



St. Vincent's Academy

207 East Liberty Street
Savannah, GA 31401

Dear Parents,

May 20, 2020

Senior year is very exciting for the girls and the faculty. We enjoy watching them mature and grow as they prepare themselves for college and beyond. We thought that a little advance warning would help you plan your budget and social calendar. Here are some of the upcoming events that make senior year at St. Vincent's so special.

Senior Formal Pictures – Please Contact: Lori Balfe, Photography by Lori, 1715 E. Montgomery Cross Road, Savannah GA 31406, phone 912-312-1549 Email: lbalfel@comcast.net. Please do this over the summer.

Senior Yearbooks – The yearbook staff offers space in the book for seniors and their parents to create their own personalized ad page. If you are likely to purchase an ad, please spend some time over the summer looking through pictures and thinking about what you might like to write. You can either create your own ad or choose from several templates created by the yearbook staff. You can look through old yearbooks for ideas as well. If you choose to make your own, please create it as a jpeg file. The yearbook staff sometimes also chooses to include meaningful quotes, fondest memories, throwback pictures, and senior superlatives (most likely to...). All of these things will be needed early in the school year.

Graduation Orders – Herff-Jones will be on campus in September to take orders for Graduation announcements, caps and gowns, and other senior memorabilia. The cost of the cap and gown will be included in the graduation fee that's part of your tuition. Announcements and other memorabilia can be ordered according to your preference.

Senior Retreat – The SVA Religion Department organizes a full day retreat for the senior class at Camp Villa Marie in October.

Mother/Daughter Mass and Brunch – This is a beautiful event for seniors and their mothers, or other special women in their lives. The junior class hosts a brunch following the 10am Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. This event takes place on a Sunday in late October or early November.

Wine and Cheese Parent Info Session – The senior teachers host a wine and cheese evening in February to go over the May calendar and our expectations for the students. We will also answer any questions parents might have about preparing for Graduation and other May events.

Prom – The Junior/Senior Prom will be held in the spring. The junior class hosts this event, which includes a formal introduction of seniors and their dates.

Class Night – Class Night takes place on Monday, May 24th, 2021 at 5pm. This is our awards program for the senior class. There are several speeches, including the Valedictory and Salutatory addresses. The school recognizes outstanding students for their achievements. The senior class also performs a short program of songs together. All are invited to this event.

Baccalaureate Mass – This is a Mass to celebrate the senior class at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. It will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, May 25th, 2021. You may invite anyone you like, and there is a lovely reception afterwards in Sr. Jude Walsh Hall.

Graduation – Graduation will be held on May 26th, 2021 in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. It is a formal service including a student procession with diplomas and an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Graduates wear caps, gowns, a white dress or slip, skin tone pantyhose, plain white heels, and modest jewelry. Graduation is a ticketed event, and each senior will receive 10 tickets. The ceremony is beautifully choreographed, and senior classes end several days before the underclassmen in order to allow the seniors to attend practices for Graduation. Please make every effort to reserve this time to prepare for Graduation, and avoid scheduling doctor's appointments or other possible conflicts. It takes a lot of work to prepare for this joyous occasion, but it will be worth it to see your daughter walk down the aisle in the cathedral with her diploma!

We are looking forward to a wonderful senior year for your girls, filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and become even closer as a class. Thank you for entrusting us with your daughters. Please know that we are always available to do what we can to help your daughter have a meaningful and memorable senior year.

Thank you,

The Senior Moderators

Ms. Abby Foster, Mrs. Taylor Culjan, Mrs. Elisa Berman