

April 8, 2010

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share with you the details and expectations for the time leading up to and including the graduation of the senior class of 2010!

First of all, education remains the focus of the remaining months of school. Second semester grades are as important to seniors as they are to everyone else at Holy Family Catholic High School. All colleges and universities require final transcripts upon completion of this school year to confirm their acceptance standards have been met. Furthermore, many of the seniors are preparing for the very important Advanced Placement examinations held throughout the first two weeks of May. Finally, the underclassmen need to pursue their studies in a supportive environment as they seek their educational goals. For all of these reasons, teachers will continue to prepare good lessons and expect all students to take learning seriously and continue daily attendance.

At the same time, we realize our seniors are anxious to move into another stage of their lives. For this reason, we would like to announce Friday, April 23, as Senior Appreciation Day. While Holy Family Catholic High School will not sponsor any activities for seniors on this day, we would like to recognize their right of passage by giving them a beautiful spring day to do with as they choose.

The senior portrait will be taken on Wednesday, April 21 at 9:30 a.m. Senior exams will take place during regular class periods May 10-13. On Friday, May 14, seniors are to report to the gym at 8:30 a.m. for graduation practice. A special senior breakfast will begin at 9:30 a.m., after which all of our young men and women will be officially dismissed from classes for the remainder of the year. Please note that the school will not be sponsoring any events during these days off and does not expect seniors to arrange other days off on their own.

We realize our students wish to be responsible during their final weeks with us. High spirits, however, can lead to situations and choices that are not originally intended. Under no circumstances do we expect our young people to do anything that can be defined as a prank. No matter how small or harmless an idea initially appears, there is always great potential for personal injury, property damage, hurt feelings, and time-consuming and expensive clean-up. It needs to be understood that anyone who takes part in a prank will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony on May 19. We will clarify these expectations with the seniors and, having come to know these young people well, anticipate no difficulties.

Prom is a special occasion we would hate to see marred by poor choices. This school-sponsored event is one that must remain drug and alcohol free. Teachers and students work hard to make this event memorable on its own. While we are concerned by the popularity of overnight parties, we are even more worried about the use of party buses. An adult driver may sound safer than teens driving teens, but our experiences with this transportation alternative do not give us confidence. Bus drivers cannot, and do not, supervise behavior on party buses. Because teens

often feel what they do cannot be observed on these vehicles, they can be tempted to push caution aside. It is good to be aware party buses are stopped more often than other vehicles to check for illegal drinking.

All tuition, fees, and other charges must be paid in full in order for a student to receive a diploma. Please contact one of us if you have a question about this requirement.

This year's graduation ceremonies will reflect the growing maturity of the school, the qualities of this class, and the wonderful involvement of parents and staff. They have been designed with a balance of dignity and sentiment worthy of such occasions. The formal events begin with a Baccalaureate Mass at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, at St. Victoria Catholic Church, 8228 Victoria Drive in Victoria. Caps and gowns should be worn.

Graduation is scheduled for May 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic High School. Seniors, in caps and gowns, should be ready no later than 6:30 p.m. to take their places for the processional. There may be no extra accessories on caps or gowns. Graduation takes place in the Slattery Athletic and Convocation Center and there is ample seating for anyone you wish to invite. A professional photographer will record each student's receiving his/her diploma. A reception in the cafeteria will follow the ceremony.

A list of important dates in May is compiled below. The last days of high school will move swiftly. I hope you enjoy each and every one of them.

Senior Class Portrait	April 21, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Appreciation Day	April 23
Prom	May 1
AP Government Exam	May 3, 7:30 a.m.
AP French Exam	May 3, 11:30 a.m.
AP Spanish Exam	May 4, 7:30 a.m.
AP Statistics Exam	May 4, 11:30 a.m.
AP Calculus Exams	May 5, 7:30 a.m.
AP English Exam	May 6, 7:30 a.m.
AP US History	May 7, 7:30 a.m.
AP European History	May 7, 11:30 a.m.
AP Biology Exam	May 10, 7:30 a.m.
AP Physics Exam	May 10, 11:30 a.m.
AP Chemistry Exam	May 11, 7:30 a.m.
AP Psychology Exam	May 11, 11:30 a.m.
Senior exams	May 10-13
Graduation practice and breakfast	May 14, 8:30 a.m.
Baccalaureate Mass	May 16 2:00 p.m., St. Victoria Church (caps and gowns)
Graduation	May 19 7:00 p.m., HFCCHS (caps and gowns)
Graduation Party sponsored by parents	May 19 following graduation

With anticipation,

