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 Madison Biggs
 Jesse McElroy
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 Skyler Pike
 Bradley Bartlett
 Sydney Smith
 Jack Mahan
 Reanna Browntee
 Rudi Slagter
 Rebecca Mossier
 Seth
 Chris Ketchum
 Kaina Ne
 Doda Saad
 Christiana Football
 Marca McEachern
 Harley Gagne
 Cameron Joy
 Kaley Pokiak-Steeno
 Duncan Stewart
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Principal's Message

École Sir John Franklin High School opened its doors back in 1958 and today we celebrate the 65th graduating class of SJF.

Many positive thoughts that rush to my mind when I look out at this grad class; The ups and downs of your first four years of high school, but it finally comes all together in your final semester. What these young adults have experienced during that time will only make them stronger – whether it be restrictions or an evacuation. They have developed some skills that I am sure they do not even realize they have: skills of resiliency, perseverance, adaptability, and much more.

I am sure that back in 2020 as you were entering high school it was not at all what you pictured or even wanted. As you reflect on your time here at SJF today and in the years to come, it would be easy to point out the challenges you faced. I ask you to see that you have made it through and by getting on the other side of these obstacles you have grown.

It is easy to look at points in your past and even today and be overwhelmed. Today I ask you to look to the future with a positive lens, positive attitude and positive belief...belief that you can make a difference.

You all have the capacity to make a difference. Life will throw its curve balls at you, but you have the heart, brains, and experience to navigate life's challenges.

Using your "Resiliency" as a superpower – you have it within you. This will enable you to make a difference in our world.

I echo what Ms. Schlosser said last night – use kindness – buckets of it – the world needs it, especially from tomorrow's leaders. This builds trust in people. I see many of you being our future community leaders...James (that is with a J) and Emma may have mentioned last night in their speech...you are tomorrow's leaders. When I look out to see this class I see many of you playing a big role in Yellowknife in the near future...you may leave on an adventure but I see many of you returning as teachers, nurses, mechanics, support workers, business owners, carpenters, lawyers, counselors, doctors, and much, much more.

Just remember – to move forward with kindness, heart, and a positive outlook.

When you do remember high school in the years to comememorable moments that you shared together will be stories you will tell:

Challenge Cup Sweep this year for Aubrey, Ellie, Emma, Chelsea, Emily, Hannah, Kali, Maica, Morgan, Rebecca, Riley, Skyra, Sydney, Talia – Boys; Bradley, Braden, Cooper, Malachi, Joe, Duncan, James, Riley, Spencer. I am sure the stories will grow over time of the domination of 2023 and the cups coming home where they belong.

- Soccer/Volleyball/Basketball tourneys and banners
- Drama and Music productions especially the ones that feature the Band "Fridge"
- Debate Club with top debater Anya (and her brother James...oh those poor parents)
- Robotics class with Mr. Morozov (Ian – Shawn – Rebecca)
- Goofy grad activities
- Chess in Kirkham's room
- Working on math in Ms. Schlosser's room over lunch – where these students want to compete in a Math Contest vs. St. Pats – thanks to Tasir & Roald
- Sitting around in Shantora's room playing music
- Hanging out in the foyer
- Times that you will miss

I am sure that all your parents will tell the story of your first day of school many times over the next few weeks – or they may already have been telling the story and showing pictures for the last few months. This is usually where I lecture the grads about thanking the people that supported them to get them to today. Well the kids have for sure heard this many, many times from Mr. Curran, Ms. Martin and myself, maybe even 100's of time over the last four plus years. Today I ask the parents and families to let your "Grad" know how proud you are of them and fill them with confidence. Let them really know how you feel about them.

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. Your bond may be stronger than any other group before you.

My advice – (and no Lachlan Dunn – you do not need to write this down like Mr. Curran's advice from last night). As you step into the next chapter of your lives, remember that the choices you make today will shape your future. Embrace every opportunity with courage and determination, and never be afraid to pursue your passions. Stay true to your values, support one another, and continue to learn and grow every day; the world needs your unique talents and perspectives.

Come back to visit...lets exchange stories

I look forward to what life bring each of you – all the best Class of 2024.

Thank you,

Dean MacInnis

Principal
École Sir John Franklin High School
June 2024

Congratulations to the Class of 2024

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



Kristen Au Johnston
Class of '01



Kodi Bauldry
Class of '09



Dominique Bennett



Dale Bouchard



Cora Brancato
Class of '12



Jan Byrne
Class of '74



Aidan Cartwright
Class of '04



Crystal Catholique
Class of '03



Lindsay Chiasson



Colleen Cornett



Janice Daly



Nathan Doering



Shaun Doherty



Jean-Yves Drouin



Obed Duru



Dylan Eastcott



Mitch Grady



Scott Green



Hannah Griffin
Class of '12



Shamus Hagen
Class of '09



Vy Hong
Class of '23



Jennifer Hubert



Jade Johnston



Michelle Julian



Jeremy Kielstra
Class of '98



Mark Kilbride
Class of '99



Stephen Kirkham
Class of '01



Dan Knox



Robin Kooymans
Class of '05



MJ Lafferty



Carrie Lauder
Class of '93



Carina Lee



Jodi Lee-Lewis



Sonia Longchamps
Class of '94



Spencer Lyman



Sean Magee



Wendy Malkin



Millie Marsh



Bridget McLeod



Nikita Morozov



Mindee Naismith



Lea O'Keefe



Stephen Offredi



Sharon Oldford



Landon Peters



Kim Poitras
Class of '00



Isabelle Robidas



Jerome Rondeau



Alison Ryan



Pam Schlosser



Robyn Scott



Susan Shantora



Logan Shupe
Class of '18



Greg Skauge



Johanna Stewart



Travis Stewart
Class of '94



Evelyn Straker
Class of '95



Shannon Traynor
Class of '00



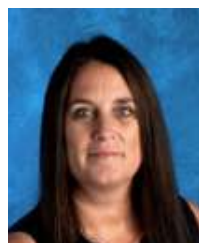
Brianna Tremblay
Class of '10



Gillian Waugh
Class of '10



Alycia Wilson
Class of '06



Gwen Young

GRADBOOK COMMITTEE



Hannah Vu



Kristen Au Johnson

GRAD COUNCIL 2024



Back Row (L to R):
Colton Tumoth
James Rogers
Chelsea Rowsell
Gwantana Kiboigo
Lucas Pontin

