



# DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello all,

Sometimes you just need to do things because they feel right, not necessarily because they make the most sense. Notre Dame's summer registration opened this week, and it presented me with a head and the heart type quandary. My theology program is essentially split into two types of classes. Six of the classes are core required classes and then another six are electives. At the end of this semester I will have completed three of my twelve courses, but only one of my required classes. I plan to take two classes this summer, and logically, I planned to take two of the required courses.

Then I started looking into what is being offered in June and I came across the elective, "Religion and Literature." What follows is the description for the course: "In a Secular Age, Catholic philosopher of religion Charles Taylor traces the rise of secularity in the West, examining how we have come to inhabit an age where disbelief in the transcendent is not only optional, but the default setting for many. Through the vantage point of literature, this course will consider the arc traced by Taylor and explore how the shift from enchanted cosmos to disenchanted universe is manifest in the content and form of literary works themselves...A key focus of the course will be encountering modern literary responses to what Taylor calls 'the immanent frame,' with particular attention to texts that seem to crack open that frame and recover—or at least glimpse—a reenchanting cosmos."

Honestly, how could I be expected to pass on such a course. I don't know Taylor, but I have been discussing with my classes the idea presented above for several years. I can't wait to read both the philosophical framework, and the possible literature we might cover. Part of me wants to dig into the authors I love: Herbert, Donne, Morrison, Robinson, and, obviously, Dostoevsky. But another part of me is really hoping I get introduced to a host of authors I haven't had the opportunity to read.

Pax,

Dominic D'Urso



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## Special Announcement:

Each year the Annual Catholic Appeal hosts a high school video contest. This year (as part of her Scholars Academy Capstone Project), **Kate Mikkelsen** wrote, directed, edited, and submitted Duchesne's entry. Over Spring Break, I found out that Kate's video was one of three finalists. If you get an opportunity, congratulate Kate and her mentor Mr. Seiffert!

## SC Announcements

March 22

**Junior Retreat:** For more information, please see the updated email from Mrs. Whitworth.

March 23

**Track Meet** (Lutheran SC)

March 25

**Home Soccer**

**Home Tennis**

March 26

**Home Tennis and Baseball** (BMAC)

March 27

**Home Tennis, Volleyball, and Golf** (Bogey)

March 28-April 1

**Easter Break**

April 3

**Sophomore Retreat:** An email from Mrs. Whitworth will describe the retreat.

**Home Volleyball and Golf** (Bogey)

**Baseball BBQ:** Come early to the varsity baseball game at Blanchette where our Dean of Students, Mr. Schneider, will be slinging hot dogs.

April 4

**Junior Ring Mass:** At our all school mass on April 4th, our juniors will be presented with their class rings. We strongly encourage the juniors to dress up for this mass. We are also inviting the juniors and their families to a reception following the mass in our PAC. Please see the invitation to RSVP.



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April 6

**Track (@ Chaminade) and Home Baseball Doubleheader (BMAC)**

**Athletic Boosters BBQ:** Make sure you stop by Duchesne for some fantastic BBQ and support our Athletic Boosters.

April 8

**Schedule Change/No School:** Last year, we sold out of our Dream Home tickets and earned a day off of school. We will take that day on April 8th to give students and faculty an opportunity to drive south to see the total eclipse.

**Home Baseball (BMAC)**

April 9

**ACT & Pre ACT Testing:** Our freshmen and sophomores will take a practice ACT. Our juniors will take the ACT. Seniors do not have school on the 9th. For our 9th through 11th graders, school will begin at the usual time and end around noon. Students should report directly to their testing rooms.

**Home Tennis**

April 10

**Home Tennis, Volleyball, and Soccer**

April 11

**Home Tennis and Golf (Bogey)**

## **Volunteer Opportunity**

We need help covering the concessions stands for our spring sports. Sign up links for soccer and volleyball can be found below. Please consider assisting.

[Soccer](#)

[Volleyball](#)



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## Jr/Sr Finals

These will be regular days for our freshmen and sophomores, with the exception of Wednesday May 8th. That will be a regular start time for everyone.

May 7

**Reading Day:** Juniors and Seniors are not required to be on campus. They can, however, come to campus to meet with teachers in preparation for their finals.

May 8

**Period 3 Final:** 7:45-8:35

**Period 5 Final:** 9:55-10:45

**Period 8 Final:** 1:05-1:55

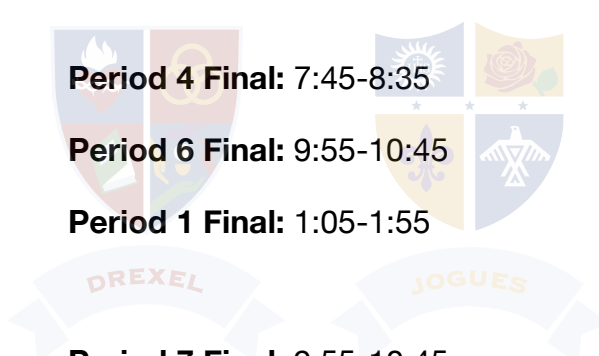
May 9



**Period 4 Final:** 7:45-8:35

**Period 6 Final:** 9:55-10:45

**Period 1 Final:** 1:05-1:55



May 10

**Period 7 Final:** 9:55-10:45

**Period 2 Final:** 1:05-1:55





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## Senior Graduation Information

May 14

**Baccalaureate Mass:** The Baccalaureate Mass is the last mass the seniors will celebrate as a class. It is also the kick-off to graduation week. The mass will be held at St. Peter Church in St. Charles. It will start at 6:00. We will have an awards ceremony immediately following mass. Doors will open at 5:30

May 15

**Graduation Practice:** All graduates need to be in the PAC by 9:45 a.m. for graduation practice. We will not start practice until everyone gets to school.

May 16



**Graduation:** The ceremony begins at 6:00. Graduates should arrive to school and be in the PAC by 5:30. The doors to the Ted Yeater Athletic Center will also open at 5:30 for the friends and families of our graduates. Each graduate will get 8 tickets (4 preferred seating, 4 general admission) to the ceremony at graduation practice on the 15th. If families would like more tickets, please let us know. For more details on graduation, please see the email from Mrs. Turner