



Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2024,

This is the third of four mailings designed to help you stay on top of the seniors' end-of-the-year activities and responsibilities. We hope you will read the following information carefully and reach out with any questions.

May is a busy month!

- Regular classes for seniors will end after fifth period on Monday, April 29. That afternoon, seniors will enjoy a celebratory picnic with their teachers.
- May Projects begin Tuesday, April 30. During May Projects, seniors follow their own calendars and daily schedules as arranged with their sponsors. If at any time during the May Project, students become ill or are unable to meet their responsibilities, they must notify both their sponsors and Dr. Wasilewski.
- Immediately after each senior's final PE activity or athletic contest, gym lockers must be cleaned out and athletic uniforms and equipment returned. By Friday, May 17, seniors must clean out their academic lockers. Library books must be returned by the end of May.
 - Senior Assembly begins promptly at 8:30 am on Thursday, May 23, in Haertter Hall. Please make sure you plan enough time to park and make it to the assembly on time. Traditionally, students dress up for this assembly. Parents/guardians are invited to both the assembly and a brief reception sponsored by the Alumni Association immediately following the assembly.
- Seniors must attend Field Day on Friday, May 24, beginning with assembly at 8:55 am. Field Day is followed by distribution of the 2024 yearbook.
- Seniors will have a graduation rehearsal at 2 pm on Wednesday, May 29, followed by a one-hour May Project seminar. May Project journals must be submitted during this seminar.

June is time to celebrate!

- Seniors and their parents/guardians are invited to a picnic dinner on Thursday, May 30, hosted by the Parents Council. This is an informal gathering which includes dinner and a program featuring a slide show of the class's years at Burroughs.
- After the May 30 picnic dinner, pre-ordered rental tuxedos for graduation may be picked up in conference room #2 off the Commons.
- Graduation is Sunday, June 2. While the processional doesn't begin until 7 pm, seniors must assemble in the dance studio by 5:15 pm to prepare for the event and take their class picture.

Enclosed in this mailing is information about arranging optional graduate/family photo shoots on campus on Sunday, June 2.

Our final mailing, about reserved family graduation seating, will be sent in mid-May.

Many thanks to the members of the senior class planning committee who have worked hard to ensure all senior-year events – and especially those surrounding graduation – are meaningful

and fun (and as stress-free as possible)! Members include: grade chairs Karen Novak, Helen Parsons, Ellen Sheffield and the committee chairs: Laura Busch, Lisa Christenson, Jessica Conway, Nicole DiMartini, Troy and Jenny Duncan, Kelly Edwards, Kellie Hynes, Esther Lu, Sandy Lux Turner, Stephanie McGowan, Avani Nayak, Bethany Sacks, Jessica Shuff, and Jennifer Woods. Thank you all for your hard work!

We are also grateful for the support of junior parents MaryKay Bloomquist, Beth Hughes and Melissa Ross.

We're looking forward to a fun and rewarding spring as seniors complete their classwork, engage in their May Project, and prepare to gather with their peers and families to celebrate their time together at Burroughs.

Thank you,

Jessica Wasilewski, Principal of Grades 11 & 12
(314) 993-4045, ext. 322

For additional information or questions, please contact:

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	CONTACT
<p>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.</p>	April 29	Stephanie McGowan (314) 276-7648 stephseames@hotmail.com
<p>May Projects Begin</p>	April 30	Jessica Wasilewski, ext. 322
<p>National Reply Day Students must send a deposit to ONE college by this date.</p>	May 1	Darryl Calkins, ext. 281
<p>AP Exams</p>	May 6 - 17	Johanna Nicholas, ext. 277
<p>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. Parents/guardians are invited to attend and there is ample seating. Students should dress up for the occasion. A brief reception for seniors and parents/guardians will be held immediately after.</p>	May 23 8:30 am	Jessica Wasilewski, ext. 322
<p>Field Day Seniors are required to attend Field Day and the yearbook assembly.</p>	May 24 8:55 am	Jessica Wasilewski, ext. 322

<p>Graduation Rehearsal Seniors cover logistics of the graduation ceremony and practice the processional and recessional with their class sponsors. Attendance is mandatory for students.</p>	<p>May 29 2 pm</p>	<p>Jessica Wasilewski, ext. 322</p>
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WHAT	WHEN	CONTACT
<p>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.</p>	<p>May 29 4 pm</p>	<p>Jessica Wasilewski, ext. 322</p>
<p>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 years at Burroughs. Students also pick up their graduation tuxedos this evening.</p>	<p>May 30 6 pm</p>	<p>Beth Hughes (314) 703-0197 Melissa Ross (312) 961-5822</p>

GRADUATION DAY- JUNE 2, 2024

Questions? Contact Sarah Kaye, skaye@jburroughs.org or (314) 993-4045, 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

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 will be moved to the athletic center.