Front Row (L to R):
Hannah Vu
Thalia Rodomond
Rebecca Messier

Grad Advisors:
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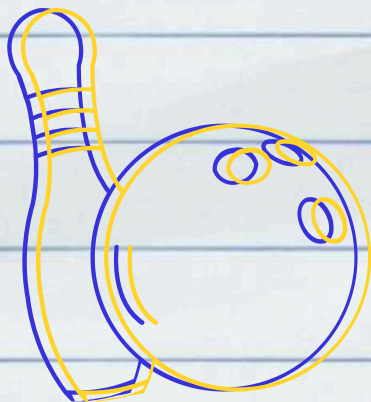
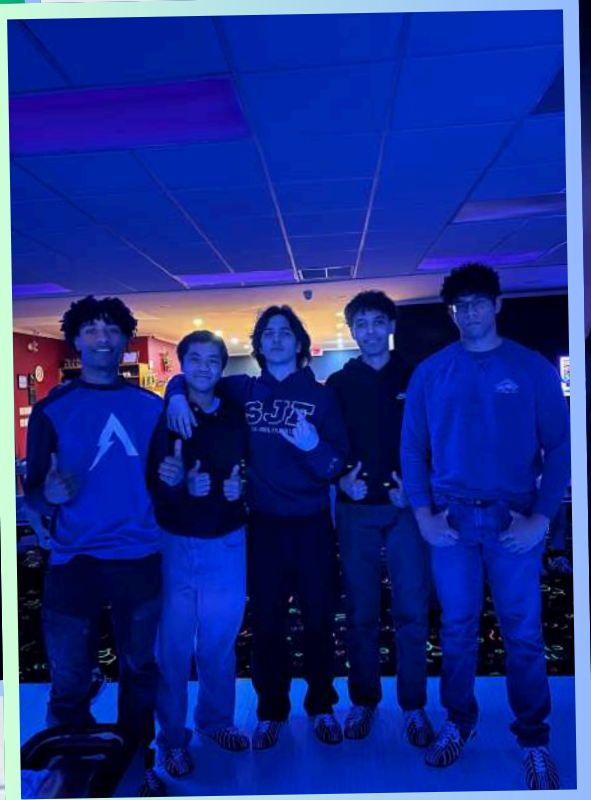
CHALLENGE CUP 2023





HAPPY HOLIDAYS!





BOWLING NIGHT

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Grad Class of 2024

Hey chat, high school in 3 words?

Frankie

Twas absolutely fantastic ✨

Nole Barchello

Wow! Done already 😊

Loïc Hipfner

Curran's always watching 👁️

Cooper Mcleod

A unique time 😊

Sean Vermaak

Loved bathroom breaks 🔥

Ellie Loutitt

Sir John's cooked 👨‍🍳

James Rogers

Annoying, awesome, chaotic 😊

Morgan Stabel

Second semester goated 🙌

Sydney Smyslo

Fun, emotional, exciting 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 ♀

Avery Lebrun

Exhausting, lame, and awesome 😎

Derringer Boothe



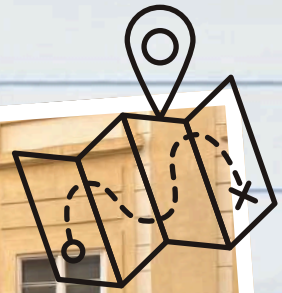
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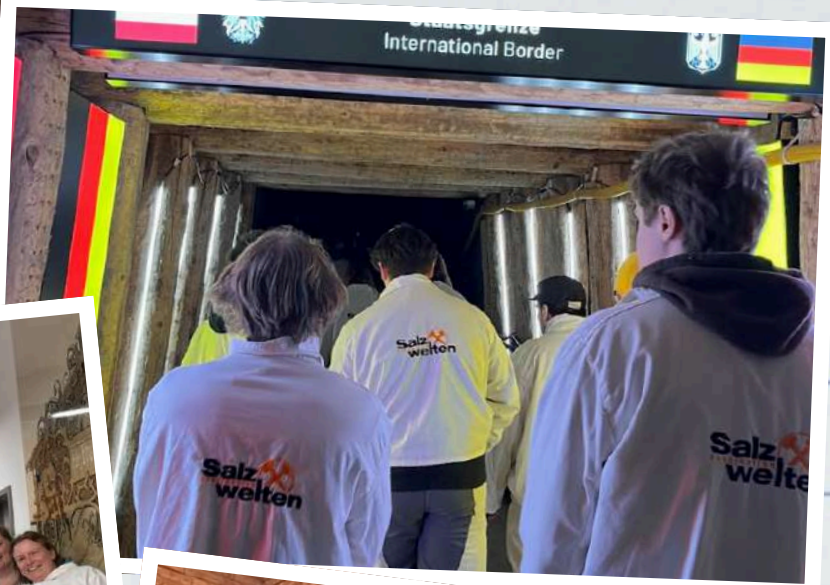


TIME TO BEREAL! ⚠️





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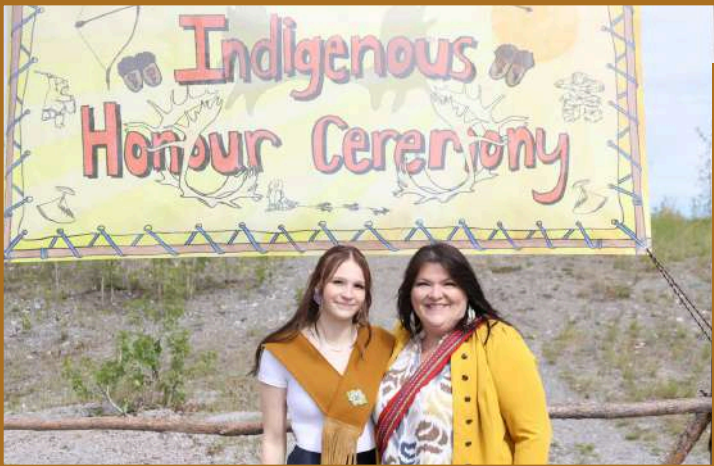


HALLOWEEN





INDIGENOUS HONOUR CEREMONY









Class of 2024



Harley Alikamik-Klengenberg

"People always say good work takes time, that's why I never handed in my assignments."



Riley Almond

"I got a two year plan with bylaw
- Frank Smyslo



Adib Ashraf

"GOIDAAAAA!"



