



# HOLY GHOST PREP

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Graduating Seniors and Parents,

As graduation approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to be among the first to offer sincere congratulations to the members of the Class of 2022 and to your families. Final preparations are now taking place for the Baccalaureate Mass and the commencement ceremony. Information with appropriate contact persons is included in this letter. Please consult the list for specific questions concerning dates, times, and other details.

### **1) Examination Schedule**

Second semester examinations will take place on Monday, May 23; Tuesday, May 24; and Thursday, May 26, 2022. Early morning exams are from 8:00 to 9:45 a.m., and late morning exams are from 10:15 to 12:00 p.m. During the exam days, students only need to be on campus when they have an exam scheduled. Please note that students will be dismissed at noon on each of the examination days, and there will be limited district transportation available. Graduating seniors need not return to school until Friday, June 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Please note that all textbooks **must** be returned before the last exam day, and all school requirements must be completed in order to receive transcripts and report cards. Mr. Burke and Mr. Hoelzle will coordinate and supervise senior examinations. Textbook collection will be carried out by individual teachers and coordinated by Mr. Hoelzle.

### **2) Graduation Practice, Caps and Gowns, Report Cards**

All seniors will meet for graduation practice on Friday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Firebird Fieldhouse. **Graduation practice is mandatory.** Caps and gowns, NHS stoles, and senior report cards will be distributed at the conclusion of the practice. Following the practice, all graduating seniors attend a lunch that officially welcomes them as HGP alumni.

### **3) Baccalaureate Mass**

The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on Friday evening, June 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., on the school grounds. The Baccalaureate Mass, as well as the commencement exercise, will take place under a tent on the clock tower lawn. Graduating seniors are requested to arrive at school by 6:30 p.m. and will gather in the Firebird Fieldhouse. Graduating seniors will enter the area in academic procession and will wear gowns only during the Mass. School dress code is required to be worn under the graduation gown.

### **4) Commencement**

Commencement exercises will take place on the school grounds on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Graduating seniors are requested to arrive at school by 10:15 a.m. and to gather in the school dining hall. There will be seating for approximately 1,000 guests. There are no tickets necessary for entrance to the ceremony. The number of invited guests for each graduating senior is unlimited. Immediately following the Commencement ceremony, faculty and families will gather for a reception hosted by the HGP Mothers' Guild. Opportunities for photographs will be possible both before and after the Commencement ceremony. Caps and gowns must be returned the day of graduation and will be collected by the Herff Jones Company following the reception. Please be aware that your tuition account needs to be settled with the Business Office in order to participate in any of the graduation ceremonies.

### **5) Senior Graduation Speakers and Senior Awards**

This year, we will choose both a Valedictorian and a Salutatorian as graduation speakers. The Valedictorian will speak at commencement; the Salutatorian, at the Baccalaureate Mass. All students with cumulative distinguished and first honors were invited to submit speeches as Valedictorian; all students with cumulative second honors and above were invited to submit speeches for Salutatorian.

Please note that all students who submit speeches for Valedictorian will also be considered for Salutatorian. A Senior Honors Committee, composed of Mr. Burke and faculty members, has been formed to choose student speakers as well as recipients of three special senior honors: the School Spirit Award, the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers Award, and the Sedes Sapientiae Award, the highest honor given at the school. Each academic department will select winners of academic awards to be conferred at graduation.

### **6) Commencement Speaker**

The commencement address for the Class of 2022 will be delivered by Greg Wozniak, the president/CEO of Denali Healthcare and the president of Holy Ghost Prep's Board of Trustees. In addition to leading HGP's board, Mr. Wozniak is the alumni parent of three Holy Ghost Prep graduates (Robert '07, Nick '08, and Greg Jr.'13), so he fully understands the impact of a Ghost education.

Mr. Wozniak is an accomplished healthcare visionary dedicated to leading organizations to provide safe, proper and effective care in the changing industry landscape, including the transition from volume to value-based reimbursement models. Prior to creating Denali Healthcare, he served for 16 years as president and CEO of St. Mary Medical Center, a \$550 million organization.

Mr. Wozniak has served as Holy Ghost Prep's board chair since July 1, 2017 and his five-year term will end on June 30. During his tenure, he oversaw the successful completion of Holy Ghost Prep's Vision 2020 strategic plan, a \$7.5-million campaign that transformed the school's facilities in the areas of STEM, the performing arts, and athletics; and ensured the health of the school's storied forensic programs for years to come.

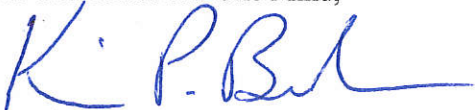
### **7) Special Needs, Parking, and Seating**

Should someone in your family have a medically issued handicap placard or license plate, contact Mr. Ryan Abramson before Thursday, May 19, 2022 so that arrangements can be coordinated. Please remember that for safety reasons, cars will not be allowed to drive near the tent and there is a very limited amount of close parking. In the event that there is rain the week of graduation, it is also important to realize that it can be difficult to maneuver in the wet grass outside the tent.

The only reserved seats for both the Baccalaureate Mass and the Commencement are for the faculty and the graduates. Parents and friends may begin arriving up to two hours before the event, but must be present to hold **any seats. Any unattended signs or materials left on chairs to reserve seats that were not placed by the administration of Holy Ghost Prep will be removed.**

Thanks are offered in advance to members of the faculty, staff, parents, and students who work so hard to make this event a very beautiful and memorable one. Congratulations and best wishes during these final months of preparations.

In One Heart and One Mind,



Kevin Burke  
Principal