

Awards and Recognition

PARKDALE AWARDS

Each year PCI students are recognized at Graduation in June or the Honours Assembly in November for **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT** in their individual subjects, overall **HONOURS** average, and **SERVICE** to the school and community.

AT THE END OF EACH SEMESTER TEACHERS WILL BE ASKED TO NOMINATE A STUDENT FROM EACH CLASS FOR THE AWARDS BELOW. THIS IS DONE THROUGH A GOOGLE FORM. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION IN A TIMELY FASHION SO THAT WE CAN RECORD THE INFORMATION

Academic Awards are recognized in subjects in all pathways from Grade 9 to 12 for Outstanding Achievement which includes:

- Participation
- Effort
- Attendance and punctuality
- Marks (based on first time completion of course)
- Demonstrated intellectual curiosity
- Good standing in the school community (a good role model for other students)

Honours Awards are earned by achieving an overall average of 80% or above based on the best 6 subjects taken in day school in a given academic year. The first time a student achieves this average they earn an **HONOURS CERTIFICATE**. For each consecutive year they achieve this average they earn an **HONOURS PIN, HONOURS PEN** and for their 4th year they have their name added to the **HONOUR ROLL** in the auditorium.

Service Awards recognize graduates who have provided outstanding service to Parkdale C.I. and the community.

CRITERIA FOR VALEDICTORIAN

This student will be the spokesperson for the graduating class at Commencement.

1. The student should represent the “**best**” of the qualities possessed by this year’s grads, both **personally** and **academically (minimum average 80% in senior subjects taken at PCI)** The student must have successfully completed all senior level courses at PCI, in night school, summer school, e-learning, Dual Credit, etc.
2. The student must have an excellent attendance record in each senior level course, and must have attended PCI for at least two years.
3. The student must be an inclusive and respectful person, clearly demonstrating a spirit of equity and tolerance, and should have a reputation as such amongst staff and students.
4. The student must not have been involved in intentional academic dishonesty whatsoever, including plagiarism, collusion, and the like.
5. The student should be exemplary in behaviour in school and outside of it, while on field trips, sporting events, or during any other event where the student is representing PCI. The student should be a representative of the school motto, mission statement, and spirit, in all areas.
6. The student has been active in and made a positive contribution to student life while attending PCI (e.g., clubs, sports, committees, student government), and in their senior years at PCI.

7. The student speaks well in front of a group, with humour and insight. The Valedictory Speech will be supervised by staff advisors, and will be submitted for approval three days before Commencement, to the teacher who will introduce the Valedictorian during the ceremony.
8. The student cannot have won in any previous year.
9. The student has earned or will earn their OSSD sometime this school year.
10. Parkdale C.I. potential graduates are eligible to nominate their peers. There will be no self-nominating. Staff will meet and vet nominees. Each nominee is to present a completed form (attached), where two peer signatures and a 100-word rationale for the choice of the nominee are included. Also, one teacher must sign the nomination form. This teacher must be willing to introduce the student as Valedictorian at Commencement.