



JKCS GRADUATION AWARDS POLICY

We believe in recognizing God-given gifts and talents. We do that on a regular basis in our chapel times, our class times, and through our special community events. The awards presented on graduation night are consistent with our Graduate Profile. Other subject-specific awards will be distributed at our awards chapel in June.

Awards Process

Unless otherwise noted, the process includes the following:

- a) At minimum, the grade 7 and 8 teachers and administration will form the Staff Graduation Committee who will be in charge of considering nominated students for each award. Other staff members may be added at the discretion of the principal.
- b) Nominations for awards will be considered by the Staff Graduation Committee and may be made by any staff member or grade 8 student. The two exceptions to that process is the Valedictorian Award and the JKCS Academic Award.
- c) All staff conflicts of interest must be declared at the beginning of the process by either the staff member or the principal. Conflicts of interest include children, relatives and/or close friends. People in conflict of interest positions must be excluded from the process.
- d) Voting will take place by the Staff Graduation Committee after each nominated student is discussed. The decision belongs to the committee and the final decision belongs to the principal who, in most cases, will confirm the committee's decision.
- e) It is possible for a grade 8 student to win multiple awards; however, in cases where that student and another student are close in the identified award criteria, the award shall be given to the student who has not yet received an award.
- f) JKCS's awards have no money associated with them.

Presented At the Graduation Ceremony

- a) **Valedictorian** -- awarded to the Grade 8 student who is deemed by peers and chosen by the Staff Graduation Committee to be a strong student in each of the Student Graduate Profile areas. In addition, the student must have been part of the class for a minimum of two years and display the capability of speaking well in front of a large crowd of people.

The students to vote for their choice(s) via a secret ballot, with the results being tabulated, discussed, and approved of by staff. The student who has been chosen is then approached in private and is given the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination. If they insist on declining, staff will consider the student with the next most votes.

The valedictorian's speech should be designed to be a retrospective for the class, an inspirational address, a thanksgiving to the school community and, most importantly, to the Lord for His faithfulness. The valedictorian will work together with JKCS staff to prepare his or her speech.

Process -- In addition to awards process listed, student voting for the valedictorian award will be completed by the grade 8 class by the end of May. The results will be forwarded to the Staff Graduation Committee and will be taken into consideration.

b) Graduate Profile Item #1 -- Academic Excellence

JKCS Academic Excellence Award -- awarded to the grade 8 student who has achieved the highest average in all the courses offered in the grade 8 school year.

Process -- The grade homeroom teacher(s) will calculate each student's grade average, and this award goes to the person with the highest average as confirmed by the homeroom teachers and the principal.

c) Graduate Profile Item #2 -- Christian Worldview

JKCS Christian Worldview Award

Awarded to the grade 8 student who best uses the Bible appropriately to gain understanding, recalls and applies Biblical truths to daily living, and demonstrates wonder for God, neighbour, and creation.

d) Graduate Profile Item #3 -- Christian Character

Lucie Stackaruk Christian Character Award

Awarded to the grade 8 student who best displays the qualities of Christian Character by showing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Presented At the Graduation Ceremony (Cont'd)

e) Graduate Profile Item #4 -- Christian Leadership

Christian Leadership Award

Awarded to the grade 8 student who best encourages others to reflect the love of Jesus, provides an opportunity for other students' voices to be heard, and acts as a positive role model for other students.

f) Graduate Profile Item #5 -- Learning Skills

Lorna Keith Learning Skills Award

Awarded to the grade 8 student who best practices critical and creative thinking skills, collaborates with peers, and incorporates modern technology into their work to enhance their learning.

Presented At a June School Chapel

Subject Awards

The awards found below are given to the grade 8 students who are deemed by the Graduation Award Committee who best display ability, integrity, passion, leadership, and teachability in the particular subject area.

Anthony Malandra Arts Award -- Awarded to the grade 8 student(s) who best displays ability, integrity, passion, leadership, and teachability in Visual Arts and/or Music. No more than two students may be given this award in the given academic year.

JKCS Humanities Award -- Awarded to the grade 8 student(s) who best displays ability, integrity, passion, leadership, and teachability in Bible, French, Geography/History, and/or Language Arts. No more than four students may be given this award in the given academic year.

JKCS Sciences Award -- Awarded to the grade 8 student(s) who best displays ability, integrity, passion, leadership, and teachability in Science and/or Math. No more than two students may be given this award in the given academic year.

JKCS Female Athlete Award -- awarded to a grade 8 female student who has made the most significant contribution to the sports program via involvement in physical education class, intramural program, and JKCS sports teams. The contribution is characterized by good character, appropriate intensity, and a proper understanding of team community and competition. No more than two students may be given this award in the given academic year.

JKCS Male Athlete Award -- awarded to a grade 8 male student who has made the most significant contribution to the sports program via involvement in physical education class, intramural program, and JKCS sports teams. The contribution is characterized by good character, appropriate intensity, and a proper understanding of team community and competition. No more than two students may be given this award in the given academic year.

Implementation Dates

Graduation Awards Policy was approved at the September 2017 Board meeting and will be implemented beginning September 2017, communicated to grade 8 students and parents in September 2017, and first awarded at the graduation ceremony in June 2018.