



# DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello all,

As we approach the end of the year, I'd like to take a moment to remind/explain to everyone how we coordinate Baccalaureate Mass, Graduation, Junior Week of Service, and final exams. If you are a freshman or sophomore, the end of the second semester will look much like the end of the first. We will have an All School Mass and Reading Day on May 23rd, the day before final exams. Freshmen and sophomores will start the day (7:45) in their Communions. Mass will begin around 8:00. After Mass, the students will have until noon to meet with teachers for any last minute finals preparation. Finals will then take place over the next three days: Periods 1, 2 and 3 on May 24th, periods 4, 5, and 6 on May 25th, and periods 7 and 8 on May 26th.

The end of the semester for juniors and seniors is a little more complicated. To accommodate Junior Week of Service and Graduation, juniors and seniors will take their finals on May 10th, 11th, and 12th. Those days will be regular school days for our freshmen and sophomores; the finals schedule needs to adjust to allow for the fact that underclassmen will still be attending regular classes. May 9th will be reading day for our juniors and seniors. They are not required to be on campus, but can use the day to meet with teachers in preparation for their finals. May 9th will be a regular day of school for our freshmen and sophomores; upperclassmen looking for finals preparation will need to coordinate with their teachers. On May 10th, upperclassmen will take their period 7 final (7:45-8:35), period 1 final (9:55-10:45), and their period 4 final (1:05-1:55). On May 11th upperclassmen will take their period 8 final (7:45-8:35), period 2 final (9:55-10:45), and their period 5 final (1:05-1:55). On May 12th upperclassmen will take their period 3 final (9:55-10:45) and their period 6 final (1:05-1:55). Upperclassmen only need to be on campus when they are taking a final.

We will also have a couple of Power Hours to help all of our students prepare for the end of the semester. The first Power Hour will be on Wednesday April 26th. I will not have any formal professional development planned for our teachers. Instead they will be in their classrooms from 7:45-8:45 and available to help students prepare for the end of the quarter and final exams. We will have another Power Hour with the same structure on May 17, prior to finals for our freshmen and sophomores.

Finally, a quarterly reminder of how we determine grades. Duchesne divides the academic year into semesters and quarters. Semester grades are the only grades that are presented on a student's transcript. They are also the only grades used to determine a student's cumulative GPA. We figure semester grades using the following calculations: the first quarter is worth 40% of the grade, the second quarter is worth 40%, and the final is worth 20%.

Pax,

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## Upcoming Events

- April 14      **Soccer:** The girls will play Fort Zumwalt North at 6:00. Prior to kick-off we will commemorate the 2013 state championship team.
- April 15      **Home Baseball** (BMAC), **Track** (St. Dominic)
- April 17      **Home Baseball** (BMAC)  
**Track** (Chaminade)
- April 18      **ACES Championship:** Our ACES team placed first in the sectional competition and will compete in the State competition at Eastern Illinois University.
- April 19      **Blood Drive:** We will host the second blood drive of the year from 9:30-1:30. If you would like to donate, please contact Mr. Schneider at [kschneider@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:kschneider@duchesne-hs.org).
- April 20      **Track** (Orchard Farm)
- April 22      **Home Golf** (Bogey Hills), **Baseball** (St. Charles West)
- April 24      **BBQ:** The Athletic Boosters will be hosting a BBQ from 11-5 in our parking lot. Come support the boosters by eating some delicious food.
- April 25      **Home Volleyball**
- April 26      **Home Tennis**
- April 27      **Power Hour:** We will have a regular late start schedule. Teachers will be in their rooms to help juniors and seniors prepare for finals.
- April 28      **One Acts:** The Duchesne Performing Arts department will put on a series of One Act performances written and directed by Duchesne Students. Curtain opens at 7:00.
- April 29      **Home Volleyball**



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## Jr/Sr Finals

These will be regular days for our freshmen and sophomores, with the exception of Wednesday May 10th. That will be a regular start time for everyone.

May 9

**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 10

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

**Period 1 Final:** 9:55-10:45

**Period 4 Final:** 1:05-1:55

May 11

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

**Period 2 Final:** 9:55-10:45

**Period 5 Final:** 1:05-1:55

May 12

**Period 3 Final:** 9:55-10:45

**Period 6 Final:** 1:05-1:55





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## Senior Graduation Information

May 16

**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's 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 17

**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 18

**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 17th. If families would like more tickets, please let us know. For more details on graduation, please see the email from Mrs. Turner