

March 26, 2019

Dear Senior Parents:

In just a few short weeks after spring break, your 13-year investment in your child's primary and secondary education will soon be realized. Graduation Day marks more than the completion of an important step in a young person's life—graduation from SCA represents the beginning of a new and exciting journey for our graduates. I have spoken with many seniors and the countdown has been on for some time! It has been our goal to prepare our students for a life of impact and significance once they leave SCA. We look forward to sharing with you a ceremony that honors the Lord Jesus Christ and fittingly launches your child into that next chapter of life. We trust this letter will help you and your senior with the final details as the year comes to an end leading up to this special day.

Scholarship Amounts Needed

We are trying to create a nice, one-page composite for the senior class. It is a great idea passed on to us from one of the senior parents. It will highlight their college acceptances and several facts about the group. We are finding it difficult to collect scholarship amounts from many of our seniors. We would like to include it in this composite as well as in the script of the graduation ceremony. **Please help us by looking through your child's acceptance letters that highlight scholarship amounts and email them to Brenda Keefe (brendakeefe@scaeagles.com).** We want to be able to brag on this year's graduates and the money they have received to continue their education in college.

Graduation Practices

Graduation practices will be held at **Sherwood Baptist Church in the Worship Center** on the following dates:
Thursday, May 16, 2:30-4:00 PM & Friday, May 17, 10:00-11:30 AM

All seniors are expected to be in attendance. Please note that student dress for practices includes nice casual clothes that are neat, appropriate, and modest. ***It would be helpful if your daughter brought with her the shoes she will be wearing the night of graduation to Friday's practice so she can practice in them.**

Graduation Ceremony

Graduation is set for **Friday, May 17, 7:00 PM at Sherwood Baptist Church**. Seniors should be at the church no later than **5:30 PM** for pictures.

Ladies will meet in the **Chapel** (turn left when entering from the Prayer Tower) and the **gentlemen** will meet in the **Choir Room** (turn right when entering from the Prayer Tower). Information regarding Graduation Day pictures is included in this mailing.

The attire for graduation is **semi-formal**. Parents, please take the time to remind your child of these particulars. We appreciate your help with this important matter in an effort to maintain the proper decorum necessary for such a ceremony:

- **Ladies** need to wear black or navy dresses and dress shoes. Backless dresses, low necklines, or dresses with spaghetti straps are **not** to be worn.
- **Gentlemen** need to wear khaki or black dress pants with white dress shirts, ties, dress socks, and dress shoes. No jeans, shorts, or athletic shoes are permitted for the ceremony.

***Men should be clean-shaven and haircuts should follow school guidelines.**

Childhood Pictures Needed

Reminder: During our graduation ceremony, we will show three (3) pictures of your child—one will be a senior picture which we already have in our photo files; the second will be a **baby or pre-school** picture, and our third

will be an upper **elementary/middle school** picture. Please finish looking through your photo albums to choose **two pictures** of your child from these younger years, then scan it and email it to **Mrs. Golden (cassandragolden@scaeagles.com) by April 8**. We want every student to have three pictures on their slides during the ceremony.

Graduation Pictures & DVD

All seniors will be photographed before and during the ceremony at the time of giving out diplomas. An order form will be given to your senior at graduation practice.

Furthermore, be sure to go to the Welcome Desk area in the church atrium following the ceremony to place an order for a DVD copy of the ceremony. Cost is **\$20**. You may want to consider purchasing one for a relative or close friend who is unable to attend.

Final Exams

Information regarding final exams for seniors will be sent home after break. All exams need to be completed by **Tuesday, May 7**.

High School Academic Awards

The High School Academic Awards Ceremony will be held **Tuesday, May 7, 7:15 PM, in the gymnasium**. Please join us as we recognize all of the high schoolers, especially our seniors, who have excelled inside and outside the classroom this school year.

Senior Day, Senior Walk & Yearbook Presentation

The seniors' last official day of school will be **Wednesday, May 8**. Because exams will be completed, seniors do not have to report to school until the beginning of Snack Attack. Our annual **Senior Walk** through the entire school will take place after Snack Attack that morning at **10:15 AM**. You are invited to join the student body in honoring our graduates as they walk through the school in their caps and gowns. Parents should sign in at the front office and meet in the Atrium. **After the Senior Walk, seniors may leave campus**. Our yearbook presentation and signing will take place during blocks 6 & 7 on that day as well **beginning at 1:45 PM in the Gym**. Your senior will want to come back for this to receive his/her yearbook!

Senior Trip

Just a reminder that those attending the Senior Trip will be in Pigeon Forge, TN, from **Friday, May 10-Wednesday, May 15**. Please communicate with Mrs. Golden for remaining balances on your child's trip account. Please remember to pray for safety and that this will be a special time together for our seniors before they graduate.

Final Reminder

All financial obligations to SCA including tuition, textbooks, athletic uniforms, lunch accounts, library books, and other fees need to be taken care of **before** diplomas, records, and transcripts will be released. Each family will receive a final account statement at the beginning of May and all outstanding balances need to be taken care of through the Business Office by **Friday, May 17, by 3:00 PM in order to receive diplomas at graduation**.

Despite the busyness of spring, enjoy these final days as a parent at SCA. Please know it has been our privilege to partner with you over the years in your child's school experience. We look forward to celebrating with you and the rest of the SCA family on May 17.

For His glory,
Dr. Brian Dougherty
Headmaster