

BURROUGHS

J O H N B U R R O U G H S S C H O O L

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2024,

At 7 pm on Sunday, June 2, the Class of 2024 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. We are all looking forward to this day, when we will celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of this remarkable grade.

Building up to that ceremony are many activities and deadlines unique to the senior year. This mailing highlights and explains some important dates and events in the months leading up to graduation. Two additional mailings – one in mid-April and one in mid-May – will provide additional details about the graduation ceremony and celebration.

Please carefully review the included information and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. We're looking forward to an exciting spring for the class of 2024!

Thank you,

Jessica Wasilewski, Principal of Grades 11 & 12
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Ellen Sheffield, Grade Level Chair

Helen Parsons, Grade Level Chair

Karen Novak, Grade Level Chair

YEAR-END EVENTS

*Separate invitations will be sent for all social events.
Unless noted, events are for students only.*

WHAT	WHEN	JBS CONTACT
Tuxedo Fitting Students wearing tuxes at graduation to be measured at school.	April 3, during common period	Jessica Wasilewski, ext 322
Junior - Senior Prom	April 6 8 - 11 pm	Carrie Madigan, ext 279 Olga Russell, ext 354
Senior Skip Day All seniors are excused from school.	April 12	NA
Senior Health Day All seniors are expected to attend this day of seminars on health and wellness, planned by our Counseling & Wellness Department.	April 23	Sally Kilbride, ext 317
Last Day of Class for Seniors/Senior Picnic (students only) Immediately following their final regular classes, seniors will attend a picnic with their teachers on the Overlook.	April 29	Stephanie McGowan (314) 276-7648 stephseames@hotmail.com
May Projects Begin	April 30	Jessica Wasilewski, ext 322
National Reply Day Students must send a deposit to ONE college by this date.	May 1	Darryl Calkins, ext 281
AP Exams	May 6 - 17	Johanna Nicholas, ext 277
Senior Assembly (Parents/guardians invited/encouraged to attend) This celebration of the Class of 2024 starts promptly at 8:30am. The program features speeches by the senior class president, a teacher chosen by the class, and Mr. Abbott. Students should dress up for the occasion. A brief reception for seniors and parents/guardians will be held immediately after.	May 23 8:30 am	Jessica Wasilewski, ext 322

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Field Day Seniors are required to attend Field Day and the yearbook assembly.	May 24 8:55 am	Jessica Wasilewski, ext 322
Graduation Rehearsal Seniors cover logistics of the graduation ceremony and practice the processional and recessional with their class sponsors. Attendance is mandatory for students.	May 29 2 pm	Jessica Wasilewski, ext 322
May Project Seminar As the final requirement to complete the May Project graduation requirement, seniors meet with their May Project advisors and turn in their May Project journals. Attendance is mandatory.	May 29 4 pm	Jessica Wasilewski, ext 322
Picnic Dinner for Seniors and Their Parents/Guardians Seniors and their parents/guardians are invited to an informal gathering, sponsored by the Parents Council. It includes dinner and a program featuring a slide show of the class's six years at Burroughs. Students also pick up their tuxes this evening.	May 30 6 pm	Beth Hughes Melissa Ross

GRADUATION DAY- JUNE 2, 2024

Questions? Contact Sarah Kaye, ext 312

Seniors arrive, check-in, and pick up flowers in the dance studio	5:15 pm
Class Picture	5:45 pm
Graduation Ceremony	7 pm
Abbotts' Reception in the Quadrangle	8:15 pm
Graduation Dinner: Invitations and more information coming soon. RSVPs due by May 1.	8:45 pm
Students depart for a chaperoned, graduate-only after-party.	10:15 pm

MAY PROJECTS, AP EXAMS & GRADUATION

MAY PROJECTS

JBS Contact: Jessica Wasilewski, ext 322

The JBS May Project fosters civic responsibility and a sense of collective identity by having all graduating seniors consider our complex world, apply cultural competencies, and take informed action in working with individuals and organizations who address local issues.

By now, 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 required criteria.

Beginning Tuesday, April 30, seniors will follow their own calendars and daily schedules. All students are **required to attend a one-hour seminar at 4 pm on Wednesday, May 29**, to discuss the May Project with their advisee groups. Students will 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 turned in to the May Project advisor at the May 29 seminar.

If at any time during the May Project your child becomes ill, they should notify both their sponsor and Jessica Wasilewski. May Project advisors must approve any major project or schedule changes.

Parent/guardian signatures are required for each May Project proposal. If you have questions or concerns about the program, please contact Jessica Wasilewski or your child's May Project advisor. We are hopeful that through their May Projects, all seniors will have a memorable and valuable experience to close out their Burroughs years.

AP EXAMS

JBS Contacts: Course Instructor or Johanna Nicholas, ext 277

The AP exam schedule for seniors is as follows:

May 6	Chemistry	May 13	Calculus AB & BC
May 7	Statistics	May 15	French
May 8	Computer Science A	May 16	Spanish, Biology
May 9	Environmental Science	May 17	German, Latin, Physics 2
May 10	Macroeconomics		

GRADUATION BASICS - ATTIRE AND SEATING

JBS Contacts: Jessica Wasilewski, ext 322 or Sarah Kaye, ext 312

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 Taylor Gym in the athletic center.

Graduate Attire

Dress for graduates is formal (white dresses, white pant suits, or summer tuxedos). Simple, long white dresses may be purchased, borrowed from previous graduates, or borrowed from the school (contact Sarah Kaye, ext 312). Questions about dresses/pant suits should be directed to Donya Allison (class sponsor, ext. 229). Summer tuxedos (white jacket, black trousers, shoes and socks) are rented by the school from Stallone's Formal Wear and storecarded (\$85 for the summer tux, \$20 for shoes if needed). 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 30. *Graduates are responsible for returning their tuxedos to Stallone's Formal Wear at 9644 Clayton Road (in Ladue) after graduation.*

All students who wish to participate in the graduation ceremony are asked to cooperate with these dress parameters.

Guest Seating

Each graduate will be assigned six reserved seats for family and friends during the graduation ceremony. Unreserved seating will also be available. Seating charts will be mailed to each senior's family prior to graduation. Reserved seats will be assigned by lottery and will be tagged with the graduate's name. It is the responsibility of the graduate's family to determine who will use the reserved seats. Families may offer unneeded reserved seats to whomever they wish. Beginning at 6 pm, unreserved seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each graduate may invite as many relatives and friends as they choose. Because of the natural pitch of Graduation Grove, there really are no bad seats.

Graduation Reception and Dinner

After the ceremony, there is a reception with refreshments for all guests in the Quadrangle. Immediately following the reception, there will be an optional dinner for graduates and their families on campus. Each family will receive three tickets for dinner and additional tickets can be purchased for \$65 each. All dinners will be gluten and dairy-free. Invitations and more information will be mailed shortly. If you have any questions about financial assistance, please contact Keith Vassall (kvassall@jburroughs.org or ext. 268).

Please note we are a smoke-free campus, and graduation and the reception are strictly non-smoking events.

After dinner, students will depart for a chaperoned party for graduates. More details will be included in the next mailing.