



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

“Be who you are
and be that well.”

– St. Francis de Sales

May 1, 2019

Dear Senior Parent/Guardian(s):

You and your son will soon take part in St. Francis de Sales High School's sixty-second graduation exercises. Thank you for entrusting him to our care and for the support, encouragement, interest and enthusiasm you have given to us. I speak for our entire faculty and staff in saying that it has been a rewarding experience for us to know you and your son. We hope and pray that the fruits of our common labors will be harvested in his future life. We hope that he and you will always consider yourselves a part of our Knight Family.

Following is information concerning the Baccalaureate Liturgy and Commencement Exercises. Please read this information carefully and share it with your son. I will review all this information with the seniors on May 6th. Seniors must participate in both the Baccalaureate Liturgy and the Commencement Exercises.

1. Please try to impress upon your son that a high school graduation is a formal and solemn occasion, the crowning celebration of a great achievement. Unfortunately, some view the ceremony as a last opportunity to engage in childish behavior. Please discourage your son and family members from doing so. Such behavior is an embarrassment to the graduating class, to the families present and to the school. Should any senior misbehave during the ceremonies, we will dismiss him immediately.
2. Your son will receive his graduation cap and gown at the Mother / Son Luncheon. Both are disposable and need not be returned. You might want to press out the wrinkles in preparation for Baccalaureate and Graduation. He wears his cap and gown at both events.
3. Each student graduating with honors will be given an honor stole to be worn during the Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises. Members of the National Honor Society will receive honor cords. Honor stoles and cords are covered by the senior fee. Students will keep these items along with their cap and gown.
4. Each student will receive ten tickets for Commencement at the Peristyle. *Please invite your guests accordingly.* Tickets will be distributed at the Mother / Son Luncheon.

5. Saturday, May 25

a. BACCALAUREATE MASS - 11:00 A.M.

Seniors report to the front of St. Francis with cap and gown at **9:30 a.m.** for individual and class photo by *Lifetouch*. Sport coat is not necessary; white shirt is recommended; tie, dress pants and dress shoes are mandatory. Students must be well-groomed and hair must be neat – no earrings allowed. The procession of graduates and faculty will depart for Gesu Church at 10:45 a.m. and the Baccalaureate Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. All parents, relatives and friends are invited.

b. COMMENCEMENT - 3:00 P.M.

Seniors report to the Peristyle of the Toledo Museum of Art at **2:30 p.m.** Dress is the same as for the Baccalaureate.

6. Obviously, a student under the influence of, or having used, alcohol or narcotics, will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremonies.
7. Pay parking is available in the Museum parking lots.

Regrettably it is also necessary to mention some cautions concerning academics and finances.

1. If a senior has **four (4) semester failures or more**, he may not participate in the graduation exercises. We will inform you if such is the case during the week of May 20th.
2. If a senior receives **one (1) to three (3) semester failures**, or if he has outstanding business with the school or discipline office (books, unserved detentions, etc.), he may participate in the graduation exercises. However, his diploma will be withheld until the failure is made up and/or the business is satisfactorily concluded.
3. **A student whose tuition is in arrears will not be permitted to participate in any of the graduation ceremonies.** Please contact the Finance Office to make necessary arrangements.

It is our expectation that every senior be present to enjoy his graduation exercises with his parent/guardian(s) and family. Be assured, though, that any student who fails to follow the above instructions will not participate.

We have enjoyed our four years with your son; we look forward to this day of celebration with you and him. Again, thank you for your past support and cooperation during these final days of school.

Sincerely in St. Francis de Sales,



John Hall
Principal