Madison Baggs

"Graduated without a learners."



Trei Ballantyne

"The journey of a thousand miles
begins with a single step."



Nole Barichello

"Now do a version without shorts :) "
~ an unknown user



Seth Barnes

"Nothing can dim the light that shines
from within"



Bradley Bartlett

"Preparation for tomorrow is
hard work today."



Tasir Bhuiyan

"Now I See."



Sheldon Bisaillon

"See, I told ya I'd graduate."



Derringer Boothe

"If it's there it's there."



Braden Brenton

"It always seems impossible until it's
done"



Class of 2024



Kailynn Brownlee

"You're gonna go far" ~ Noah Kahan



Reanna Brownlee

"Shoutout Ai"



Matthew Bui

"HI MOM! I'M IN A BOOK"



Emma Carey

"In this moment now, capture it,
remember it"



Lyndon Chiasson

"My parents raised me right, that just
leaves me to blame."



Byran Clinton

"Lo il faut que j'arrête de me pogner
le beigne"



Keira Clinton

"Je vois le gros en toi"



Landon Cooper

"Believe and act is if it were impossible
to fail"



Joseph Curran

"Sorry, can you repeat that?
I was eating."



Joseph Daniels

"I may be pansexual, but 80% of you
are average."



Abba-Gail Derry

"There is only one success - to be able
to spend your life in your own way."
Christopher Morley



Allison Dodman

"LAST WORD"



Class of 2024



Kali Dowbush

"The tassel's worth the hassle"



Shawn Dragon

"Never reading Shakespeare again."



Fraser Dumont

"Life is too important to be taken seriously." - Oscar Wilde



Lochlan Dunn

"Noli stillare tua potatoes. Sed coque, farra, vel pulmentum inunge. Deus vult"



Talia Ehrlich

"Let me overthink this...."



Brennan Eno

"The dude abides"



Nathan Fenley

"Some graduate with honors, I am just honored to graduate."



Alysia Football

"The only impossible journey is the one you never begin"



Christiana Football

"Truly blessed."



Kaïna Garcon

"If I'm gonna tell a real story I'm gonna start with my name."



Ian Gau

"It's Nerf or nothing."



Adriano Gentles

"My high school downfall needs to be studied omg."



Class of 2024



Emily Hazenberg

"Let your intrusive thoughts win" - Nole



Bryson Helyar

"Remember, it is better to repeat than cheat."



Alexander Heyck

"Never make fun of someone if you aren't any better." - B.V.



Samuel Heyck

"Forever grateful that I don't have to do bio anymore."



Loïc Hipfner

"Freedom is the right of all sentient beings" - Optimus Prime



Riley Hodder

"That was rough."



Johanna Hugo

"If all else fails, you can marry rich!"
- Rory Gilmore



Amna Idris

"The future belongs to those who give the next generation reason for hope."



Lucas Inman

"I may be a mechanic but I can't fix stupid."



Cameron Joy

"Believe you can and you're already halfway there"
- Theodore Roosevelt



Dawhii Judas

St. Matthew 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof



Aaron Juntilla

"It's not a failure if you tried! It's just success-adjacent."
- Spongebob Squarepants



Class of 2024



Tydzeh Kakfwi-Lennie

"It will seem shorter once it's over" -
Chief Linden Edwards



Mason Kelsey

"I hope my future is brighter than my
check engine light."



Christopher Ketchum

"Make sure your life is fun."



Gwantana Kiboigo

"One of One"



Sheldon Klein

"If you ain't first, you're last "
- Ricky Bobby



David Kwong

"The game needed life so I put my
heart into it."



Tyson Lafond

"Life is either a daring adventure or
nothing."



Sofia Laganas

"what the Σ"



Avery Lebrun

"I survived ZF002' - Unknown



Liam Leonard

"I want nothing more than to hide in a deep
hole, eat my turkey crackers, have a big tub of
yogurt and simply never show my face again."



Arabella Lim

"basta maganda ako"



Emmett Lindsay

"No risk, no glory. No failure, no story"



Class of 2024



Konner Lindsay

"No risk, no glory. No failure, no story"



Mark Lingard

"May I write my grad bio now?"
1 month past the deadline



Rhyder Lorenzen

"Shoutout to Lana"



Elliotte Loutitt

"I put the sexy in dyslexia."



Annabelle Mackenzie

"Where you go, go with your heart"



Wyatt MacKenzie

"SKADOOSH!"



Noah Maggio

"There is no script. Live your life. Soak it all in"



Thomas Maguta

"I waited this long for a piece a paper?"



Sahal Malin

"Le beurre d'arachide est bon"



Georgia Martin

"Two time Two Time"



Maica McEachern

"Never eat mushrooms you find in the amazon forest" - Frank Smyslo

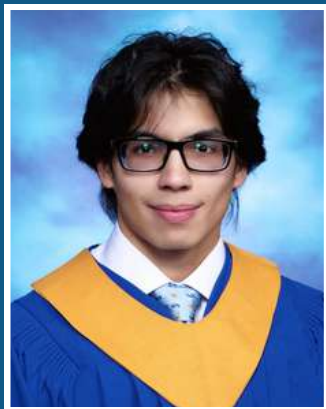


Jesse McKeddie

"I'm Johnny on the spot, I'll hook you up"



Class of 2024



Cooper McLeod

"We must dare to invent the future."
- Thomas Sankara



Solaya Meserah-Zdyb

"I stress about stress before there's
even stress to stress about."



Rebecca Messier

"Vote Rebecca Messier for
Prime Minister"



Spencer Miller

"You never lose. You either win
or learn."



Jacob Mitchener

"You're so perfect" - JS



Stephen Moore

"Suui"



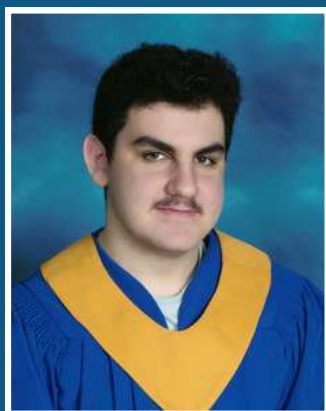
Malachi Morin

"Sorry I'm late I had to walk my dog."



