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**Salesian High School
Class of 2010
Senior Parent Guide Book**

Calendar of Senior Activities

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>Senior Pictures</i>	<i>July 13-17, 2009</i>	<i>By Appointment</i>	<i>Library – Contact Kurt Burton Photography with questions</i>
<i>Senior Panoramic</i>	<i>October 21, 2009</i>	<i>2:00pm</i>	<i>Cafeteria Lawn</i>
<i>Senior Graduation Meeting</i>	<i>October 21, 2009</i>	<i>2:00pm</i>	<i>Cafeteria</i>
<i>Senior Graduation Orders</i>	<i>November 3-4, 2009</i>	<i>Lunch and Afterschool</i>	<i>Cafeteria - Contact Bill Reid at Jostens for information</i>
<i>Senior Ads Due</i>	<i>November 2, 2009 (for discount rates)</i>		<i>Contact Nancy Ingersoll for more information – ningersoll@salesian.com</i>
<i>Senior Ads Due</i>	<i>November 25, 2009</i>		
<i>Senior Ads Due</i>	<i>December 18, 2009 (for an additional fee and only if space is available)</i>		
<i>Senior Class Parent Meeting</i>	<i>February 10, 2010</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>	<i>Cafeteria</i>
<i>Graduation Fee Due</i>	<i>March 10, 2010</i>		<i>Finance Office - \$225</i>
<i>Retreat Parent Letters Due</i>	<i>March 12, 2010</i>	<i>3:00pm</i>	<i>Main Office</i>
<i>Grad Nite Tickets go on sale</i>	<i>March 26, 2010</i>		<i>Finance Office</i>
<i>Senior Retreat</i>	<i>March 31, 2010</i>	<i>8:00am-9:00pm</i>	<i>Roll taken at 8:00am in the Cafeteria. Dinner at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.</i>
<i>Senior Day Off</i>	<i>April 1, 2010</i>		
<i>Senior/Junior Prom</i>	<i>May 8, 2010</i>	<i>7:30-11:30pm</i>	<i>Location TBD</i>
<i>Senior BBQ</i>	<i>May 19, 2010</i>	<i>1:30-3:30pm</i>	<i>Softball Field</i>
<i>Grad Nite</i>	<i>May 20-21, 2010</i>	<i>Overnight</i>	<i>Disneyland - Anaheim, CA</i>
<i>Academic Awards Night</i>	<i>May 26, 2010</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>	<i>Gymnasium</i>

<i>Graduation Practice (Mandatory)</i>	<i>May 26, 2010</i>	<i>Time TBD</i>	<i>Gymnasium</i>
<i>Graduation Practice (Mandatory)</i>	<i>May 27, 2010</i>	<i>Time TBD</i>	<i>Gymnasium</i>
<i>Baccalaureate Mass</i>	<i>May 27, 2010</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>	<i>St. Cornelius Church 205 28th Street Richmond, CA 94804</i>
<i>Graduation Reception</i>	<i>May 27, 2010</i>	<i>Immediately following Mass</i>	<i>Cafeteria</i>
<i>Senior Farewell</i>	<i>May 28, 2010</i>	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Gymnasium</i>
<i>Graduation</i>	<i>May 29, 2010</i>	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>The Cathedral of Christ the Light 2121 Harrison St., Oakland, California 94612</i>

Message from the Salesian High School Administration

Congratulations parents, you made the last stretch to the finish line. Senior activities provide wonderful memories to last a lifetime. Your role as parents is to help ensure that these events are pleasant and safe experiences for all those involved. If you have any questions, or need further information after reading this booklet, please do not hesitate to call.

Timothy Chambers
234-4433 X1110
Principal

How Parents Can Get Involved

We need everyone to get involved to make all these events memorable for your child. Here is a sample of some areas volunteers are needed.

- Help with Senior Retreat.
- Donate items to various senior events
- Volunteer to chaperone at Grad Nite.
- Volunteer at the Senior BBQ.
- Buy a senior ad for the yearbook for your child.
- Give your senior a hug. They deserve/need it!

