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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On February 1, 2022, the Ministry of Education released the Online Learning Graduation Requirement. All students, beginning now for our current Grade 9 and Grade 10 students, must earn two online credits to obtain their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

For our current Grade 10 students, they will automatically be granted one online credit due to the province-wide school closures in April to June 2021 towards this new graduation requirement. Parents/Guardians also have the option to have their child "opt out" of this graduation requirement. Parents/Guardians, in carefully making this decision, please consider if this type of learning or learning environment is most suitable/appropriate for how your child learns best.

Courses that are eligible to meet this requirement are:

- All online eLearning credits earned via your child's current secondary school; or institution authorized to offer credits towards the OSSD
- As noted above, one credit completed by our current Grade 10 students in 2020-21 during the school closure will be counted towards the graduation requirement
- Courses delivered entirely using the Internet and do not require students to be physically present with one another or with their educator in the school
- Reach Ahead and Summer School online eLearning courses

Courses that are currently NOT eligible to meet this requirement are:

- Courses taken in virtual school/remote school
- In-person learning courses
- Blended learning courses (mix of in-person and online requirements)

If you have any further questions regarding this new graduation requirement, please contact your child's guidance counsellor for more information. If you wish to have your child "opt out" of this graduation requirement, please complete the attached form (either in fillable PDF or handwritten) and return to your child's school. They will be collected by the Guidance department and noted for graduation completion on their transcripts.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in Catholic Education.

Sincerely,

Lorrie Temple  
Superintendent of Education

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