Takohta Morin

"Gym 4 life"



Mufit Morina

"I done graduated"



Tafadzwa Mufandaedza

"This was fun, I'm out"



Tristan Neill Sudlovenick

"Finally done"



Nolen Niptanatiak

"Math, solve your own problems"



Class of 2024



Endre Novak

"Wishing everyone the best of luck!"



Nvuselelo Nyathi

"There wasn't any COVID in high school musical"



Amr Omer

"The lights were brighter than expected" - Jarrett Allen



Keaton Parisella

"Hoping to keep the party going on with his boys."



Bryson Pender

"There's beauty in the struggle and ugliness in the success."



Roald Peters

"Buy in" - Dan Knox



Skyra Pike

"When there's fresh pow, ski the glades."



Mikayla Pitt

"The world won't forget" - GZ



Kaylee Pokiak Steen

"The only reason why I look up to you is because I'm short."



Lucas Pontin

"Ring camera notification: Motion detected."



Aksel Reed

"There are no regrets in life, just lessons"



Owen Reitsma

"Wait, so how do I pay my taxes again?"



Class of 2024



Keira Riley

"WE are the egg."



Scarlett Robb

"Yesterday was history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why they call it the present." - Master Oogway



Thalia Rodomond

"I can't complain about having a lot on my plate if my goal was to EAT."



James Rogers

"I took care of business"
- Peter Curran



Chelsea Rowsell

"Grateful for where I've been, excited for what's to come."



Doaa Saad

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



Kadriye Sarikaya

"Peace and Freedom"



Cohen Shaffer

"I spent 12 years here and all I got was a piece of paper."



Kali Skauge

"You should know if I laugh, you laugh"
- Avery



Rudi Slagter

"If in doubt, use chat gpt."



Aubrey Sluggett

"Anita Max Wynn" - Drake



Anya Smillie

"All lights turned off can be turned on"
- Noah Kahan



Class of 2024



Carsen Smith

"The road to success is always under construction"



Treyson Smith

"Would you do it for a Scooby snack?"



Sydney Smyslo

"How am I going to get these guns through airport security?"
- Frank Smyslo



Morgan Stabel

"Thank God it's over."



Duncan Stewart

"I've seen dirt before but it never looked quite like this."



Logan Stewart

"Goodness gracious great balls of fire!"



Colton Tumoth

"The most important race is the one you haven't won yet."
- Fernando Alonso



Sara Verheul

"Life has no limitations - except the ones you make."



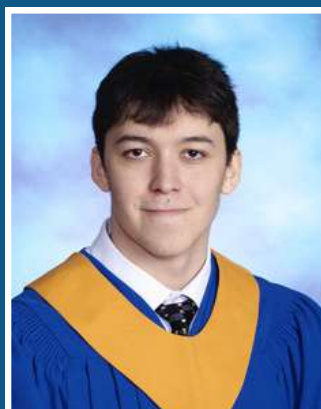
Sean Vermaak

"High school is the end of the beginning, so don't let it be the beginning of the end."



Hannah Vu

"You can't spell trillionaire without a couple L's."



Tyler White

"Sleeping is the height of genius"
- Soren Kierkegaard



Hawke Williams Ellis

"Anything can be easy in yo life, you just make it hard" - LazerDim700



Class of 2024



Cole Woodland
"Clear Comms"



Brooke Yendo
"For my GC"



Ibeh Zoe-Chocolate
"Thankful for this journey"



Voted Most Likely



Kali Skauge

Most likely to be a PTA parent



Sahal Malin

Most likely to be late for grad



Stephen Moore

Most likely to become a professional athlete



Ellie Loutitt

Most likely to become a reality tv star



Konner Lindsay

Most likely to survive the hunger games



Rudi Slagter

Most likely to be a Yellowknifer for life



Hannah Vu

Most likely to become an influencer



Cole Woodland

Most likely to get married first



Mason Kelsey

Most likely to get their license taken away



Nole Barichello

Most likely to be in a bromance



James Rogers

Most likely to be in a bromance



Solaya Meserah-Zybb

Most likely to always be the best dressed

Voted Most Likely



Byron Clinton

Most likely to go to space



David Kwong

Most likely to become a millionaire



Emily Hazenberg

Most likely to have spent the most at Starbucks



Joe Curran

Most likely to replace Mr. MacInnis



Cooper Mcleod

Most likely to become a politician



Adib Ashraf

Most likely to get ID'd when they're 30



Sheldon Bisallion

Most likely to win the Lottery but lose ticket



Tasir Bhuyian

Most likely to cure cancer



Keira Clinton

Most likely to win an Oscar



Bradley Bartlett

Most likely to wear cowboy boots every day



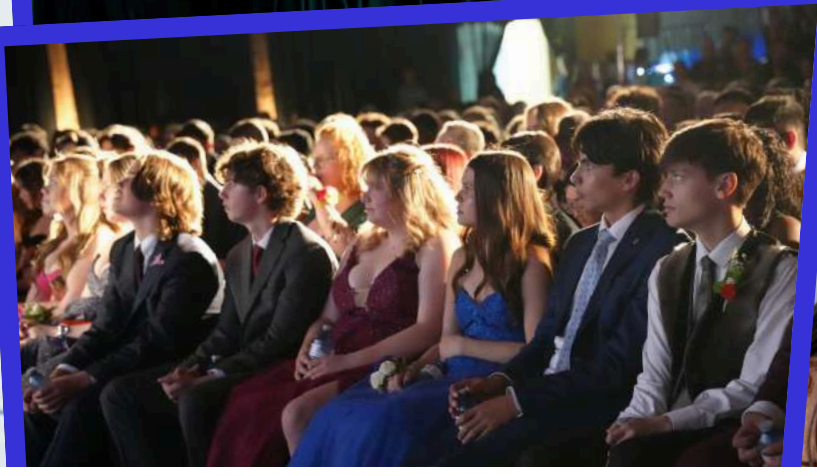
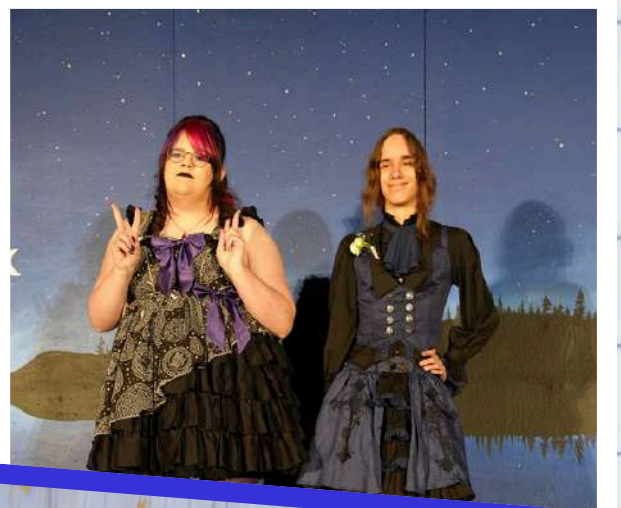
Lucas Pontin

