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## Lutheran High School of St. Charles County

Equipping Students for Lives of Christian Service

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Dear parents and students of the Class of 2018,

Although the school year has just concluded, its not too early to begin planning for next year. The senior year is a very exciting time as you lead your school and finalize preparations for life after high school. I look forward to the leadership you will offer. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some important information unique to seniors.

**Immunization Update:** All seniors for the 2017-18 school year will require TWO meningococcal immunizations by the first day of their senior year, unless the first dose was administered after the age of 16, in which case only one dose is required. Most juniors have received one dose and will require a 2nd dose before the start of the school year. Please have updated immunization records sent to the school office. <u>Seniors will not be allowed to start the first day of school without proper immunizations and documentation</u>.

**Senior Pictures:** Lutheran High families have the option to choose their preference of a professional photographer for their child's senior pictures. A list of photographers is attached. We recommend that you make an appointment during the summer months to have these pictures taken. A high resolution (300 dpi) photo jpg. for up to a 4x6 print quality, portrait orientation, "head and shoulder" image should be sent to Mrs. Staude (<u>cstaude@lhssc.org</u>) for inclusion in the 2017-18 yearbook. <u>The deadline for having these pictures submitted to LHS for the yearbook is Wednesday, November 1, 2017.</u>

**Senior Yearbook Ads:** Mrs. Staude, yearbook advisor, will be sending information to you regarding costs and deadlines for senior yearbook ads. This is an opportunity for you to place a special message and picture for your child in their senior yearbook.

**Grad Night:** It has been a tradition that the Senior Class celebrates together the night of graduation with an all night drug and alcohol free party. Dr. Julie Turner will be chairing the committee that coordinates this event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Julie.

**Senior Retreat:** The Senior Retreat is a great opportunity for members of the Senior Class to join in Christian fellowship, recreation, worship, class building, and relationship development. The location of the retreat is still to be determined but information will be coming as soon as arrangements are confirmed. I strongly encourage all seniors to participate in this memorable event. Dates: September 23-25, 2017.

**Graduation Announcements:** A representative from Herff-Jones will be meeting with the seniors at the start of school to provide information about ordering graduation announcements and measuring for cap and gown. This information will be shared with parents, and an opportunity to place orders will occur in subsequent days.

**Senior Parent College Information Meeting:** On August 29 at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Roundey will be hosting a meeting for senior parents regarding college planning and the timeline for applications, college visits, etc. This is a very informative meeting and all senior parents are highly encouraged to attend.

**College Visit Days:** Fall of senior year is a popular time for students to visit colleges. If your child plans to visit a college during a school day, please have a written note or email sent to Mrs. Wilson in the office prior to the day of absence. There is a form that Student Services will have the student complete also. The dates of these absences are excused.

**College Scholarship Information:** Students and parents are strongly encouraged to check the PowerSchool announcements regularly as there is often posted information directly pertaining to seniors. More specifically, information about college recruiters, college scholarships, and important dates and deadlines are posted by Mr. Roundey.

**Graduation Fee:** There is a \$80.00 graduation fee to be paid before the cap and gown will be given to a senior. This is a required fee for seniors and goes to defray the cost of graduation expenses as well as paying for the cap and gown expense. A cap and gown will be ordered for every senior.

**Senior Awards Convocation:** Tuesday, May 15, 2018 is Senior Awards Convocation. This is a night to recognize the seniors and their parents for their many accomplishments throughout their time at LHS. All seniors are encouraged to attend this special evening.

**Senior Skip Day:** Monday, April 30, 2018 is Senior Skip Day. All Seniors who are passing all of their classes are permitted to "skip" school on this day. This is the Monday following Prom.

Graduation Day: Graduation 2018 will be held on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the gym.

May God continue to bless and protect you and your family throughout the summer. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming year. If I can be of assistance or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Him,

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Mr. Jon Bernhardt Principal