

March 23, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Graduating Class of 2017,

The end of your child's four years of high school is rapidly approaching. It is an exciting, yet stressful time for parents and students. Please be sure to check Power School and feel free to contact any teachers if you have questions. It is our goal to make the next several weeks go as smoothly as possible for you and your student.

We are excited about the restructuring of the graduation ceremony, which will now be held at the University of Saint Francis Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center at 431 E. Main St. (formally the Scottish Rite).

Following are some important dates:

May 12 - Senior Mass will be on Friday, **May 12 at 9:30 AM**. Families are welcome to attend.

May 12 – Deadline for Merit-Based Scholarships Forms – Enclosed, please find a purple form - "We Are Proud of Our Seniors." Please fill out this form if you would like your student to be recognized for ANY scholarship he/she has received, regardless of whether or not he/she will be accepting it. Please return it by May 12, 2016 to Mrs. North in room 144.

May 19 - Senior Awards & Cookout will be on Friday, **May 19, at 9:30 AM**. Graduation practice will take place at approximately 11:30am. Students will be bussed downtown to the USF Performing Arts Center and then return to school for a senior cookout. They will be dismissed after the cookout (approximately 1:30pm).

May 26 – Baccalaureate Mass will be at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Students should gather in the Cathedral Center by 9:30 AM, dressed in caps and gowns. Students and families are free to enjoy lunch on their own. **Graduation, on May 26, will be at 4:00 PM** at the University of Saint Francis Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center. **Graduates gather at 3:00 PM** in the front lobby to get organized. **Doors will open at 3:15 pm for guests – tickets are required. Each senior will receive 6 tickets. If handicapped/wheelchair seating (limited) is necessary, please contact Mrs. North at 456-1261 x3144.**

A note about parking: the USF parking lot directly across the street will be under construction. At this time, we do not know whether parking spots will be available in this lot. Other options for parking include metered spots along surrounding streets, Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot (fee), small lot in front of Plymouth Congregation Church, First Presbyterian Church lot, Allen County Public Library parking garage (fee) and former Shrine Circus parking lot. **Do not park in Perfection Bakeries parking lot or the apartment building lots.**

Only seniors who successfully complete graduation requirements will be allowed to walk. If you have questions or concerns about graduation status, you may call Ms. Allegrini at 260-456-1261 x3148. *Diocesan policy states that all tuition, fees, etc. must be paid in order for a student to graduate.*

It has been a joy to work with your child over the past four years. From the day our students enter Bishop Luers, we want them to be disciples. We want them to be truth tellers, to be givers rather than takers, to see a wrong and make it right. We want them to value service to others, to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. We want them to be good citizens, good members of their church,

and to be good at whatever vocation they are called to do. We want them to keep the laws of God and the laws of the land. We want them to learn to think for themselves and to do what's right, even when no one is looking. As our seniors approach graduation time, I hope that they are ready and willing to put on the face of Christ as the disciples we know they have become. Thank you for entrusting your child to us. We take that trust very seriously.

May the peace of Christ be with you and your family throughout the rest of the school year.

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