

## MEMORANDUM

Date: March 25, 2019

To: Seniors

From: Laura Mohun

SUBJECT: BACCALAUREATE 2019

Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, the eighth community sponsored Baccalaureate will be held for the graduating seniors of all local high schools. The Baccalaureate service will be held at Tahoe Forest Church at 10315 Hirschdale Rd. at 6 pm.

Baccalaureate is an ancient tradition instituted by the Greeks to honor those who received the Bachelor's degree. The word Baccalaureate is derived from two Greek words: bacca-berry and laureus-laurel. The laurel and berry were made into a wreath and served as a symbol of honor for the graduate. The word laurel has evolved today to mean praise. In the Middle Ages since universities were closely related to the church, baccalaureate took on a spiritual significance. This was in agreement with the Greek ideal of excellence, which is the development of the whole man- his mind, body and soul.

Baccalaureate service will give you a chance to reflect on your spiritual development. This is an OPTIONAL non-denominational service that will honor our graduates. Make your senior year complete by attending the service and please bring your family. It will be an excellent chance to offer thanks for all the good gifts you have received throughout your high school years. The BEST OF LUCK to the class of 2019.

(This is not a school supported but not school sponsored event)