The ceremony will be livestreamed and recorded. A link to the recording will be sent out.

Following the ceremony, Katie and Andy Abbott will host a reception in the Quadrangle. Everyone who attends graduation is welcome to attend. The reception includes light hors d'oeuvres, punch, limited seating, and a little time to enjoy and share this special moment with family and friends. If the ceremony is indoors, the reception will be as well. *Please note: this reception, and all on-campus events are non-smoking events.*

The graduation dinner for grads and their families will be at Burroughs, beginning around 8:45 pm. Dinner invitations will be mailed soon. You may invite as many family and friends as you like – see the first bullet point under “expenses” for details. Following the dinner, a party for grads only will be held at the Shark Bar at Ballpark Village until 12 am. If a student doesn't attend the graduation dinner, they are encouraged to join the class for the after-party.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The school provides transportation to and from this after-party – students may not drive their own cars.

Expenses

- Previous fees and tuition cover most graduation expenses, including three dinners for each graduate and family. Additional reserved dinners will be storecarded at \$65/person. The dinners are not transferable from one family to another. You must RSVP for all dinners you would like to order. For example, if one graduate is having 5 family members attend the dinner, you must RSVP for 6, but you will only be charged for 3.
- If you have any questions about financial assistance, please contact Keith Vassall

(kvassall@jburroughs.org).

- Graduate dress is formal (white dresses, pant suits, summer tuxedos). Simple, long white dresses may be purchased, borrowed from previous graduates or borrowed from Sarah Kaye (ext. 312). The summer formals (white jacket, black trousers, shoes and socks) are rented by the school from Stallone's Formal Wear and storecarded (this year the cost is \$85 for a tuxedo and \$20 for the shoes, if needed). Tuxedos have been fitted and the rentals will be delivered to school and can be picked up in the conference rooms off the Commons at the picnic dinner for seniors and their parents on Thursday, May 30.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Graduates are responsible for returning their tuxedos to Stallone's Formal Wear at 9644 Clayton Road (in Ladue) after graduation.*

Parking and Seating

- Seniors and faculty will be asked to park in the Clayton Road lot. Family and friends may park in the main or north (upper) lots off Price, in the Clayton lot, or at Ladue Chapel (9450 Clayton Road) and be transported by air-conditioned shuttle. Expanded handicapped parking will be available in the north lot on a first-come, first-served basis. Passengers who may need assistance may be dropped at the curb of the north lot, adjacent to Graduation Grove and be transported by golf cart.
- In mid-May each senior will be assigned, by lottery, six reserved graduation seats which will be tagged with the senior's name. Seating charts will be mailed to each senior's family. It is the responsibility of the senior's family to determine who will use the reserved seats. Families may offer the use of their reserved seats to whomever they wish. After 6 pm, unreserved seats – behind and to the sides of the reserved section – will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Since the natural pitch of the grove is stadium-style, there really are no bad seats.
- Limited space at the top of the grove will be reserved for those in wheelchairs; please contact Sarah Kaye (ext. 312) as soon as possible if you think you might need a space for a wheelchair or if a member of your party needs other accommodations.

Family Photography

Photographers are available to schedule individual *family on-campus portraits from 3 to 5 pm on June 2, prior to the graduation ceremony*. Appointments need to be scheduled in advance. See the enclosed information from the photographers.

Andrew Newman, our school photographer, will serve as *our official graduation photographer*. Graduates will automatically receive the 8x10 class photograph, a 5x7 photograph of themselves during the processional, and a 5x7 of themselves receiving their diplomas. These photographs will be mailed (along with a graduation program, copies of graduation and senior assembly speeches, and a link to the recorded ceremony) to graduates in mid-June.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Family members are welcome to take pictures during the ceremony from their seats; however, to assure minimal distractions, *professional photographers are not allowed to take photos during the ceremony*.

Changing Clothes for Class After-Party

Most students choose to remain in their graduation clothes for their after-party. However, those who

want to may drop off a change of clothes in clear garment bags (which will be provided at the picnic dinner for seniors and their parents/guardians on May 30) when they pick up their flowers at 5:15 pm on June 4. Toward the end of the dinner with family and friends, students will be given time to change in supervised areas and their parents/guardians will be expected to take home the graduation attire not worn to the after-party. To avoid the possibility of bringing prohibited substances to the party, students will not be allowed to go to their cars to retrieve belongings once they arrive for graduation, and all bags will be checked by parent volunteers.