Dylan: Which is why Gordon will most likely become an astronaut.

Zefer: And hopefully he leaves room for me on the spaceship when he and Elon Musk run away to mars.

Dylan: Next up, we have Vincent Lumacad, Alex Ketchum, and Nikki Gohil, who have joined forces as members of the sensational local band 'Quantum Haze'.

Zefer: That's right, Dylan. While Vincent is destined for pop stardom, let's not forget the incredible talent and energy that Alex and Nikki bring to the stage as well.

Dylan: Absolutely, Zefer. With their powerful chemistry and electrifying performances, Quantum Haze is poised to take the music industry by storm. And speaking of unforgettable performances, imagine Vincent mesmerizing audiences with his smooth moves and captivating vocals.

Zefer: It's truly a sight to behold, Dylan. And I can't wait to witness the magic firsthand. I can already imagine us sitting in the front row, belting out the lyrics to the group's first single, 'Mind The Fallen'. Seeing the band venture to become worldwide superstars is going to be something truly beautiful.

Dylan: That's the spirit, Zefer. Speaking of worldwide superstars, our basketball teams at Sir John Franklin have produced some extraordinary talent. Among them, Taya Straker, Lily Newberry, Trey Granter, and Lydell Macnab have truly shined on the court.

Zefer: We were amazed to discover that 15 years after graduating from Sir John, these talented individuals will come together to form their own incredible exhibition basketball team, managed by none other than the legendary basketball extraordinaire, Chris MacLellan.

Dylan: Chris MacLellan, known for his strategic brilliance, unparalleled passion for the game, and his game winning point at cager, has taken on the role of guiding and leading the team to new heights of success.

Zefer: They will take the world by storm, mesmerizing audiences with their remarkable skills and jaw-dropping performances. Calling themselves the "Great Slave Lake Hoppers". This team will rival the legendary Harlem Globetrotters, and will become the second biggest exhibition basketball team in the world.

Dylan: As they drive towards unprecedented success, and the net, the great Slave Lake Hoppers serve as an inspiring reminder that with passion, dedication, and unwavering teamwork, the sky's the limit when it comes to achieving greatness. And while we're on the topic of driving, Hilary Kolback [wait for laughter] . 15 years after graduation, Hilary Will be a Guinness World Record holder!

Zefer: That's right Dylan, she will be the first person to be voted Canada's Worst Driver...twice! The title came after finding out that Ms. Kolback had managed to flip her car in every Starbucks drive-thru in the country!

Dylan: I guess it makes sense considering she had been featured the most on our school's bad parking instagram page, @sjf_underscore bad parking if any of you are interested.

Zefer: Well, everyone, thank you for your time and for your unwavering support during this momentous occasion in all of our lives.

Dylan: And to our fellow grads, out of the 114 of us graduating tonight, while we couldn't predict all of your futures, we invite you to join us after the formal, where we'll offer personalized predictions for your journey ahead, at the small price of \$29.99.

Zefer: Graduation is not an end, but a beginning. We're stepping into a world full of exciting adventures and difficult challenges for us to conquer. We're super excited to see if our predictions come true, and can't wait to catch up and reminisce at our high school reunion 10 or 20 years down the road.

Dylan: Thank you, and congratulations to the Sir John Franklin graduating class of 2023. May your futures be filled with joy, success, and countless memories that will forever remind you of the incredible journey we've embarked upon together.

Zefer: And maybe the speech that Dylan and I present at our reunion will be written and rehearsed well ahead of time, rather than the night before... but I doubt it.

Dylan: And from the both of us:

Dylan & Zefer: THANK YOU, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!



Valedictorian Address

Welcome fellow graduates, esteemed faculty, parents and honoured guests,

Bienvenue à la classe de 2023, les professeurs, les administration, les parents et à tous les invités,

My name is Teresa, and it is with great gratitude and honor that I may say a few words about the graduating class of 2023.

Our graduating class has truly seen and experienced it all. Grade 12 has been our first and last normal year of high school. Through global pandemics and outdoor classes holding meter sticks, we stand here at graduation as a testament to how far we have come these past four years. We must recognize that we would not be here without the unwavering support of our teachers, administration, guidance counselors, friends and family. In times of uncertainty, we relied on their words of wisdom and reassurance to regain a sense of hope and encouragement.

In the class of 2023, many of us have known each other since preschool and kindergarten.

Therefore, today is not the first graduation many of us have shared. As a French immersion student, I grew up with many of the graduates and shared countless childhood memories at JH Sissons

and École William McDonald. Hence, today is not only a celebration of our academic careers, but also of the lifelong friendships that we have formed these past 12 years.

Reflecting on our time at Sir John Franklin, we will always cherish the unforgettable memories shared between friends and classmates. I will always remember the excitement and the roaring crowds cheering on many graduating students who played for the Challenge Cup Hockey Teams. I'm so happy that Sophie convinced me that we should join the team even though we both had never played hockey before in our lives. The 7 am practices were a bonding experience like no other, and I will never forget the thrill of being on the ice and the slight fear of being body checked. However, there was always a sense of comfort knowing I was on the same team as some of my closest friends and graduating class members.

When we look back on our past four years at Sir John, it can also be the smaller moments that we will remember the most, from reciting French fables on our first day of Mme. Ricard's class, to Mme. Poitras chemistry classes spent on lawn chairs and tree stumps later inspired our STEM-related careers. There were also the library spares where we convinced ourselves that we could focus and study with our friends, and the weekly debates, where debate partners quickly became some of our closest friends. Thanks Jillian for being the best debate partner! There are also memories between our graduating class from carving pumpkins to driving through town in our dry grad teams. There were also small moments shared between friends,

from the never-ending laughs to the inside jokes we will never forget for the rest of our lives. Each of these small moments has made us the individuals that we are today, and when we look back on the past few years, I hope we remember everyone who has played a part in the person we have become.

As we venture into the next part of our lives, I hope we don't let the fear of mediocrity hold us back from doing what we truly love. As it was famously said, by the singer and poet, Taylor Swift, "Everything you lose is a step you take... you have no reason to be afraid." Therefore, in the face of self-doubt, I hope we continue to strive toward our greatest goals and ambitions.

Félicitations encore à la classe de 2023, je suis fière de nous et de tous nos accomplissements ces quatre dernières années.

Class of 2023, an exciting future awaits us all, and when we all meet again at our ten or fifteen-year reunion, I cannot wait to see how far we will have all come from the people we are today. I wish all graduates the very best in the coming years, and congratulations again to the class of 2023!



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