



SENIOR NEWS

Senior Cap and Gown Pictures

Leonard's Studios will be on campus **March 15th** to take group and individual cap & gown pictures. Every senior currently has a cap and gown stored at the school. These will be distributed to the seniors for pictures and again during *Senior Checkout*. Order forms for pictures are included in this email. The online link for ordering pictures is www.leonards.com.

The following attire is to be worn for the pictures:

Boys: dress shirt with a tie and uniform pants (Boys may wear the shirt and tie to school and remain in this attire for the rest of the day or change into their uniform shirts after pictures are taken.)

Girls: a tank top or collarless shirt worn under the uniform shirt with the uniform skirt or pants.

Grad Bash

The 2024 Senior Trip is to Grad Bash @ *Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure* in Orlando. The bus leaves from the parking lot by the gym at 3:30 p.m. on April 13th and returns at 5:00 a.m. on April 14th. The **deposit of \$100 and the permission slip were both due Feb. 20th** (to reserve a spot) and the balance of \$100 is due to Ms. Monfort no later than **March 4th**. Permission slips are available on the Senior Google Classroom page. For questions, please see Ms. Monfort.

Senior Plan Forms and FAFSA

Senior Plan Forms are due to the School Counseling Office by Friday, **May 3rd**. This form is your final transcript request so counselors can release your transcript to the college or university of your choice. **Transcripts will be sent out in the order in which the counselors receive your requests and will not be sent without one.** Be sure to attach copies of ANY college acceptances and scholarship awards you have not yet shared with School Counseling. Turn your letters and awards in as you get them.

Also, be sure to go to floridastudentfinancialaid.org to complete your application for financial aid. This website is not for Bright Futures only. Other scholarships are available so be sure to check them out!

Finally, you can submit a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) by going to fafsa.gov.

Senior Awards – Scholarship/Award Presenter Request Form

Scholarship/Award Presenter Request Forms are due to the School Counseling Office by Friday, **May 3rd**. This form is a request for permission to have a non-Snyder affiliated scholarship or award presented at the Senior Awards Night. All presenters must be approved in advance by the Principal.

Junior-Senior Prom

Our SGA is sponsoring a Junior-Senior Prom on **March 16th** at the Thrasher-Horne Center (283 College Drive, Orange Park) from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Go to <https://sites.google.com/bishopsnyder.org/prom> for forms and other information.

Locker Clean Out

Seniors must have their lockers cleaned out by 3:00 p.m. on May 17th. All belongings must be removed, all trash thrown out, and the lock brought to Mr. Kellum's office before leaving campus. **Seniors must return their locks or pay \$5 for a missing lock in order to receive their items at Senior Checkout.**

Senior Exam Schedule

Seniors exams will be given on **May 20th – 23rd**. Testing begins promptly at 8:00.

Monday, May 20th – English and Religion

Tuesday, May 21st – Science and Social Studies

Wednesday, May 22nd – Math and World Language

Thursday, May 23rd – Electives/Conflicts

Senior Exemptions

Seniors will be exempt from final exams for semester-long and year-long courses in which they have a 90-100 final average. Qualifying seniors will be given the option of taking the final exams to improve their semester averages. If taken, exams will be included in the semester average.

Senior Checkout Day

Seniors will receive their graduation packets which include their student files, caps and gowns, and graduation tickets between the hours of **8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.** on **Tuesday, May 28th**. **Graduation items will be distributed via a drive through car line in the circle by the Main Office. Seniors may not leave their cars or enter school property due to underclassmen exams.**

Before checking out, seniors must have met all school financial obligations, submitted Christian service hours to Campus Ministry, and returned school property including athletic uniforms, locks, library books, Chrome Books, band items, borrowed textbooks, Foundations' materials and any other school items. Items not picked up during Senior Checkout will be available in the Main Office for pickup. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Baccalaureate Mass

On **Tuesday, May 28th**, we will celebrate our *Baccalaureate Mass* at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (5752 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville) at 7:00 p.m. **Seniors need to arrive at the church at 5:30 p.m. for a mandatory practice.** Graduation gowns (no caps) are required. Dress for this evening is a dress shirt, pair of slacks and a tie (coat optional) for boys and modest dresses or skirts and blouses for girls. Girls' hemlines should not show beneath the graduation gowns. Appropriate dress shoes must be worn (no flip flops or sneakers).

