



St. Cyril of Alexandria School

*Creating Tomorrow's Leaders
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Dear Parents of 8th Grade Students:

Graduation plans are starting. The time is closer than we all think!

Although graduation is three months away, it is important we begin to share some important information with you concerning the eighth grade experience and graduation. Please take note of the following points:

1. The Eighth Grade Experience plans are underway! The dates for the trip are Tuesday, May 9th through Friday, May 12th. The cost of the trip is still being determined but will include all meals, hotels and planned activities. With the addition of 8th grade trip fundraising, we are hoping for a lower amount. The final cost will be given out at a later date. Students would only need money for souvenirs, bowling shoes and extra snack items. Payments toward the trip can be started at any time but must be paid in full by April 25th. If you have any concerns about your payment, please talk with us. Mark your calendars for the mandatory parent & student meeting on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30 p.m. in Dougherty.

The Eighth Grade Experience is a wonderful cumulating event for students at St. Cyril School. Its religious intent is magnified through the experiences in which the students participate. The itinerary for this year's trip includes Mass on the rim of Grand Canyon, reflection time around a fire, river rafting, IMAX movie, bowling, and swimming at Slide Rock. The students will be informed by their teachers of the behavior and academic requirements needed to be invited on the trip. Behavior record and academic completeness are evaluated by the teachers, administration and pastor for successful student participation. If students are unable to participate due to their behavior record and academic standing, they will be informed prior to the April 25th meeting.

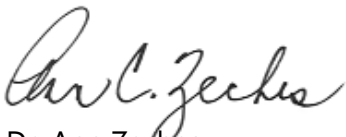
2. Minimum Course Requirements for Graduation It is important to understand that graduation from St. Cyril of Alexandria School is contingent upon the student's completion of minimum course requirements for the eighth grade course of study. A diploma will not be issued if a student earns for the year a 64% average or below in two or more core subjects. Core subjects include Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Religion. Students who do not receive a diploma will be issued a Certificate of Attendance.
3. School Fee Policy and Graduation According to school policy, all tuition, fines, substitution fees, after school payments, book damage/replacement fees and other fees and obligations must be current in order for your student to participate in the graduation ceremony, to receive a graduation diploma and to attend the graduation dance. You must be current by May 5th. No plans for payment extensions will be available.
4. Baccalaureate Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. Graduates will wear their graduation gowns for this Mass. Attire underneath gowns will be normal St. Cyril dress code. After Mass students will have a group picture taken. Due to graduation preparation, all eighth graders must leave campus at 9:15 a.m.

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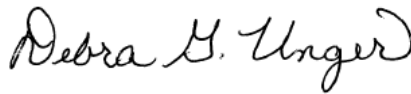
5. Graduation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. More detailed information concerning the graduation will be coming, but it is important to discuss appropriate attire at this time so parents have time to purchase attire that will be permitted at graduation.
- Should any attire be deemed inappropriate by school and parish administration the night of the event, students will be asked to leave.
 - Attire for eighth grade boys is long-sleeved, pastel or white dress shirt with a tie and dress slacks (no baggy pants). No tennis shoes, please.
 - Attire for girls is a nice dress or skirt. The general style of the outfit must be appropriate for church and the dance. **Hem length may be no more than four inches above the knee to mid-calf length. Strapless dresses are not acceptable; straps must be at least one and one-half (1½) inches wide. Anything less will not be permitted.** Dresses/skirts may not show below the graduation gown. Please take into consideration that this is an eighth grade graduation, not a formal dance.
 - Shoes for the girls should not have heels higher than three (3.00) inches.
 - If you have any questions concerning the proper attire for our graduation, please contact us.

We look forward to sharing with you and your children the special events that will culminate their St. Cyril School memories. Again, if you have any questions or concerns about any portion of this letter, please contact us.

Blessings to all,



Dr. Ann Zeches
Principal



Debbie Unger
Assistant Principal

CALENDAR REVIEW:

April 25: Final trip payment due; mandatory parent AND student meeting (6:30 p.m. in Nicholson Hall)

May 5: up-to-date financial account

May 8: All luggage turned in

May 9-12: 8th grade trip

May 17: Baccalaureate Mass (8 a.m.); all 8th grade students off campus (9:15 a.m.); Graduation ceremony (6:00 p.m.) & dance