



SAINT JAMES SCHOOL
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Dear 8th Grade Families,

This is an exciting time for our 8th grade students! Preparations for the graduation ceremony will begin in just a few short months. The students will receive more information about that at a later date. Caps and gowns have already been ordered and should arrive in April in time for May Crowning.

We would like to inform you of other directions relative to the graduation liturgy ahead of time.

1. Graduation is at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 29th in the Church. Because of the current situation attendance will be limited to the graduates and their parents or guardians.
2. Please ask your graduate to eat before coming to graduation. We have had students faint in the past and we do not want that to happen.
3. Please have your graduate arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. and go directly to the basement of the church to check-in and line-up for the procession.
4. Your graduate must bring the graduation cap, gown, and white collar (girls only). Do not bring brushes, combs, hairspray, makeup, etc. Grooming needs to be done at home.
5. Please impress upon your student that while they might see it in the movies, no one is permitted to toss the caps at the end of the graduation. It is a safety issue.
6. The graduation ceremony takes place after communion. The students receive their diplomas in the order in which they process (alphabetically). Their names will be printed in the Mass Booklet. Please hold your applause until all diplomas are received.
7. As Father Ryan presents the diploma he will pose for a picture with each student. You may step into the aisle to take a picture. Once your child has received the diploma please step away so the next family can get a picture.
8. The graduates normally sing a class song at the end of the ceremony. However, due to the current situation this may not occur. We will try to find an opportunity for you to take a whole class picture.
9. You are free to remain after the ceremony to take pictures, but please follow the social distancing guidelines inside the church building.

We look forward to celebrating this happy occasion with you and your families!

Sincerely,

Mr. Kendrick

Mrs. Balogh

Mrs. Esquivel

Mr. Bilski

Senorita Tomko