



Class of 2022 Valedictorian Self-Nomination Process

Applications are due to Mr. Nicholson via e-mail (snichols@hwdsb.on.ca) by **May 10 at 3 p.m.** Your e-mail must originate from your HWDSB e-mail address and contain two things:

1. An attachment (.pdf) that contains a full copy of your valedictorian speech that you hope to record for our June 27 commencement ceremony. A video recording of you reading the speech will be played on a loop at multiple locations in the school on June 27 for all to enjoy!
 - There is no word count maximum for this speech, but when read aloud should take less than ten minutes. Please title this document **“My Speech”**.
 2. A second attachment (.pdf) that contains a paragraph on the topic *“Why I should be the Class of 2022’s Valedictorian”*.
 - There is no word count maximum but when read aloud should last one minute. Please title this document **“My Pitch”**.
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What happens next?

- The Valedictorian Selection Committee reviews candidates’ two submissions (see above) and check that the meet the self-nomination requirements (see Page 2). Short listing may occur. School-approved applicants will be notified by **May 11 at 3 p.m.**
- Grade 12’s will be invited to a socially distanced assembly in the auditorium on **May 17 at 11:00 a.m.**
 - Nominees will read a 4-minute excerpt of their speech and then a 1-minute pitch of *“Why I should be the Class of 2022’s Valedictorian”*. **Rules: Voice only, no music, no sound effects, no props, no gimmicks, etc. Any jokes or stories or poking fun of a friend or teacher must be cleared in advance with the people involved (we’ll check!)**
 - Candidates will be strictly held to a maximum of five minutes on the microphone and will speak in alphabetical order by last name. Any student speaking off-script will be disqualified
 - Only Grade 12’s may attend the speeches, and must remain for the duration of all speeches
 - Voting must be done in-person and inside the auditorium. Only Grade 12’s can vote, and only one vote per student. ***This means no voting on behalf of a friend, no remote voting, and no voting after the last student departs the auditorium***
- Each candidate will be notified of the voting results on May 17th by 3:00 p.m. (no totals will be shared) and the Class of 2022 Valedictorian will be announced on the same day at 5:00 p.m. via mass e-mail

Self-Nomination Requirements:

1. Student must self-identify as someone who has been empowered to **“learn and grow to their full potential in a diverse world”** during their time at Ancaster High School
2. Student must have consistently upheld and modelled exceptional behaviour and conduct throughout secondary school. Please see page 8 of our school handbook for the [Student Code of Behaviour](#)
3. Nomination packages (*My Speech* and *My Pitch*) must be complete and submitted on time **(May 10 at 3 p.m. via e-mail to Mr. Nicholson)**
4. The elected valedictorian must work with an Ancaster High teacher of their choice to revise, edit and finalize their speech for approval by Mr. Nicholson before June 20th
5. Campaigning (**direct or indirect**) is strictly forbidden. This includes all social media platforms (ex: “vote for me” posts, etc)