

SENIOR NEWS 2012

KIM M. BRUNO, PRINCIPAL

Dear Seniors of the Class of 2012,

This academic year 2011 – 2012 is a very important time, and Monday, June 25, 2012, will be one of the most important days of your life! This is the Graduation date for the Class of 2012! The Ceremony will now begin at 4:30 PM. All eligible Seniors will proudly march on this day to the encouragement and proud admiration of family, friends, teachers, and distinguished guests.

With all of the pomp and circumstance of Senior year, comes a lot of stress. With planning, awareness, and following deadlines, the year will go a lot more smoothly. This newsletter will provide key information you will need.

Please be aware that 100% of all communication regarding your Senior Year will come through either the Yellow Sheet or Daedalus. Please make a habit of reading all information thoroughly; in an effort to reduce paper use, information may only appear once -- and missing an information item may result in consequences weeks or months down the road.

Also know that all Senior activities are a privilege, including Prom and Graduation, and can be revoked at any time due to inappropriate behavior, academic failure, or unexcused absences.

If there is anything I can do for you that will make this year better, please let me know.

Mark J. Stricklin, Ed.D.
Assistant Principal, Pupil Personnel Services,
COSA,
Senior Advisor

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

You can help ensure your Senior year is a positive learning and memorable experience by completing and passing all classes, state exams, and credits as necessary. These will allow you to satisfy all the necessary credits/ class/Regents requirements to be eligible for the following Diplomas:

Regents Diploma

Pass 5 required Regents exams - (Global, US History, Math A or Integrated Algebra, English, 1 Science) with scores of 65 or higher.

Regents Diploma with Honors

Regents Diploma with scores averaging 90% in all Regents examinations required for the diploma. (No rounding up.)

Advanced Regents Diploma

Regents diploma plus 65 or higher on the following Regents exams: Foreign Language, Math B or Algebra 2/Trig, and 1 Additional Science Regents. A Studio Comprehensive can be used in lieu of Foreign Language Regents. (Students taking Integrated Algebra fulfill the Advanced Regents Math requirement by passing both Geometry and Algebra 2/Trig.)

Advanced Regents with Honors

Advanced Regents Diploma with scores averaging 90 % in all Regents examinations required for the diploma. (No rounding up.)

Please be advised that graduation eligibility is defined by the Chancellor's Graduation Policy:

"Only students who have successfully completed all requirements for a High School Diploma, Including Courses and State Exams will be permitted to participate in Graduation Ceremonies."

PROM

The Senior Prom is Saturday, June 16, 2012, from 8:00 PM - 12:00 midnight. The amount is not covered by Senior Dues. Tickets are expected to go on sale the beginning of March (right after the final payment of Senior Dues.) Senior Dues must be paid in full before you may purchase a Prom ticket. Please note the following:

- Anticipated cost: \$160 per person.
- Prom will take place at Bridgewater, situated in the heart of the historic South Street Seaport.
- Appetizers, buffet dinner, desserts, and beverages are included.
- Separate rooms are available for dancing, eating, and socializing.
- Non-La! students or underclassmen may attend as your date.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Seniors should be aware their behavior – both during the school day and at school events – could effect their participation in the Prom and Graduation. Seniors who are suspended at the end of the school year may be denied participation in these events. Chancellor's Regulations state that only students who have successfully completed all requirements for a high school diploma, including the necessary required credits, courses, and standardized tests will be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies. Please be advised all Senior activities are a privilege, including Prom and Graduation and can be revoked at any time due to inappropriate behavior, academic failure, or unexcused absences. Outstanding charges, fees, or lost textbooks may cause delays in receiving Prom or Graduation tickets, caps and gowns, yearbooks, etc.

SENIOR DUES

Payment of Senior Dues is mandatory. The full amount of \$225 must be paid by Friday, February 10, 2012. Any Senior Dues paid after this date is subject to a late fee of \$10; The late fee for payments received after April 1, 2012, is \$20. Dues are mandatory and are non-refundable. Items cannot be purchased individually. Here is what is included with your Senior Dues:

Graduation: Taking place in Avery Fisher Hall on June 25, 2012, at 4:30 PM, Graduation payment is included in Senior Dues and includes rental of hall, programs, awards, diploma and case. In addition each eligible graduate will receive two tickets for family members.

