

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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For the Graduation Class
... a book to get you started as
Senior.

You have probably been at St Vincent for some time, but often when reaching Senior year, there are questions parents and students have. Here is some information to help in the planning of your senior year:

1. Senior Privileges are simply that: privileges. Seniors who cooperate, follow rules, and act as responsible young adults are given these privileges. Your class officers have worked with the Principal to organize potential privileges such as out-to-lunch or Senior Sweatshirt days, etc. You will receive a senior privileges letter which you and your parent must sign giving you permission to participate in the privileges. Of course, privileges can be taken from any senior who behaves inappropriately, has negative attitudes, disrupts classes, etc. Being respectful and responsible shows me that you deserve privileges that underclassmen are not receiving.
2. The first experience you will have is your Ring Day Mass, scheduled on Friday, September 1, 2017. During this mass, you will receive your class ring, which you ordered during your Junior year. Your senior moderator will practice with you on the procedure of receiving the ring during the mass. This year, your senior moderator is Mr. Julian.
3. Senior girls are elected as Homecoming Court. These girls and their parents build a float to ride during the Homecoming parade. It is the responsibility of the parents to secure a location to build

modesty is appropriate for all evening events. Codes for dances are in the Handbook, and are expected to be followed.

18. Call if you have any questions:

Main Office—547-4300 x230 (for absences) Secretary

President/Principal: X233, Dr. Pat Hensley

Counselor: X234, Mrs. Louise Wibbenmeyer

Athletic Director: X231, Mr. Bruce Valleroy

Lastly, this can be a great year if you accept the task of being positive and productive Seniors. Exemplifying maturity and Christianity is the best way to allow adults to see that you have grown into young men and women.



14. The Alumni Banquet is held prior to graduation at the KC Hall, to induct the graduating class into the Alumni Association of St. Vincent High School. All seniors are expected to attend. Dress shirts, ties are required of young men, generally the girls wear their Prom dress. All Seniors attend, parents are asked to attend.

15. The Awards Ceremony—On the day of graduation, the seniors are in gowns and wear dress clothing under the gown, process into the gymnasium and are awarded scholarships, and other items for academic excellence. This is our way of focusing on each and every senior in the graduating class. The program begins at 8AM. Once completed, all seniors and others attend the last mass for the year—the Senior Mass. Again, Seniors process in and are seated at the front of the church. Immediately after mass, the Senior Picture is taken on the front steps of church. The Senior moderator will practice with you to know the entire process for each event: May Procession, Awards Ceremony, Mass and Graduation.

16. Graduation is held on Sunday at 2PM at church and Seniors have assigned seating. Seniors are in cap and gown. This is NOT a mass, rather a graduation program, where students receive a diploma. NOTE: All seniors are required to attend the Graduation practice that is held on a selected day following exams.

17. Dress Code—We are Christians who believe that

the float. All seniors and parents are encouraged to participate in building the float, as the court represents the entire class. The football captains along with another football player chosen by the court are escorts of the court and at the Homecoming Dance. Homecoming is on Friday, followed by the Saturday 4:30 PM mass, dinner and Dance at 7PM. At mass, Football players, cheerleaders, and Court all process into church and sit in assigned pews. Other students are seated in the church. After mass parents may host a meal generally in the Hospitality Room, and immediately after dinner, students attend the dance.

4. Project Graduation is organized by senior parents. Parents volunteer (through word of mouth) to be on a committee and plan throughout the year. The Project Graduation plan provides students with an alcohol free party with all of their classmates. There are planned activities such as magicians, games, and basic fun. All parents are encouraged to help with planning, and all seniors are encouraged to participate.

5. FISH FRIES—These Lenten events are fundraisers through our PTO for our school. All parents are asked to work at least one night, and the PTO will provide a list of which grades are requested for each of the Fish Fry nights. Students are also asked to work and receive service hours.

6. Service Hours—In order to graduate from St Vincent High School, each student must accumulate at least 80 hours of service to the community. Each school year, beginning with your Freshman year, you must complete at least 20 hours. Fish Fries is one way to attain hours, but there are several other methods a minimum of 80 hours of service. Make sure you are on target for graduation.
7. College and Career preparation started in your Freshman year, but senior year is especially important! The school counselor will meet with each of you to review grades and discuss interests and future plans. A college and career planning meeting will be held in August. All students and parents are asked to attend as the college application process, FAFSA guidelines and other college/career information will be shared.
8. FAFSA: Please know that when applying for grants and financial aid, the FAFSA report is always used by colleges. This is a process to complete and requires time. It is suggested that you do your tax returns EARLY, so that you have the needed information for the FAFSA. Plan ahead and know that there is a DEADLINE for completion.
9. College Visitation is strongly encouraged for NO SCHOOL DAYS. Students who choose to take other days for College Visitation (which is frowned upon) are marked absent, must complete an ANTICIPATED ABSENCE form, and make up all homework by the next school day.
10. BONFIRE is the day prior to Homecoming and as seniors you come for the first period attendance check, then spend that day (off school) collecting wood to build the bonfire. Building of the Bonfire must be completed at 3PM. The BONFIRE is lit at 7PM that night and is then followed by class skits, the band playing and the cheerleader events. Seniors MUST clean up the BONFIRE when approved by Athletic Director.
11. RANK—Class rank is determined by a student's cumulative grade point average, which is determined by his/her semester grades with extra values given to honors courses. To be considered for Valedictorian or Salutatorian, a student must attend SVHS for a minimum of four consecutive semesters immediately prior to graduation. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are identified at the end of Q3 during senior year.
12. The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Please refer to the Handbook for additional information.
13. MAY PROCESSION held at the Grotto or at Church: The May Court has three girls from Sodality and 3 senior men to escort the young women. ALL SENIORS (excluding the Court) wear caps and gowns and process in the May Crowning. This honor reserved for seniors and is a tradition.