

# JBS Class of 2020

TO: Senior Parents/Guardians

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RE: End-of-Year & Graduation Details

DATE: March 2, 2020

At 7 pm on Sunday, May 31, the Class of 2020 will begin its processional into Graduation Grove where diplomas will be handed out, words of wisdom will be imparted, and excitement and pride will be palpable – among the students, their families and the faculty.

Building up to that ceremony are many activities and deadlines unique to the senior year.

- This is the second of four mailings to help you and your student navigate these fun – but for some, unfamiliar – waters. It expands upon the dates provided by Jennifer Salrin at the January parent meeting (and posted on the 2020 class web site) and explains various upcoming events.
- The third mailing, which will cover graduation and other year-end details in more depth, will be sent after spring break.
- And the fourth mailing, in mid-May, will specifically address family seating at graduation.

Whether a veteran or rookie senior parent, please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions, at any time.

► *These mailings are posted on the Class of 2020 web site.* ◀

# IMPORTANT DATES

*These dates apply to students ONLY unless otherwise indicated. Separate invitations will be sent for all social events.*

<b>March</b>		
Wednesday	4	Prefect Day Off – No classes but students meet onsite with May Project sponsors
Friday	6	May Project final proposals due
<b>April</b>		
Saturday	4	Junior-Senior Prom
Wednesday	15	Senior Health Day
Friday	17	Senior Skip Day
Monday	27	Last day of class for seniors (except for AP classes) Senior Picnic (after sixth period)
Tuesday	28	May Projects begin (through Wednesday, May 27)
<b>May</b>		
Friday	1	National Reply Date – Students must send a deposit to ONE school by this date
Tuesday	5	AP Exams (through Friday, May 15)
Wednesday	20	Senior Assembly (8:15 am) – Parents/Guardians Invited! Graduation Rehearsal / Book Buy-Back
Friday	22	Field Day (8:45 am) and Yearbook Assembly
Wednesday	27	May Project Seminar (4 pm) – May Project Journals are due
Thursday	28	Picnic Dinner for seniors and their parents/guardians (6 pm) – students pick up tuxes
Sunday	31	Graduation Day 5:15 pm Seniors arrive and pick up flowers in the dance studio 5:45 pm Class Picture 7 pm Graduation Ceremony 8 pm Abbotts’ Reception in the Quadrangle 8:45 pm Graduation Dinner (for interested grads and families) 10 pm Grads begin to depart for an after-party which is only for them (and chaperones) at the Moolah

## YEAR-END EVENTS

WHAT	WHEN	JBS CONTACT
<b>Junior - Senior Prom:</b> This is a formal dance held at school by the junior class for the senior class.	April 4 8 pm - midnight	Carrie Madigan ext 279 Olga Stafford ext 354
<b>Senior Health Day:</b> All seniors are expected to attend this day of seminars on health and wellness, planned by our Counseling & Wellness Department and held at Ladue Chapel.	April 15 9:15 am - 2:50 pm	Sally Kilbride ext 317
<b>Senior Skip Day:</b> All seniors are excused from school.	April 17	NA
<b>Senior Picnic:</b> Immediately following their final classes, seniors picnic on the Overlook (or in the field house, weather requiring).	April 27 1:15 pm	Lori Krekeler 314.249.8488
<b>Senior Assembly:</b> This assembly is a celebration of the accomplishments of the Class of 2020. The program features speeches by the senior class president, a teacher chosen by the class and Mr. Abbott. Parents are invited to attend; there is ample seating. Students should wear a dress, skirt, pantsuit, nice slacks, coat and tie. A brief reception for seniors and parents/guardians will be held immediately after.	May 20 8:15 am	Jennifer Salrin ext 325
<b>Graduation Rehearsal and Book Buy-Back:</b> Immediately following the senior assembly, seniors practice the graduation processional and recessional with their class sponsors. After this practice they may sell their books back to the JBS bookstore.	May 20 9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Jennifer Salrin ext 325
<b>Field Day:</b> Seniors must attend Field Day and the yearbook assembly immediately following. The school-wide picnic after the yearbook assembly is optional.	May 22 8:45 am	Jennifer Salrin ext 325
<b>May Project Seminar:</b> All seniors meet with their May Project advisors and turn in their May Project journals. This is a required part of the program.	May 27 4 pm	Jennifer Salrin ext 325
<b>Picnic Dinner for Seniors and Their Parents:</b> Seniors and their parents/guardians are invited to an informal gathering, sponsored by the Parents Council, which includes dinner and a program featuring a slideshow of the class's six years at Burroughs.	May 28 6 pm	Mary Hohenberg 314.503.3744 Merrill Nelson 314.359.4349

