

JBS Class of 2022

TO: Senior Parents/Guardians
FROM: Class Chairs, Julie Hyken (314-795-4252), Mallory Polk (636-795-3628), Heather Strahorn (314-600-1874)
RE: Graduation

Graduation is six months away, and the administration and our committee have already begun to meet and plan!

- On Monday, January 24, Ms. Salrin has scheduled a meeting for 2022 parents/guardians to discuss May Projects, graduation, traditions and expectations for the end of the year. The meeting is from 7 to 8 pm in Haertter Hall.
- In early March, Ms. Salrin and we will send the first of three mailings, detailing all of the end-of-the-year activities, schedules, forms and options – from Senior Skip Day to graduation seating to family pictures.

In the meantime, for those of you who have not participated in a Burroughs graduation, here is a brief description:

Graduation is at 7 pm on Sunday, June 5 in the grove behind the STAR building. This 60+ minute ceremony 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 indoors.

- What do the graduates wear? Dress is formal (white dresses, pant suits, summer tuxedos). Simple, long white dresses may be purchased, borrowed from previous graduates or borrowed from Carrie Madigan (chair, Family & Consumer Science, ext. 279). The summer formals (white jacket, black trousers, shoes and socks) are rented by the school from Stallone's Formal Wear and storecarded (last year the rental fees were \$46 for the summer tux and, if needed, \$14 for shoes). Students who wish to participate in the graduation ceremony are expected to cooperate with the dress guidelines. Questions about dresses/pant suits should be directed to Donya Allison (class sponsor, ext. 229).
- Is seating limited for family and friends? Each graduate will be assigned six reserved seats by lottery for the graduation ceremony. Presuming the St. Louis area health landscape will be strong then, there will be an additional 600ish unreserved seats which will become available after 6 pm on the 5th. Since the natural pitch of the grove is stadium-style, there really are no "bad" seats.

After the ceremony, at approximately 8:15 pm, there will be a reception for all guests in the Quadrangle to enjoy and share the moment with family, friends and faculty.

Beginning at about 8:45 pm, there will be a dinner for graduates and their families on campus. Every graduate will receive three complimentary dinners; additional dinners will be \$60 per person. We hope all graduates, their families and guests will choose to attend, but the dinner is optional. Details to come.

The graduation after-party (the final leg of the evening for grads and chaperones only) will follow. Graduates who do not attend the dinner are encouraged to come to the party, which will be held off campus. Again, details to come.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us or call school (314.993.4040 Jennifer Salrin /ext. 325 or Ellen Bremner /ext. 355).

► *For future reference, these mailings will be posted on the 2022 website at jburroughs.org/academics/principals-pages/class-of-2022. ◀*