

JBS Class of 2020

TO: Senior Parents/Guardians
FROM: Class Chairs, Lyn Grace, Susie Hizar and Caroline Sky
RE: Graduation

Graduation is less than six months away, and the administration and our committee have already begun to meet and plan!

- On Monday, January 27, Ms. Salrin has scheduled a meeting for 2020 parents/guardians to discuss May Projects, graduation, traditions and expectations for the end of the year – 7 pm in Haertter Hall.
- In early March, Ms. Salrin and we will send the first of three mailings, detailing all of the end-of-the-year activities, schedules, forms and options – from Senior Skip Day to graduation seating to family pictures.

In the meantime, for those of you who have not participated in a Burroughs graduation, here is a brief description:

Graduation is a one-hour ceremony which we anticipate will be held in the grove behind the STAR building. This year it will begin at 7 pm on Sunday, May 31 and, as is tradition, will include a faculty processional, student processional, remarks by two seniors (selected from anonymous submissions), remarks by the head of school, presentation of diplomas and graduate recessional. In the case of *extreme* weather, the ceremony will be moved indoors.

- What do the graduates wear? Dress is formal (white dresses, pant suits, summer tuxedos). Simple, long white dresses may be purchased, borrowed from previous graduates or borrowed from Carrie Madigan (chair, Family & Consumer Science, ext. 279). The summer formals (white jacket, black trousers, shoes and socks) are rented by the school from Stallone's Formal Wear and storecarded (NOTE: Last year the charge was \$46 for the summer tux and, if needed, \$14 for shoes). Students who wish to participate in the graduation ceremony are expected to cooperate with the dress guidelines. Questions about dresses/pant suits should be directed to Donya Allison (class sponsor, ext. 229).
- Is seating limited for family and friends? No. Each graduate will be assigned six reserved seats by lottery for the graduation ceremony. There will also be 600ish unreserved seats behind and to the side of the reserved section which become available after 6 pm on the 31st. Since the natural pitch of the grove is stadium-style, there really are no "bad" seats.

After the ceremony, at approximately 8:15 pm, there will be a reception for all guests in the Quadrangle to enjoy and share the moment with family, friends and faculty.

Beginning at about 8:45 pm, there will be a dinner for graduates and their families on campus. Every graduate will receive three complimentary dinners; additional dinners will be \$60 per person. We hope all graduates, their families and guests will choose to attend, but the dinner is optional. Details to come.

The graduation after-party (the final leg of the evening for grads and chaperones only) will follow. Graduates who do not attend the dinner are encouraged to come to the party, which is held off campus, again this year at Moolah Lanes.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us or call school (314.993.4040 Jennifer Salrin /ext. 325 or Ellen Bremner /ext. 355).

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