Most likely to be a comedian



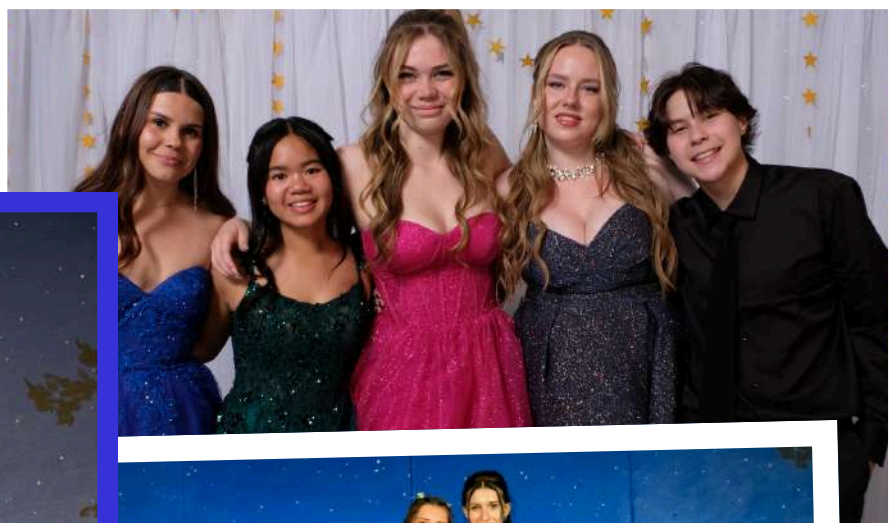
Rebecca Messier

Most likely to become Prime Minister



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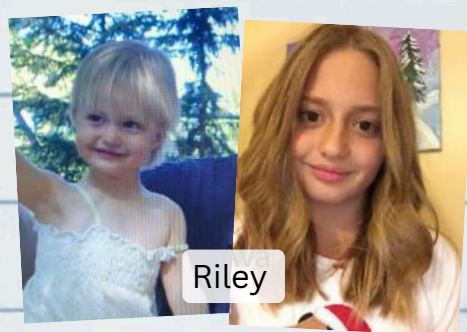




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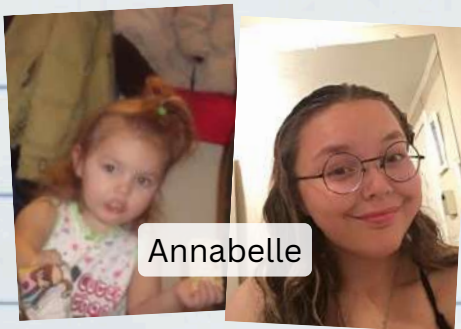
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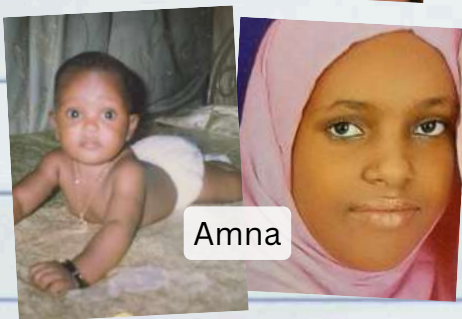
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Rudi



Shawn



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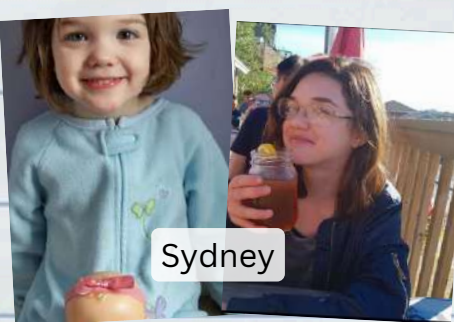


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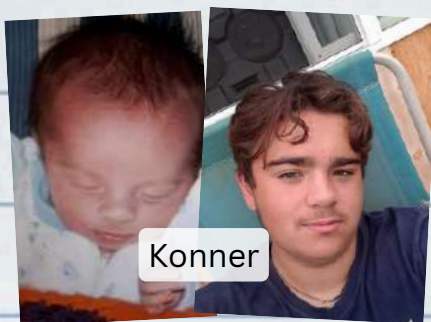
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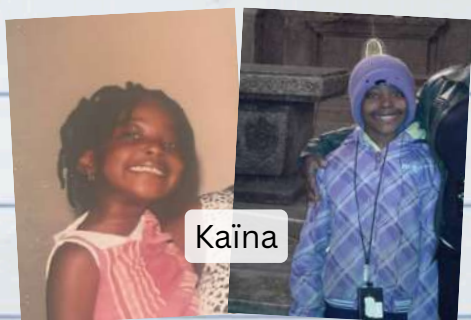
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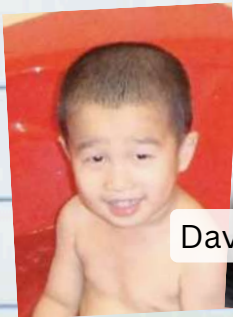
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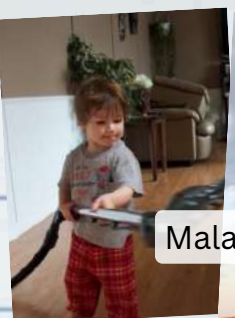
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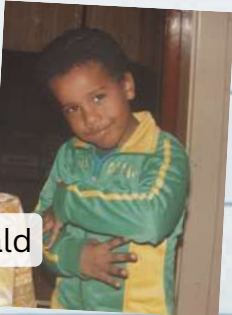
Malachi



Colton



Roald



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Thank You Teachers!



by Chelsea Rowsell

Good evening, everyone! For those who don't know me, my name is Chelsea Rowsell. If someone had told me back at the beginning of the school year that I would be standing here tonight giving a speech in front of this many people, I would have told them that they were absolutely crazy. But here we all are, so let's make the most of these next few moments as I share some words of appreciation for the incredible staff that we have here at Sir John Franklin.

