



Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2024,

As promised, this is the fourth and final graduation mailing. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Reserved Graduation Seating: SEATING CHARTS SENT VIA MAIL AND EMAIL

Each graduate's family is given six reserved seats; those seats will be tagged with the graduate's last name. Please determine within your own family who will use these six spots and be seated before 6:45 pm. **The ceremony begins promptly at 7 pm**. If you do not need all of your reserved seats, you may offer the extras to someone else. Unreserved seats (on the side and at the back of the Grove and in various sections of the athletic center) are available after 6 pm on a first-come-first-served basis for additional family members and friends. There is limited space for wheelchairs and scooters at the top of the grove. *If you haven't already notified us, and need a reserved space, please let Sarah Yoselevsky Kaye know immediately.* If you have questions, please contact Sarah Yoselevsky Kaye (skaye@jburroughs.org or 314.567.2892).

Graduation Livestream: We will livestream the ceremony; here's the link: <https://vimeo.com/event/4299248/5768699fde>. It will go live 30 minutes before the ceremony begins. A link to the recording of the ceremony will be sent after June 2.

Graduation Parking: Students will be asked to park in the Clayton lot. Families and friends are welcome to park anywhere else on campus. When campus space is filled, guests will be directed to Ladue Chapel (west on Clayton Road) for a shuttle that will run between the church and JBS, 5 - 11 pm. Passenger drop-off will be available in the north lot by the STAR building (off Price Road), and limited handicapped parking will be available in the center section of that lot. If graduation is moved indoors, the shuttle drop-off will be at the Clayton Road circle.

Graduation Photography: Andrew Newman, our school photographer, will take the class picture as well as pictures of each graduate during the processional and the presentation of the diplomas; copies will be sent to every senior in mid-June. While you are welcome to take pictures *from your seats*, no one other than our school photographer should be standing in the center aisle. If you're hiring a photographer for additional family photos, know that they're welcome to take photos only before 5:15 pm when the graduates report to Haertter Hall. Outside photographers are not permitted to take photos during the graduation ceremony. We want to ensure that our school photographer is able to get the best pictures for everyone.

Graduation Reception: Immediately following the ceremony, a reception will be held in the Quadrangle for graduates, families, friends and faculty. Limited seating will be available. It is a great time for informal pictures and congratulations.

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

Graduation Dinner: The dinner will begin around 8:45 pm in the Commons and Haertter Hall lobby. Based on your RSVPs to the dinner, tables will be assigned; seating charts and junior parents will be available to direct you to your table.

Graduation Post-Party: At 10 pm, an announcement will be made to signal seniors who *want to change their clothes* for the post-party. At the student/parent picnic on Thursday, May 30, students will be given a clear bag in which to bring their change of clothes to Burroughs on June 2; instructions will be in the bag. After changing on the 2nd, students should give their graduation clothes to their parents ~ no bags will be allowed on the motor coaches that will take the students to the after-party. Students and chaperones will board the coaches in the Clayton Road lot, beginning at around 10:30 pm. They will be brought back to campus by 1 am. All graduates are encouraged to attend this party, whether they attend the dinner, but they must ride the motor coaches to/from the after-party.

Please note, all copies of graduation mailings are posted on the Class of 2024's principal page.

We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration on June 2!

Thank you,

Jessica Wasilewski, Principal of Grades 11 & 12
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Livestream Link



GRADUATION DAY REMINDERS- 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: RSVPs were 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, please join the graduates in the quad. There will be 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 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.
- 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

If students want to change out of their graduation clothes, they 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 2. 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.