Caps and Gowns: Includes the cap, gown, and souvenir tassel. Graduates are fitted by Jostens on the date published in the Yellow Sheet. Students who are not fitted are given gowns in the closest size available.

Yearbook: A collection of your everlasting memories of your experiences and friends at La! Our yearbook is over 200 pages in color.

College Applications/Transcript Postage: Each year, the College Office processes thousands of applications, midterm reports, and final transcripts. Information not included in these initial school mailings will be submitted late to colleges and may have severe consequences for your admission. Students may be responsible for providing any additional postage required due to missed College Office deadlines.

Lively Arts: This award winning literary magazine is a tradition at La!

Senior Luncheon: Held after one of the Graduation rehearsals, this is the final social event for the Class of 2012. We would like to thank the Parents association for supplementing the cost of the luncheon.

Expenses Associated with the Class of 2012: A small amount of money is allocated on Senior Dues to pay for expenses associated with the Senior Class, such as maintenance of Senior Lounge, printing and materials for College Office Presentations.

Senior and Studio Awards: While no scholarships are paid for with Senior Dues, there are expenses associated with presenting both ceremonies.



PAYMENT OF SENIOR DUES

Senior Dues may be paid in Room 231. We accept cash, check, or money order. Please note, personal checks returned for insufficient funds will be charged an additional \$25. Our preference is that payment is made in full; however, we realize that it may be more convenient to make payments. We do have deposits and fees that must be paid within certain time frames, so it is important that your dues are completely paid by February 10.

If your financial situation is such that you need to make several, smaller payments, that is all right. Please discuss making payments with Ms. Javier, Room 231.

You may also pay with a credit card through our school store, located on the school's home page. To log into the Web Store, your ID number is your 9-digit student ID. Your password is your first name's initial and last name, ie. JSmith. There is approximately a 7% service charge for using this outside service.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For Senior Dues and Prom, there is limited amount of financial aid available provided through our Parents Association, Alumni & Friends, and other donations.

- Know that any money you receive, in all likelihood, will reduce the assistance provided to a classmate, so please apply only if you are truly unable to pay by the end of the school year.
- In order to be considered "on time" and receive the 3rd Graduation ticket, you must have made arrangements by the due date AND upheld all terms of the Financial Assistance agreement.
- As a condition of receiving Financial Assistance, you will need to perform a pre-determined number of work-study hours for the organization that is providing the financial assistance.

In order to receive Financial Assistance for Senior Dues, you must speak with Dr. Stricklin. Please do not wait to do this; Alumni & Friends have asked for help with an up-coming event, and this would be a terrific opportunity to complete your hours. (Information regarding Prom Financial Assistance will not be available until approximately April.)

SENIOR DRESS UP DAYS

Here is the slate of Senior Dress Up Days. You've waited 4 long years for your chance of self-expression in a large-scale group way.

December 20	Decades Day
January 10	Dress as Your Freshman Self
February 7	Zombie Day
February 28	Superhero Day
March 27	Color Day

Remember, you must always dress appropriately for school. (Dressing up can also increase your exposure in the Yearbook.)

Each graduate will receive 2 tickets for family members. based on the paying of Senior Dues.

We anticipate there will be approximately 300 remaining tickets available for distribution. The following procedure will be used to distribute remaining tickets:

Eligibility

To automatically receive one additional tickets, students must:

- Have paid their Senior Dues in full and have no outstanding school fees/charges, including book charges, by February 10, 2012.
- Have turned in their Lunch Application no later than February 10, 2012.

To be eligible for the lottery of any remaining tickets, students must:

- Met the eligibility requirement, above.
- Have no outstanding fees/charges, including book

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- Have entered all Acceptances, Rejections, Wait list, and Attending information into Daedalus by June 15, 2012.

