



# LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY

*Equipping Students for Lives of Christian Service*

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June 12, 2018

Dear parents of the Class of 2019,

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

**Immunization Update:** All seniors for the 2018-19 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 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. Seniors will not be allowed to start the first day of school without proper immunizations and documentation.

**Senior Pictures:** Lutheran High families have the option to choose their preference of a professional photographer for their child's senior pictures. It is recommended that an appointment be made 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 ([cstaude@lhssc.org](mailto:cstaude@lhssc.org)) for inclusion in the 2018-19 yearbook. The deadline for having these pictures submitted to LHS for the yearbook is Wednesday, November 1, 2018.

**Senior Yearbook Ads:** Mrs. Staude will be sending information regarding costs and deadlines for senior yearbook ads. This is an opportunity for parents to place a special message and picture for their child in the 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. Currently, this program does not have a committee chairperson to coordinate this event. If you are interested in helping, please contact the school office.

**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 Lake Williamson. All seniors are strongly encouraged to participate in this memorable event. Look for detailed information from Mr. Kreienkamp in the near future. Dates: September 22-24, 2018.

**Graduation Announcements:** A representative from Herff-Jones will meet 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 following this meeting.

**Student Services and College Guidance:** Dr. Bernard (Bernie) Tonjes will be serving as the Interim Director of Student Services and will be working with seniors regarding college placement. Dr. Tonjes formerly served as Director of Student Services for many years at LHS. He is returning to us after spending some time at Concordia University - Nebraska in higher education. LHS is blessed to have his talents serving our families. Once Dr. Tonjes gets settled in early August, he will be sending out information regarding your child's college search process. Mrs. Sue Krauss, Registrar, is available during the summer months in Student Services to assist you with scheduling questions.

**College Visit Days:** Fall of senior year is a popular time for students to visit colleges. Students planning to visit a college during a school day are to have a written note or email sent to Mrs. Wilson in the office prior to the day of the absence. Student Services will also send a form home with your child for the college to sign. The dates of these absences are excused.

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

**Senior Awards Convocation:** Thursday, May 9, 2019 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 and their families are encouraged to attend this special evening.

**Senior Skip Day:** Friday, April 26, 2019 is Senior Skip Day. All Seniors who are passing all of their classes are permitted to "skip" school on this day. This is the Friday before Prom.

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

In Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bernhardt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr. Jon Bernhardt  
Principal