



St. Martin of Tours CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the end of the year approaches, we would like to communicate our plans for eighth grade graduation this year.

Graduation

Graduation is on Tuesday, June 8 at 6:00 PM. Students should report to the Lower Church by 5:30 PM. The Upper Church will open for families to find their seats at 5:00 PM. Although we are not restricting the number of guests who may attend graduation, we ask that families be thoughtful about the number of guests they invite to our ceremony in light of the pandemic. Families should sit together in one pew.

In order to attend graduation and participate in the ceremony, students must attend our practice on Friday, June 4 and return any SMT school property on June 4 (see below for more information).

Please also note the following related to Graduation:

- NO STUDENT IS PERMITTED TO HAVE THEIR PHONES. PHONES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PARENTS PRIOR TO COMING TO THE LOWER CHURCH
- Under their robes the students should wear:
 - Boys – dress shirt, tie, dress pants, and dress shoes.
 - Girls – light colored dress, appropriate shoes
- Please NO BALLOONS OR FLOWERS IN CHURCH. Save them for the parking lot after Mass.
- Finally, please remember we are in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and certain decorum should be followed. No whistling, screaming, or loud noises. We are just as happy as you are to celebrate your child's achievement, but there is a time and place for these celebrations.

Graduation Practice, Celebration of Graduates, and Final Day of School

Friday, June 4 will be the last day of school for eighth graders. Students will not attend classes on June 4. Instead, **there will be a graduation practice and celebration of our graduates on Friday, June 4 from 8:30 AM-12 PM. All students must attend in order to participate in graduation on June 8.** There will be no busing, so students will need to have transportation to and from school.

On June 4, students will also return any school-issued chromebook or computer and any ELA books they have at home. They will receive their report card on Friday. **Students must return any SMT property that is owed to them in order to receive their report cards and to participate in graduation exercises on June 8.** Please also remember all accounts must be paid in full by 5/28/21 in order to participate in graduation.

In addition to practice, students will have an opportunity to celebrate their graduation with their classmates and teachers at a small outdoor party we will throw for them. Due to the pandemic, this celebration is limited to eighth grade students



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only. Parents are unable to attend. Here, students will have the opportunity to sign yearbooks and play lawn games. There are also some surprises in store! Light refreshments will be served.

Thank you for all your support during the year. It has been a pleasure to teach your child this year.

Sincerely,
Ms. Nobles, Mr. Pavonarius, and Mrs. Rubin