I would like to start by expressing my deepest gratitude to our amazing teachers on behalf of the graduating class of 2024. Today, as we stand here on the edge of a new chapter in our lives, it's important to take a moment and reflect on the incredible impact our teachers have had on us.

To our teachers, thank you for your unwavering commitment to our education. You have not only shared knowledge of your subjects, but have also instilled in us the importance of learning. Your passion for teaching has been truly inspiring, and you've made the classroom a place where we felt motivated, supported, and encouraged to challenge ourselves and reach for our dreams.

Thank you for going above and beyond to ensure our success. The late nights spent grading papers, the countless hours of lesson planning, and the extra time you took to provide guidance and support have not gone unnoticed. You have invested so much of yourselves into our growth, and we will be forever grateful for all of it.

Your belief in us, even when we doubt ourselves, is a driving force behind our achievements. You've pushed us to reach our potential, challenged us to think critically, to question, and to strive for excellence. Your guidance has not only prepared us academically but has also equipped us with the tools to navigate the many and varied challenges that lie ahead in our futures.

Beyond the classroom, you've been mentors, role models, and in some cases great friends to lean on when needed. You've listened to our concerns, celebrated our victories, and offered a shoulder to cry on during difficult times. Your unwavering support has made us feel valued and cared for, and we are incredibly fortunate to have had you by our side throughout this journey.

As we embark on the next chapter of our lives, we carry with us the knowledge, skills, and memories that you have helped to create. We are ready to face the world, prepared with the lessons you've taught us, and the belief that we can make a difference.

Thank you to all the teachers who took time out of their schedules to write letters of recommendation for our post-secondary school applications and pushed us to reach the millions of deadlines that were being thrown at us. Thank you to all the staff members who have volunteered their time to coach school sports. Thank you for all the work you have put in to try to make these past four years the most memorable, even when we were thrown into situations that were far from ideal. Between global pandemics and wildfire evacuations, our high school years have been very different from what most of us imagined they would be, but you guys did everything you could to make it the best experience possible for us, and we wouldn't trade that unique ride for the world.

I can't thank each staff member individually, but I would like to take a minute to acknowledge a few. Thank you to Ms. Oldford for being there for many of us all the way from kindergarten up until our graduating year. Thank you to Mr. Grady and Mr. Green for following us from William Mac to Sir John. We all know you did it just to watch us grow into who we are today (or maybe it was to get away from Mr. Seabrook and morning wake-up); let's just go with the first one. Thank you to Mr. Kirkham for all of the library passes after class lectures (I promise every single one was used productively). Thank you to Mr. Curran for calling on me to read out loud to the class during our novel study even though we both knew that was the last thing I wanted to do ... kind of ironic standing here now. Thank you to Ms. Schlosser for encouraging us to build confidence to participate in group discussions and remind us it's okay to make mistakes. Last but not least, thank you to Wendy and Ms. Martin for giving amazing advice and always putting a smile on our faces.

With that being said, if I didn't specifically mention you tonight, I do want to make it clear that every single staff member has had some kind of connection and/or impact on at least one of these graduates sitting here tonight. Most of us would not be where we are or who we are without you guys.

So, on behalf of the graduating class of 2024, I again want to say a heartfelt thank you to our teachers. Your dedication, passion, and commitment have shaped us into the kind, capable and forward-thinking young people before you tonight. We will forever cherish the memories we've created together, and we will always be grateful for the incredible impact you've had on our lives.

**Thank You,
Chelsea Rowsell**



Thank You Parents!



by Kali Skauge and Joseph Curran

● Kali

● Joe

Thank you Mr. McInnins for the warm welcome. Hi, I'm Kali.

And I'm Joe. We'd like to thank everyone for the opportunity to speak tonight and offer a toast to the parents. I'd like to give a special nod to my family and especially my grandparents for being here. Theirs is the quintessential immigrant experience. 45 years ago they left a crumbling society in their native Vietnam in hopes of giving their children a better life in Canada, and I know the security and opportunities I've enjoyed to this point in my life are due in large part to all that they were willing to sacrifice in hopes of a brighter future.

I too would like to say hi and thank my grandparents, who have travelled from Saskatchewan and North Dakota to be here tonight. Their journey to Yellowknife, Joe, might not have been as harrowing as your grandparents', but they certainly did risk a lot by choosing to check their luggage with WestJet.

I know most of you know my dad. Some may know him as Mr. Curran, Coach Peter, "cur-dog", but I know him as my father. Not only that but as a teacher and vice-principal of the institution he's been at for almost 30 years. Many of you think he's serious, intimidating, and maybe even scary; and it's true. You think the crap he gives you guys at school is bad, you should try living in the same house with him.

Well, Joe, why is it that our dads are on our cases all day at school, give it to us at the rink and then fill our ears the moment we walk through the door at home? I think the reason why our parents are tough on us sometimes is because they want us to learn something. And although we don't always want to accept, agree with or believe it, I think the trouble they give us just shows how much they care and how much they love us. After all, it must take a lot of energy hassling us all the time.

- You're probably right, Kali. Why is it that Danielle makes Malachi clean the house for seven hours every weekend? It's because she's trying to teach him what it means to be responsible.
- Why did Maica's mom force her to wear three-inch heels to the music concert last week? It's because she's trying to teach her something about social etiquette and respect.
- Why is it that Colton's mom doesn't let him take his snowmobile out on his own, even though he's seventeen years-old? Because she's trying to teach him a lesson about personal limitations.
- Why is it that Owen Reitsma has been grounded 15 times in the last three years? It's because Steve and Laura want to teach him about boundaries.
- Why did your dad bring a copy of Riley Hodder's report card into the dressing room during Challenge Cup practice last year? He wanted to teach his players something about accountability . . . and pure terror.