Senior Awards Ceremony

On **Wednesday, May 29th**, we will host our *Senior Awards Ceremony*. Awards for academics, athletics, and campus ministry will be distributed during this ceremony. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Snyder Auditorium. Dress for this evening is a dress shirt, pair of slacks and a tie (coat optional) for boys and modest dresses or skirts and blouses, or dress slacks for girls. No low necklines, exposed midriffs, or short hemlines. Remember you will be walking across a raised stage.

Graduation Practice

A **mandatory** graduation practice will be held the morning of graduation (**May 30th**) from **10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** at the **Thrasher-Horne Center**. Afterwards, seniors will be treated to a complimentary picnic lunch of hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks and cookies courtesy of Deacon Yazdiya and Coach Osbeck. Please plan to stay and enjoy some time with your fellow seniors.

Commencement Ceremony

On Thursday, **May 30th**, we will hold our *Commencement Ceremony* at the Thrasher-Horne Center on the campus of St. Johns River State College (283 College Drive, Orange Park) starting at 7:00 p.m. **Graduates must meet on the second floor of the lobby at the Thrasher-Horne Center no later than 6:30 p.m.** Attendance at the graduation is by **ticket only** and all families will be given **15 tickets**. **Doors open at the Thrasher-Horne Center at 6:30 p.m.**

Graduates must wear their caps and gowns during the ceremony. **Caps may not be decorated.** Awards received during the Baccalaureate Mass and *Senior Awards Ceremony* may be worn. Appropriate attire underneath the gown is a pair of dress slacks, dress shirt and a tie for boys and modest dresses or skirts and blouses for girls. No low necklines, exposed midriffs or short hemlines are allowed. Hems must not protrude from beneath the graduation gown. Appropriate dress shoes must be worn (no flip flops or sneakers).

Guests of graduates are asked to please respect the dignity of this occasion by dressing and acting appropriately. **Please do not bring air horns or other noisemakers that might detract from the solemnity of the event. Confetti is strictly prohibited.** Flash photography will be restricted.

Senior AP Exam Schedule

Seniors taking AP Exams must be in school uniform and on campus by 7:45 a.m. Testing begins promptly at 8:00 a.m., except for the AP Statistics, AP Chemistry, and AP Macroeconomics Exams which begins at 12:00 p.m.

AP US Government & Politics – May 6th
AP Chemistry – May 6th (12:00 p.m.)
AP Statistics – May 7th (12:00 p.m.)
AP Literature & Composition – May 8th
AP Macroeconomics - May 10th (12:00 p.m.)
AP Art & Design – Portfolio due May 10th
AP Calculus – May 13th
AP Physics – May 17th

Senior Calendar

March

07 – Christian Service Hours due to Mrs. Gallagher
07 – End Quarter 3
08– Discretionary Day; No classes, office closed
09 – *Spring Fling* (Dinner and Silent Auction) 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
11 – Diocesan In-service Day; No classes, office open 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
12 – Blood Drive
15 – Group and individual cap and gown pictures
16 – *Junior-Senior Prom* at Thrasher-Horne Center 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

20 – Jostens delivers announcements and other graduation items to seniors during lunches

28 – Holy Thursday; No classes, office closed

29 – Good Friday; No classes, office closed

April

1-5 - Easter Break – No classes; Office open 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

08 – Classes resume from Easter Break

12 – Multicultural Night sponsored by National Honor Society

13-14 – *Grad Bash* 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.

26-27 – Spring Musical, *Beauty and the Beast* 7:00 p.m.

May

03 – *Senior Plan* and *Scholarship/Award Presenter* forms due to School Counseling

04 – *Miss Bishop Snyder Pageant* 7:00 p.m.

06-17 – Senior AP Exams

09 – *Fine Arts Night* 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

14 – Signing Day for college athletics 3:00 p.m.

17 – Ministry Breakfast

17 – Seniors' last day of classes/locker cleanout/turn in locks

20-23 – Senior Exams

27 – Memorial Day Holiday; No classes, office closed

28 – *Senior Checkout* 8:15 – 11:15 a.m.

28 – Baccalaureate Practice – 5:30 p.m.

28 – *Baccalaureate Mass* at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Jax)– 7:00 p.m.

29 – *Senior Awards Ceremony* – Snyder Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

30 – Graduation Practice at the *Thrasher-Horne Center* – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

30 – Free Senior Picnic at the THC following graduation practice – 12:00 p.m.

30 – Graduation at *The Thrasher-Horne Center* - 7:00 p.m.