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Dear Parents;

You have received this letter because we have your child listed as a graduating Senior, congratulations! Our graduation ceremony is drawing closer and we need to update you on the plans. We have a total of 77 seniors this year and need to determine how many families are planning on attending the ceremony. This letter along with other information pertaining to graduating seniors is posted on our website, look for the "GRADUATING" menu and select the "CEREMONY" link.

If you are not planning on attending the ceremony please review this letter for information which may pertain to you as well.. For those NOT ATTENDING the ceremony, the DEADLINE to apply to receive your diploma package is August 20th, special arrangements must be made for anything later than that date.

CEREMONY TIME, PLACE, AND DEADLINE TO REGISTER

The graduation ceremony is scheduled for Monday May 15th at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church in Cullman AL. The ceremony will begin at **6:30 PM** sharp. Please **arrive by 5:30 PM** for preparations and final instructions. For planning purposes we need to know who is planning on participating in the ceremony. Call or send me an email if you haven't already done so to reserve your place in the ceremony, the sooner the better. The DEADLINE to NOTIFY OF participation is April 15. Please include your best guess on the number of family and guests who will attend with you, limits may apply depending on participation.

CEREMONY REHEARSAL (Attendance is Optional)

A rehearsal has been scheduled at Christ Covenant for Friday May 12th at 6:30 PM at Christ Covenant. The purpose of the orientation is to familiarize with the ceremony procedure, rehearse any special performances, and to address any questions you may have. Included with this letter are some detailed Ceremony Instructions. These instructions will give you a familiarity with how the ceremony will be conducted and should prepare you well for the event. The instructions are somewhat generic and may be modified as necessary. We will review the ceremony instructions prior to the ceremony in the auditorium.

CAP, GOWN, TASSLE, AND HONOR CORDS

The dresscode for graduates is casual with Cap and Gown. Our Cap and Gown color is Royal Blue with a gold Tassel. In addition, a gold Honors Sash or Cord may be worn for academic honors or other honors at your discretion. For those graduates with an ACT score of 25 or higher and a 3.7 or higher GPA, an Academic Honors Sash is typically awarded, tests other than the ACT may also qualify.

There are any number of online resources that you may choose to use to order your Cap and Gown. The following website is one which offers a reasonable deal with convenient online ordering.

www.graduationsource.com To place a phone order with this company call 1-800 352 6162

DIPLOMA PACKAGE AND FEE

The diploma package consists of the Diploma Certificate, the Diploma Case, an Official High School Transcript, and a letter of graduation. In addition, for those attending the ceremony, a portion of this fee is applied to ceremony expenses. The cost for families **attending the ceremony is \$40** and for parents **not attending the ceremony the Fee is \$30**. Please submit the fee online or by mail prior to the ceremony.

The way of the cross leads home.

DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE and FINAL TRANSCRIPT PRESENTATION

If final grades have been provided prior to the ceremony, a final version of the Official Transcript will be provided with the diploma package, otherwise a copy of the current transcript on file will be provided. In either case the official diploma certificate will be provided at the ceremony as long as communication has been made with our office that final grades will be submitted by some determined date which you have provided.

INVITATIONS

If you are looking for an invitation which may be used whole or in part, some options are available on the website. Look under the GRADUATING menu and select the CEREMONY link.

GRADUATE'S MEMORABILIA TABLE SPACE

If you would like to display some of the artifacts of your Graduates life and accomplishments, table space can be reserved by contacting Jackie Walker. Approximately 4 ft of table top space is available upon request.

CEREMONY POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Please read the **enclosed sheet for instructions**. Pictures are optional, if no pictures are submitted, the graduate's name will be colorfully displayed. **DEADLINE for submitting pictures is May 1st.**

CEREMONY PROGRAM BULLETIN

When all plans have been finalized for the ceremony we will post the formal Ceremony Program bulletin on the website. The Ceremony Program lists the main events of the ceremony and the names of the graduates. Awarding of diploma's will be organized alphabetically by the graduate's last name.

GRADUATE PERFORMANCE

We have an opportunity to showcase a few voice and instrumental music talent during the ceremony. This opportunity is intended for those with gifted vocal and/or instrumental experience. If your graduate has this type of talent and is interested in sharing it at the ceremony, contact me by email with more information. We have limited opportunity and will make a final selection in April.

CEREMONY PHOTOGRAPHY

A photographer will be present to take ceremony pictures and will offer a CD of those pictures for a reasonable fee. An order form will be provided at the ceremony.

RECEPTION

Should you and your guests like to stay afterwards, a reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the lobby area of the church. If you are attending the reception please email Jackie with a head count in your party. We ask that you bring a generous amount of finger foods and drinks to share. Please contact Jackie Walker at jackiewalker051@gmail.com with any questions regarding the reception.

VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, and other CLASS RANKING

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are determined based on transcript and test data provided. We have a good number of contenders this year and will make these selections known once determined, usually by the first week of April. Other class ranking is only provided if requested for college application purposes. When clear we will rank the top 5, otherwise ranking will be in the form of a percentile ranking (i.e. Top 20% of class).

I am looking forward to this years ceremony and anticipate a great event for your family. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail if you need additional information or clarification

Should you misplace this correspondence, this letter will be posted on the website.

Sincerely yours for the Way Home.

Stuart

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