**”** It’s not about the destination, it’s about the adventure**.”**

Grad Parent Meeting Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Please find any new information at the school website:

<https://stjp.eics.ab.ca/students/graduation>

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| **Grad Ring Sales:** Nov. 21-22. The Josten’s Ring Man will be here to help place orders at lunch, outside the main office.  You can design your ring online at www.jostens.com and know that there is a $60.00 deposit required to place orders. |
| **Grad Photos:** These will take place January 16-18, 2017.  Appointment booking dates will be announced once I know them. No information yet as to the link to book. |
| **Graduation Banquet**May 13, 2017 Shaw Conference Centre.   * Doors to the Foyer of Hall D will open at 4:45 p.m.  Tickets will be collected by staff and Stamps will be placed on hands by Security. * Cocktails 5:00 p.m. * Dinner 6:00 p.m. * Program & Dance to follow. * **Last call will be 11:00 p.m. and music will stop at 11:30 p.m. and staff will depart and people will be asked to leave the venue.** * This might be a good time to plan the after grad party. |
| **Banquet Guests (including the Graduate):**   * This being a private function, St. JPII reserves the right to refuse ticket sales. * Note that if you have a party greater than 10, your party will be divided, so please be very clear about your wishes. Also note, if you do not have a full table, your table will be filled with other guests. * PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS are RESPONSIBLE for ALL invited guests.  This means, GUESTS MUST LEAVE with PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS. * St. JPII staff will NOT be responsible for current or former students, this includes the graduate. |
| **\*Guests must be in attendance at dinner as no new guests will be allowed in after dinner.**  **\*Event will end at 11:30**  **\*Guests not allowed to be there without a parent/legal guardian.**  **\*No ticket shall be issued until Banquet Ticket Order form is signed and returned with payment.**  **\*No substitution of guests without Ms. Zaleschuk/Mrs. Gau’s consent.** |
| **Graduation Banquet Ticket Sales:**  Ticket sales will run from **TBA.**  You may pay online through PowerSchool or come into the school.  I will require families to fill in the attached form that indicates how many tickets are required, how many children, special meal requests, seating requests, etc.  I will also require a list of all the attendees. The form will be made available on the school website (see link above) in April. |
| **Commencement Rehearsal**:Friday, June 16, 1:00-2:00 p.m.  Mandatory attendance for Graduates at this time. |
| **Grad Mass:** Friday, June 16, 2017, 5:00pm OLA Parish. Graduates need to arrive at OLA Parish by 4:30 p.m. Families can seat themselves. |
| ***Grad Gown Pickup:***  Gowns will be distributed to Graduates on Thursday, June 15, 2017, between 10:00-12:30 pm. Grads **MUST** return to the Shell Theatre by 6:25 p.m. to get prepared for the evening.  Doors to the theatre will open at 6:45 p.m.  At the end of the evening, **ALL GOWNS AND STOLES** MUST be returned to staff at the back of the theatre. |
| **Commencement Exercise:**  ONLY students who are on track to graduate according to Alberta Education requirements and have a minimum of 9 credits in Religion will be invited to attend.  June 16, 2017, 7:00 pm DCC |
| **Grad Video:**  You may now start sending your School photos from Kindergarten- Gr. 12 to the following email: Please send photos to: cierraplamondon[@gmail.com](mailto:st.jp2grad@gmail.com) |
| Gentle Reminder:  \*\*\*Please know that until the all **school fees, including grad fees** are paid, your child will be unable to attend the Grad Banquet on Saturday, May 13 and the Commencement Exercises, Friday, June 16.  (Grad fees include: sitting fee, Handshake photo, group photo, cap and gown rental, etc.)  Your prompt attention to this matter can be rectified with the front office.  Please call or come in to take care of this with Mrs. Roth. (\*\*Also, you may pay this on Parent PowerSchool). If you have any questions, you can call Mr. Tymko. |
| **Grade 12 Graduation Expectations:**  In order to participate in the graduation celebrations, **the graduate MUST meet the Alberta Education requirements and have 9 credits of Religion. It is at the school’s discretion if a student will be allowed to attend the Banquet/Commencement invite.** School Administration will post a grad list at the end of the first Semester, then mid-April, then late June. If you are **NOT on the Grad List**, it is your responsibility to speak to Mr. Tymko regarding your status. |

“… and so the adventure begins.”