



April 27, 2018

Dear Parents of Eighth Graders:

We wish to share with you the special end-of-the-year events for our 2018 graduates.

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, May 10	6:00 – 8:00 P.M.	Sports Banquet – Servant Hall
Friday, May 11		Exam exemption letters go home
Monday, May 14		Service Hours must be completed and logs turned in. Deadline for graduation fee of \$70 to cover diploma, flowers, group picture, etc.
Wednesday, May 16	2:00 P.M.	Final Pep Rally – Parents are welcome
Thursday, May 17	7:45 A.M. 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.	Regular classes & review – students exempt from both Science AND Math are excused from classes today <i>Science and Math Exams</i>
Friday, May 18	7:45 A.M. 2:25 – 3:10 P.M.	Regular classes, review, locker cleanout, book and Chromebook turn in If exempt from all exams or Literature, English, AND Social Studies, you may stay home <i>Literature Exam</i>
Monday, May 21	7:45 – 10:00 A.M. Noon 1:00 – 3:10 P.M.	<i>English & Social Studies Exams</i> ALL Students exempt from these exams should report to the office by 1:00 P.M. FINAL TURN-IN OF ALL SCHOOL EQUIPMENT/TEXTS Lunch <i>Graduation Practice</i>
Tuesday, May 22	7:45 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Brenham/College Station Field Trip 8 th Grade Graduation T-shirt and uniforms bottoms
Wednesday, May 23		Day off for students – teachers prepare for graduation

Thursday, May 24	7:45 A.M.	Wear 8 th Grade Graduation T-shirt & uniform bottoms
	8:10 A.M. – Noon	8 th Grade Retreat
	Noon – 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
	1:00 – 3:10 P.M.	Graduation Practice – Girls bring graduation shoes, if needed Report cards distributed in the library
	6:00 – 9:00 P.M.	Graduation pizza party and dance – Prinster Hall
Friday, May 25	5:30 P.M.	Individual pictures – report to Servant Hall
	6:15 P.M.	Group Picture – all students MUST be prompt to Servant Hall
	7:00 P.M.	Graduation Mass, distribution of diplomas, and presentation of awards
	9:15 P.M. (estimated)	Reception in Servant Hall for graduates, their families, and guests

****Exam Week Schedule & Leaving Campus:** *If the late arrival poses difficulties, your child may come and leave at the normal school hours.*

Brenham/College Station Trip: As stated in the Family Handbook, preparation for the trip requires the cooperation of the parents, support of the faculty, and the personal responsibility of each student. **Therefore, each student will exhibit appropriate conduct at all times during the school day.** If a student receives an excessive number of disciplinary infractions and/or demonstrates an uncooperative attitude during the school year, the faculty will decide whether or not that student may attend the field trip. Students who have been suspended may not attend the trip. Any student not going to Brenham/College Station should stay home. Cell phones are discouraged. They will be monitored by the chaperone to be used at designated times. No calls or texting will be made while a student is on a tour. Electronic devices and earbuds are permitted, but shall not be visible during any tour. Please note **any misuse of these devices will result in their confiscation.** Parents may retrieve them after graduation. **Also, NO GUM CHEWING BY ANYONE AT ANY TIME!**

Brenham/College Station Attire

Please wear your graduation T-shirt and your uniform bottoms. Also, socks and close-toed shoes are required.

Graduation Dance Attire

This year your dance is the night BEFORE graduation. This will allow family time for the graduate with all the relatives.

This is a casual event. Jeans are permitted, BUT WE KINDLY ASK FOR **NO RIPPED OR SKINNY JEANS!** For the boys collared shirts are requested. No t-shirts or sheer tops. Shoulders must be covered. See Mrs. Izard if you need clarification.

Graduation Attire

This is a liturgical celebration; the guidelines are:

Boys: **Suit or sports coat** with dress pants, dress shirt (white or light-colored preferred), tie, belt, socks and dress shoes (Sperrys are acceptable)

Girls: Dressy dresses or skirts at least **knee length. NO TIGHT-FITTING OR LOW-CUT DRESSES.** No strapless, backless, cold-shoulders, off-the-shoulder, spaghetti straps, or any other style that leaves the shoulders bare will be permitted. Jackets or shrugs must be worn to cover shoulders. They *must remain* on for the **entire** evening. *Light or pastel colors* are preferred. Shoes: easy to walk in. Backless shoes are strongly discouraged. **No corsages or flowers.**

Graduation Night: Diplomas and special awards will be given in church after Mass. WE ASK THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES KEEP A **REVERENT DECORUM** DURING ALL PRESENTATIONS.

NO WHISTLING OR YELLING. Following this, there will be a reception in **Servant Hall** for the graduates, their families and friends.

Individual graduation pictures: Packages cost from \$15.00 to \$60.00 (postage is included in the price). Order forms are in the packet your child will receive on Thursday, May 24th. The pictures will be taken on Friday, May 25, at 5:30 P.M. PLEASE NOTE: Only individual pictures will be mailed.

Payment for individual packages should be made by check or cash and is due at the time the picture is taken. Please do not include this with the above mentioned fees. The cost of the group picture is included in your graduation fees. **DO NOT** order a packet that includes a **group picture** (unless, of course you want two). The group picture may be picked up in the school office during June. (It has already been paid for in the \$70 graduation fee.)

Please sign and return the attached tear sheet with the **graduation fees** to the school by **Monday, May 14th**. Thank you so much for your cooperation in these matters and your good will throughout the years. It has been such a pleasure working with you and your children.

Sincerely,

Patricia Jackson
8A Homeroom/Advisor

Monica Gutierrez
8B Homeroom/Advisor

Iris Espinosa
8C Homeroom/Advisor

Mary Kay Izard
Dean of Students

Please return the tear sheet with check payable to St. Thomas More by **May 14th.**



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Check # _____

Date _____

GRADUATION END-OF-YEAR INFORMATION

We have read and **discussed** Service Hour completion, Brenham/College Station, graduation, and other end-of-year information and have **enclosed** the graduation fee of **\$70**.

Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Date