All eligible Seniors will be automatically entered in a lottery. Student ID numbers will be drawn, and the student will receive 1 additional ticket. Numbers will be drawn until there are no more tickets available.

Graduation tickets -- including any extra tickets -- will be distributed at a Graduation Rehearsal in June. Please discuss with your friends whether or not they will be using all of their tickets. A small number of tickets become available in June based on the number of students who are not graduating. These tickets will be distributed by lottery. Information as to that procedure will be disseminated in June.

Q. I haven't taken my Senior Portrait; what do I do?

A. We would like all Seniors to appear in the Yearbook. There will be one final chance for you to have your picture taken. The date/time will be announced in the YS. Your picture will not appear in the main Senior section but will appear in a section towards the end of the Yearbook.

Q. Where do I pay my Senior Dues?

A. Please pay your dues in Room 231. This is the office with the half-door next to the Deans Suite.

Q. If I get an extension or financial aid on paying my Senior Dues, am I still eligible for extra Graduation Tickets?

You may still be eligible for extra Graduation Tickets if you receive an extension or financial aid ONLY if you make arrangements with Dr. Stricklin BEFORE the February 10, 2012, deadline (and keep any agreement reached with him). You may still request an extension or help after this date, but you will not be eligible for extra tickets.

Q. If I don't pay my Senior Dues on time, is there any way to get extra tickets?

Only those students who pay their Senior Dues on time and

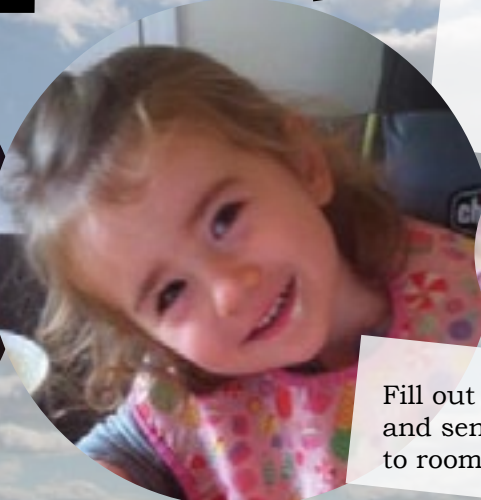
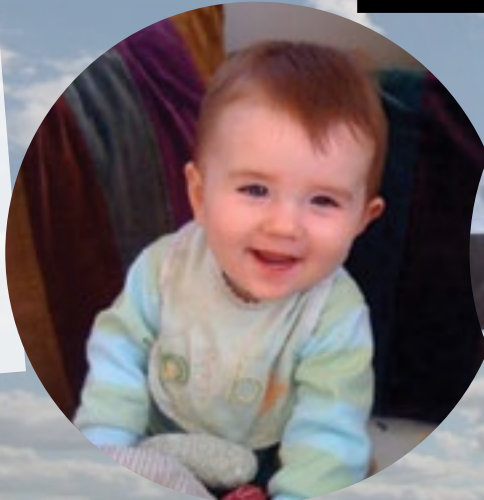
YEARBOOK: FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012

FRIENDSHIP AND FAMILY

Pages

ADVERTISING YOU!
Immortalize your best wishes to your graduating senior or to the Class of 2012 by purchasing either one full page, half page, quarter page, or one eighth page. We will even help you design it. All pages are in full color. All family members are welcome to submit an ad! Friends and alumni too!

PRICES:
1 full page: \$275
1/2 page: \$200
1/4 page: \$150
1/8 page: \$100



Fill out the form below and send with payment to room 321.

Alessandra Rao

Friendship and Family Pages Order Form

I WISH TO ORDER:

- ___ 1 full page - \$275 Graduate's Name: _____
- ___ 1/2 page - \$200 Buyer's Name: _____
- ___ 1/4 page - \$150 E-mail: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- ___ Artwork and text attached
- ___ I will email artwork and text to LaGuardiaArts@me.com

Deadline: Friday, January 6, 2012