I remember one time my dad wanted me to understand the importance of appreciation. Let me give you the details. I was about eight years-old, and my dad had just bought me a package of wine gums from the gas station. At the time, wine gums were my favorite candy, and being a student of the school of delayed gratification, I decided to save them for later when I would have a chance to savor them. Well, grads, I don't know what it's like at your house, but I made what was a critical error in my house: I left my wine gums on the counter in plain view. You guessed it, when I walked by about an hour later to retrieve my loot, I found the bag ripped open and only 3-4 candies remaining. Now, I don't remember if I blamed my dad or my sister, but I do know that I gave full reign to my outrage. Well, my father who had worked hard all day, and who had paid for the wine gums in the first place was in no mood for an indictment from his sanctimonious, unappreciative son, and he let me know that I should zip it and be thankful for what I had left. An hour later, though, when we were on our way downtown in the truck, I was still at it. Nearing the limits of his patience, he threatened me with, "If I hear one more word about those wine gums, I am going to pull this vehicle over, and you will be sorry."

I decided to call his bluff.

Next thing I know I am standing on the side of the road watching my dad's tail lights receding in the distance. I stood rooted a minute, waiting for his brake lights to signal that he had reconsidered. The minute passed, and I turned for home . . . on foot. **Message received.**

Thank You Parents!



● Kali
● Joe

Joe, I get it, I get it; there's something to learn in all of that, I know. But do our parents always have to take it to the extreme? Picture this, it's the spring of 2016, I am in Ms. Alyssa's grade 4/5 split class at NJ McPherson, and she asks me to stay late in class over lunch. While I originally thought I was in trouble, she told me she had something important to talk to me about. So she sits me down at her big, bean-shaped, purple desk and asks me if I would be okay with my Women's-Health Nurse-Practitioner mom teaching an upcoming lesson in health class. I've always been very proud of my mom, I know how hard she works, so I said sure! I asked which lesson . . . nutrition? "Nooo" she said, "not that one. Another one, something just as important."

Oh no . . . she didn't?

Yup, you guessed it: Sexuality and Reproductive Health. In my shock, I must have nodded in agreement because a few weeks later I'm sitting in horror while my mom flips through a very detailed full-colour slideshow; holds up some very accurate, full-sized models; and answers every single excruciatingly specific question asked by my 10-year-old classmates. To this day, I am still reminded by friends about the day my mom truth-bombed us all on the birds and the bees.

I guess it's safe to say that even when parents throw us out of the car, traumatize us in front of our classmates, unplug and hide the wi-fi router, hassle us about our homework, implement a hard curfew, make us dress for the weather, not for a fashion show, they are really just trying to show how much they care. Although it may not seem like that at times, our parents are always looking out for us and trying to prepare us for a time when they are not going to be around. Now, neither one of us is a parent, but we have extensive experience being parented. We do know this: although they sometimes drive us crazy, and they seem to have no idea what it's like being a kid, we know that our parents are deeply committed, loving, and oh so proud of the young people we have become. Tough love, after all, is still love, and the parents here tonight continue to make that clear again and again.

Whether it's Duncan's dad buying him his fourth hockey stick of the season, Amna's mom making the most delicious food to share on multi-cultural day, or Cohen's dad Darren hauling newly-built storage sheds to their new homes, our parents have always found ways to deliver the goods.

We'd like to express our deepest gratitude to all of our parents for encouraging us to step outside of our comfort zones;

We'd like to thank our parents for always showing up, and supporting us from the sidelines. Your presence has meant the world to us;

We'd like to highlight our appreciation for the late nights, early mornings, and all the time you took out of your days to take care of us.

We thank you for being parents. Your love and support has helped us get here today, and will serve us well beyond today. It goes without saying, we could not have done it without you, but it bears repeating, thank you.

**Thank You,
Kali Skaug and Joseph Curran**





Class Prophets

by Emma Carey & James Rogers



● Emma
● James

Good evening to all, parents, teachers, graduates, and all individuals present. We are gathered here today to celebrate our graduating class of 2024.

and were very glad glad to see you here Riley Hodder.. I saw you handing in your English assignment to Bauldry as we walked in this evening.

Yes, we're very glad you made it!!

For those of you who might not know, I'm James.

and I'm Emma

May we present the most important speech of the night, the class prophecy .

He (depends who's speaking what) doesn't mean that, we couldn't be here today without our parents and teachers so those thank-yous are important... however I think he/she meant the funniest (hopefully).

Now its time to look into the future of our graduating class with our special hat and see where they are going to be

But you're putting the hat on right?? Because I did not sign up to mess my hair up. AND we have to go through our whole grad class?? Folks, let's get comfortable in your chairs and hope you don't have to go to the bathroom any time soon.

I guess ill wear the hat if it makes me smarter. Mrs. Martin told us you can tell the future with it so ill trust her.

Okay - But - again, we have to do ALL our grad classes???

No no don't worry, we won't be able to fit everybody since we are fortunate to have such a big grad class, however we will get everyone we can. Lets hope you enjoy the speech, and without further ado here are the nominees for the 2024 grad----- cutoff.

Wait! No! it's not like that

Well then how do we start the speech

You have to put the hat on and it just magically starts popping up in your head.

Wait, do you see that?? Is that.... MASON

Oh no.. is he walking into jail?

Oh it looks like it. Definitely all his speeding tickets he's gotten.

But look at that, Anya is walking behind him so she must be his lawyer once again.

Anya is getting rich off the number of times our grad class needs a lawyer.

She's going to be rich so- wait, do you see that???

Is that the band group??

No way they are on the main stage at FOLK, with Keira as their lead singer! That's insane!

Did you hear how Tristan is the star in the Head and Shoulders commercial?

Honestly, that doesn't surprise me I always wished I had his hair.

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● Emma
● James

And let's talk about the students from Night School and the Snap Program

Haven't you heard? They are all professionals now since they started work earlier than the rest of us.

Yeah... you think they'd give us a loan? They are definitely making bank.

You know maybe we should ask.

Do you see that? The famous Field House canteen is still up and running.

Doesn't Kadriye own it now? I used to love going there, maybe we should go back for lunch tomorrow.

Wait did you know that we have students in the Guinness World Record for Canada?

Yeah, isn't Hannah in there for Canada's worst driver after she ran into her Garage, Lachlan for eating the most live moths.
And Avery for never stopping to laugh.

Yeah isn't that cool.

And let's talk about Wyatt... Do you think he'd be able to help all the Sir John students who are going to skills automotive to win?

Hmmm yeah because he is the tech chair now.

Why don't we jump to talk about all the students on principal and the Honour Roll lists who kept our grad class average up

Yeah... they went from carrying our GPA to carrying the world in technologies, engineering, ground breaking medical research and exploring space.