# A LITTLE MORE ON MAY PROJECTS, AP EXAMS & GRADUATION

## What are May Projects?

**JBS Contact: Jennifer Salrin ext 325**

*As a graduation requirement, each senior designs a program that allows the student to work away from Burroughs in a setting that is new for the student. The goals and outcomes are many: students learn new skills, establish a direct and continuous working relationship with an adult sponsor, and benefit the community beyond personal gain.*

By Friday, March 6, all seniors should have completed the process of researching and writing their May Project proposals; the May Project Review Board evaluates all proposals to make sure that they meet the criteria we have established.

Beginning Tuesday, April 28, seniors will follow their own calendars and daily schedules but **must attend a seminar -- a one-hour meeting -- at 4 pm on Wednesday, May 27** to discuss the May Project with their advisee groups. Students keep a journal as an informal, written record of the project, providing them a way to evaluate the May Project experience as it unfolds. The journal is a requirement for graduation and is to be turned in to the May Project advisor at the May 27 seminar in order to help us evaluate the success of the project.

If at any time during the May Project your child becomes ill, both the sponsor and Jennifer Salrin must be notified. If any major changes – more than a day or two – are necessary, both the sponsor and the May Project advisor must approve the changes.

Your signature is required for each May Project proposal. If you have questions or concerns about the program, please contact Jennifer Salrin or your child's May Project advisor. With serious planning and commitment to the task, all seniors will have an outstanding, memorable, and valuable experience to close out their Burroughs years.

## Who takes AP Exams?

**JBS Contacts: Course Instructor  
Jennifer Salrin ext 325**

The AP exam schedule for seniors is as follows:

May 5	Calculus, German	May 11	Biology, Environmental Science
May 6	Physics 2	May 12	Spanish, Latin, Psychology
May 7	Chemistry	May 14	Macroeconomics
May 8	Computer Science	May 15	French, Statistics

## What are the Basics of Graduation?

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Ellen Bremner ext 355

Graduation is a one-hour ceremony set in the grove behind the STAR building. It includes 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 is moved to the performance gym in the athletic center.

- What do the graduates wear? Dress is formal (white dresses, white pant suits, summer tuxedos). Simple, long white dresses may be purchased, borrowed from previous graduates or borrowed from Carrie Madigan (chair, Family & Consumer Sciences, ext 279). Questions about dresses/pant suits should be directed to Carrie. The summer formals (white jacket, black trousers, shoes and socks – price TBD) are rented by the school from Stallone’s Formal Wear and storecarded. Tuxedos will be fitted at school, and the rentals will be delivered to school and can be picked up in conference room #2 (off the Commons) at the picnic dinner for seniors and their parents on Thursday, May 28. *Graduates are responsible for returning their tuxedos to Stallone's Formal Wear at 9644 Clayton Road (in Ladue) after graduation.*

Students who wish to participate in the graduation ceremony are expected to cooperate with these dress parameters. Students who do not wish to participate in the ceremony may have their diplomas mailed to them.

- Is seating limited for family and friends? No. Each graduate will be assigned six reserved seats for the graduation ceremony. There also will be unreserved seating available behind and to the side of the reserved section. Seating charts will be mailed to each senior's family prior to graduation. The reserved seats will be assigned by lottery and will be tagged with the senior's name. It is the responsibility of the senior's family to determine who will use the reserved seats. Families may offer unneeded reserved seats to whomever they wish. After 6 pm, unreserved seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. You may invite as many relatives and friends as you choose. Since the natural pitch of the grove is “stadium-style,” there really are no bad seats.

After the ceremony, there is a reception with refreshments for all guests in the Quadrangle.

The OPTIONAL graduation dinner for grads and their families will be at Burroughs in the Commons and Haertter Hall, immediately following the reception in the Quadrangle (separate invitation will be mailed after spring break). After dinner, at about 10 pm, students will depart for a party held for grads (and chaperones) at the Moolah. *More details will be included in the next mailing.*

## When Will We Learn More?

In early April, we will send out a third mailing which will cover everything from cleaning out lockers to graduation photography. Meanwhile, enjoy spring break with your soon-to-be graduate!