

# BURROUGHS

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Dear Senior Parents/ Guardians,

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

- On Monday, January 22, Dr. Wasilewski has scheduled a meeting for 2024 parents/guardians to discuss May Projects, graduation, and expectations for the end of the year. The meeting is from 7 to 8:30 pm in Haertter Hall.
- In early March, we will send the first of three mailings, detailing all of the end-of-the-year activities—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 at 7 pm on Sunday, June 2 in the grove behind the STAR building. The ceremony is just over an hour long and 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 will be moved indoors to the Taylor Gym.

- 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, and shoes) are rented by the school from Stallone's Formal Wear and storecarded (last year the rental fees were \$70 for the summer tux and, if needed, \$18 for shoes). Students who wish to participate in the graduation ceremony are expected to cooperate with the dress guidelines. Questions about attire should be directed to Donya Allison (class sponsor, ext. 229 or [dallison@jburroughs.org](mailto:dallison@jburroughs.org)).
- Seating for family and friends: Each graduate will be assigned six reserved seats determined by lottery for the graduation ceremony. There will be an additional 600ish unreserved seats which will become available after 6 pm on June 2. 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. You will still need to RSVP, but every graduate will receive three complimentary dinners; additional dinners will be storecarded (last year the dinner was \$65 per person). We hope all graduates, their families and guests will choose to attend. Details to come.

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The graduation after-party (the final leg of the evening for grads and chaperones only) will follow. All graduates are encouraged to attend the party, which will be held off campus. Again, details to come.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us or call school (314.993.4040 Jessica Wasilewski /ext. 322 or Sarah Kaye /ext. 312).

Sincerely,  
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