And can we talk about Seth Barnes???

Yeah isn't that crazy, he just won the Citizenship award for all of Canada with how much he does around our community.

OMG! Do you see that??? Is that...

Gwan running late to the bus again?? Hes going to be late for work.

I guess he hasn't learned from the Fort Smith Volleyball trip.

Yeah, and too bad Madison can't drive him since she's still trying to get her learners.

And Jacob is in the Olympics for swimming

Yeah... I'm glad he was able to work through his muscle imbalance.

Thanks to Fran

Speaking of sports.... We have three professional athletes now from our grad class.

That's right I saw that in the paper not too long ago, Stephen, Spencer and Ellie are all paving their way through the Canadian national team.

and Malachi is the best marathon runner after he succeeded in track and field and ditched skiing.

Don't forget Joe, he's the best skier in Yellowknife!!

Also did you hear that when Rudi and Hawke are not touring around Canada for their traveling band out of the Delica van, Rudi is fighting fires...

Class Prophets



● Emma
● James

Yeah.. thanks for the putting the fire one summer by the way Rudi.

and David is still unable to come up with that helicopter Kali's always asking for

and Kali's still going around the classroom telling her kids about her glory days at Tindi.

while the rest of the Tindi crew still work there.

Did you also know that all the students who can speak french are working all across the country with these big companies translating for them.

That's so cool I wish I was able to speak French

Sydney is one of the top competitors in the show Alone, she's going into the final next week or something

I always knew she would be a hunter girl...

Yeah, Maica and Riley have been posting all over their social media about it cheering her on.

I hope she ends up winning. But I think we got the majority of our grad class, nobody asked us to look into their future right?

Yeah no one specifically asked us so I think that's it.

Let me look at the list real quick...

COOPER

Sorry about that Cooper.... But we know you are succeeding after receiving that bio award.

He won a bio award?

I think so... Honestly I can't remember.

Well, those are some crazy future plans for the class of 2024. And if anyone else wants to know what their future looks like, you can come find us and put the hat on for a small cost of \$59.99!

I think it's pretty accurate. I guess we will find out in 10-30 years when we have our reunion.

If we even get to a reunion... Mr. McInnis, you think we could set up a reunion in 25 years?

Where is that little guy? Ugh, I can't see him. Someone's little sister is probably standing in front of him

Wherever anyone ends up, we always wish the best for our fellow grads

And we want to say thank you to everyone sitting through this speech and allowing us to predict the future for our grads.

We hope you guys had some laughs and enjoyed our speech.

And a special thank you to Ms. Martin for giving us her special hat to see what the graduating class of 2024 future's look like.

**Thank You,
Emma Carey & James Rogers**



Valedictorian Address

by Colton Tumoth



When I began drafting this speech, it drew me back to many previous classes and school memories, and through this, one thing has become quite evident. We are all so different today from the people we were just four years ago when we stepped into Sir John for the first time. While our high school journey has been filled with the regular ups and downs, and generational challenges to overcome, all have ultimately helped shape us into the gritty, determined and conscientious people we are today.

We live in a strong community, full of people who have supported and guided us throughout our time living here. No matter who you are or what you have accomplished throughout your time in Yellowknife, you've been influenced by coaches, leaders, employers, people who have been there to mentor you, challenge you and help you to grow. Our parents stood by our sides, helped us to study, and made certain that we had all we needed to learn. While our community may be small, it's full of people who want to see us succeed and prosper, and for that we are thankful.

We began our high school years at a weird time. Throughout 2020, and 2021, we had to deal with modified COVID schedules, we found ourselves in and out of online school. The pandemic forced us all to change the way that we learned, studied, and asked for help. It was a challenge for sure, a challenge that would have been near impossible were it not for the teachers who put in tremendous effort to preserve our education. Despite the fact that we were separated, it always felt as though our teachers were right there alongside us. They were always available and there to help us when we needed it. I will always remember biking around town finding the math problems that Mme Poitras taped to lamp posts, all in an effort to get us out of our houses. As students, we also had to adapt and find new ways to demonstrate our learning. We used old junk in our houses to make science projects, took home instruments and practiced them in our rooms (which I'm sure our parents all appreciated), and we all found new ways to overcome our situation. In the end, I believe that we all came out stronger as a result of the hardships we faced.

Of course, none of us would have been able to make it as far as we have without the support of our peers. Whether it be staying up late studying for physics tests with Loic, Joe, and Nikki, or driving around town making short films with Shawn, James, and Nole for Mr Hagen's English class, I've always felt at my best when surrounded by my friends and classmates. I've met and become friends with so many great people throughout my time at this school, and I'm truly glad to have met you all. I've had great times and learned a lot from Jesse and Tyler teaching me about history, to Byran and Sahal teaching me how to play chess (through much yelling and name calling), to James helping me out in the gym. I am a better person because of the people at this school, and I believe that many feel the same.

And to the many athletes and coaches, thank you for inspiring us all these years with your on-ice, on-court, on-field performances. We were so lucky to ride along as you prevailed in Challenge Cup, Super Soccer, Spike it, and Cager. We know how hard you worked and that in many cases you left your heart and soul out on the court, or in Jacob Mitchener's case part of his arm.

On a personal note, I would also like to thank some of the teachers who have not only had a profound effect on my learning, but who have also supported me and guided me through my years at this school. Thank you to Mme Sonia, for supporting all of us french students, for letting us stay in your class way later than we should have to finish essays, and for putting up with Byran and Sahal when we could all tell you really wanted to throw something at them. Thank you to Mr. Morozov, for helping me in pursuing my love for technology and for encouraging me to continue learning more. And to Chef, for getting me to come back to your class semester after semester, and for helping me learn to cook and eating my food even when it was potentially harmful to your health. Lastly, thank you to Ms. Schlosser for keeping us all engaged and interested in math, and putting in way more time than you needed to to make sure we had the highest chance at success. I think I speak on behalf of all of us grads when I say that all of the teachers at this school have left a lasting effect on us, and we would not be who we are today without you.

To close, I just want to state how glad I am to be standing among you all today. No, we are not who we were four years ago. The people we've met, the challenges we've gone through, and the immense amount of hard work that we have all put in from day one—has all shaped and refined us into the people we are today. I look forward to seeing everyone's achievements wherever the future may take you.

Thank you all and congratulations to the grad class of 2024!

**Thank You,
Colton Tumoth**

