

JESUIT COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

February 22, 2019

Dear Senior Parents:

Letting Go. Almost four years ago, your son started at Jesuit and ventured onto a path that culminates in a few short months. While these times are full of memories and proud accomplishments, they can also be a little hectic. For this reason, we have compiled this guide to offer a roadmap of the upcoming events surrounding graduation and the close of the academic year. We hope that it will provide some clarity for what is sometimes a confusing time. Please read the descriptions of the various events. If you have any questions, feel free to call the appointed individuals listed and they can help you. Know that it has been an honor to work with your sons. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers with the hopes of a successful and joyous end to his high school career.

Sincerely,

Jack Fitzsimmons
Director of Counseling

Matt Shoemaker
College Counselor

Colin Hanley
Senior Counselor

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*Director of Community Service
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Mark Knize
Director of Student Formation



COLLEGE T-SHIRT DAY; THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Seniors will have a casual dress day with a college theme. Students will be informed of the dress code. Lunch for seniors will be provided that day.

Please contact Daniel Dion at ext. 282 for further information.

“LETTING GO” SENIOR PARENT MEETING: Thursday, April 25 7:00PM TERRY CENTER

This meeting will focus on sending your son off to college. All senior counselors will speak and you will be provided with information regarding transition to college. In addition, graduation tickets will be distributed (7 tickets per student).

Your senior son will not need a ticket. (There will be an opportunity to request an addition two or three tickets). Information on signing up for additional tickets will be provided at the “Letting Go” meeting.) **This meeting is for parents only.**

FYI: The graduation ceremony will be live streamed from SMU’s McFarlin Auditorium

Please contact Jack Fitzsimmons at ext. 412, or Colin Hanley at ext. 448 for further information.

AP EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: Monday, May 6 – Friday, May 17 CHECK CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

**** For Students taking AP classes**

May 6	8:00am	U.S. Govt & Politics	May 13	8:00am	Biology
	1:00pm	Environmental Science		1:00pm	Physics C Mechanics
May 7	8:00am	Spanish Language & Culture		3:00pm	Physics C Electricity and Magnetism
	1:00pm	Physics 1	May 14	8:00am	Calculus AB
May 8	8:00am	English Literature & Composition		8:00am	Calculus BC
	1:00pm	European History		1:00pm	Human Geography
	1:00pm	French Language & Culture	May 15	8:00am	English Language & Composition
May 9	8:00am	Chemistry		1:00pm	Macroeconomics
	8:00am	Spanish Literature & Culture	May 16	8:00am	Gov’t & Politics - Comparative
	1:00pm	Psychology		8:00am	World History
May 10	8:00am	U.S. History		1:00pm	Statistics
	1:00pm	Physics 2	May 17	1:00PM	Computer Science A

SENIOR CONVOCATION: FRIDAY, MAY 10

Seniors check-in / breakfast (Dress Code Required) 8:00AM

**SMALL GYM
TERRY CENTER**

Seniors will arrive in school dress code at 8:00am to check in for the day. Attendance will be taken. A light breakfast will be provided in the small gym. Showcasing the senior class at the Jesuit Senior Convocation offers the entire student body an opportunity to honor and formally bid farewell to their Jesuit senior brothers. Various seniors will be formally recognized for their accomplishments. Seating is very limited and is reserved for the student community. Parents of students receiving major awards will be contacted by the Principal's Office with an invitation to attend. After Convocation, seniors immediately change into gym clothes for Special Games.

Please contact Jack Fitzsimmons at ext. 412, or Colin Hanley at ext. 448 for further information.

SPECIAL GAMES: FRIDAY, MAY 10

POSTELL STADIUM

As is tradition at Jesuit, the Community Service & Social Justice Program, in conjunction with the Senior Class, will host the Jesuit Special Games for Dallas area schools at Postell Stadium. The seniors and faculty members will join an estimated 500 Special Games athletes for fun activities, ending with lunch in the stadium. Seniors should bring gym clothes to school for the Special Games activities. Students should also bring sun block as we are outside all day. This event is the final requirement for the seniors' successful completion of their community service hours for graduation. As such, all seniors must be in attendance until dismissal time, which will be approximately 2:00PM.

Please contact Rich Perry at ext. 402 for further information.

TERRY CENTER &

SENIOR MASS & BREAKFAST: SUNDAY, MAY 19 9:00AM & 10:30AM WESTIN PARK CENTRAL HOTEL

This is Jesuit's traditional school baccalaureate, celebrating the seniors and their parents. Invitations to this event will be mailed to senior families. Seniors attend without charge. As is proper for the occasion, seniors are asked to wear a coat and tie. The morning begins with Mass in the Terry Center at 9:00am, followed by breakfast at the Westin Park Central Hotel beginning at 10:30am.

The hotel address is 12720 Merit Drive 75251

Please contact Jack Fitzsimmons at ext. 412 or Colin Hanley at ext. 448 for further information.

SENIOR EXAM SCHEDULE:**CHECK CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS**

Monday, May 13	9:00am – 10:30am	Math
	11:00am – 12:30pm	Social Studies
Tuesday, May 14	9:00am – 10:30am	English

Please contact Colin Hanley at ext. 448 for further information.

GRADUATION PRACTICE: SATURDAY, MAY 25 8:00AM**SMU MCFARLIN AUDITORIUM**

Seniors will receive their caps and gowns during graduation practice. The seniors were measured for their caps and gowns during the school day, so do not be concerned if you do not remember that happening. Practice can take anywhere from 90 minutes to 2 hours depending on cooperation and prompt morning arrival. Dress for the morning practice is casual. Note that practice will not begin until each graduating senior is present. The graduation caps and gowns may be taken home between practice and the ceremony. This is a good time to take family photos with seniors in their graduation gown, as the gowns must be returned on stage immediately following the ceremony. Seniors may keep their caps and tassels.

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GRADUATION CEREMONY: SATURDAY, MAY 25 4:00PM**SMU MCFARLIN AUDITORIUM**

The timeline for the graduation ceremony is as follows:

- 3:15pm Seniors arrive and report to McFarlin Auditorium.
- 3:15pm Doors to McFarlin Auditorium open for seating of ticketed audience.
- 4:00pm Graduation ceremony begins promptly and lasts approximately two hours and fifteen minutes.

Student attire for graduation is dark slacks, white shirt, tie, and dark polished shoes or boots.

No facial hair, earrings, nose rings, other visible piercings, or sunglasses are allowed.

Parking: All vehicles parking on SMU's campus for graduation will be charged a \$10 parking fee. Please log on to smu.edu, then type in "parking" in the search box to see SMU's campus map and parking. Note that McFarlin Auditorium is located near the northwest corner of the campus at McFarlin Road and Hillcrest.

Final Note: The Jesuit Graduation is a formal ceremony which reflects the religious identity of the school. As such, balloons, air horns, cheers, rowdy behavior, and the like are not allowed. Please show respect for Jesuit and our graduates and abide by this request.

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