Senior Ads - Due November 2, 2009

Senior Ads are dedication pages in the school yearbook. It is a way to celebrate your graduate and his/her many milestones. Ads are available after the above date as space allows and at an additional fee.

Senior Class Parent Meeting – February 10, 2010 7pm Cafeteria

This is an important meeting for all senior parents to prepare them for the many events that lead up the end of the year. Information is shared about senior retreat, prom, Grad Nite, and graduation activities.

Senior Fees – Due March 10, 2010

Senior Graduation fees cover a number of graduation related costs. These costs include the diploma and case, cap and gown, awards, speaker fees, organist, flowers and decorations, reception, rental of tables, chairs, church, etc. The graduation fee is \$225.

Senior Retreat Letters – Due March 12, 2010 - 3pm

The senior retreat is March 31, 2010. At one moment during their retreat day, the members of the graduating class of 2010 engage in a process which has proven across the years to be of real significance for them. In groups they are given the opportunity to share with others in the group a letter from you, expressing what this moment of their graduation means to you. Basically **we ask each family to write a letter to the graduate expressing your sentiments regarding them at this time to be read aloud**. Many parents in the past have actually written two letters, one which they know will be read aloud, and a second which they have written of a more specific nature. The latter remains sealed until the student reads it silently to themselves. We also ask that if there are siblings, other family members, and other people important in the graduates life also willing to write to the graduates, then feel free to encourage them to do so and these letters will be included in their package which they will receive during the retreat.

Please put all letters in an envelope with the student's name on the front, leaving the one to be read aloud clearly labeled and visible in the envelope. Please help us to make this a truly meaningful moment for our seniors.

Senior Retreat – March 31, 2010

The senior retreat is deemed by all of us who belong to the community of Salesian High School an opportunity for our young women and men to ponder together with their peers a journey that is drawing to a close. We encourage them to look back at what has been and give thanks. We gently ask them also to lay to rest any tensions and upsets they have experienced with one another. Finally we ask them to celebrate their time at the school, and their time with one another.

Senior Day Off – April 1, 2010

Senior/Junior Prom – Saturday, May 8, 2010 - 7:30 – 11:30pm

Coordinator: Tom Bauer - tbauer@salesian.com (234-4433 x1402)

Location: TBD

Students must arrive by 8:30pm. Parents will be notified if their child has not arrived by 8:30pm.

Cost: TBD (Cost typically averages \$60-\$100 per person)

Seniors will receive a prom bid once a ticket is purchased. The bid will contain information on parking, directions to the venue, photos, and a reminder of the school dance policies.

Photos: Order forms, along with payment, to be presented when pictures are taken the night of the prom.

A word to students and parents:

No alcohol or drugs are permitted at the Senior/Junior Prom. If a student entering the dance demonstrates the effects of alcohol or drugs, his /her parents will be called to come and pick him/her up. Please discuss this with your student. Students must arrive at the prom no later than 8:30pm and are not allowed to return to the prom once they have left.

Senior BBQ – Wednesday, May 19, 2010 1:30-3:30pm

Coordinator: Tom Bauer - tbauer@salesian.com (234-4433 x1402)

Student Coordinator – Kabir Kapur

Location: Softball Field

The Senior class will enjoy music, food, and games in the sunshine. Parents are invited to join in the festivities or to volunteer to help with food and activities. Attendance is required.

Cost: No cost. Donations needed.

Grad Nite – May 20-21, 2010

Coordinator: Tom Bauer tbauer@salesian.com (234-4433 x1402)

Graduation from High School is cause for great celebration. Salesian, as with many other schools nationwide, has a tradition of traveling to Disneyland with its seniors. This

overnight trip includes a bus trip to Anaheim, an all-night Disneyland experience, and a bus trip back to Salesian.

The information and guidelines listed below should be reviewed and discussed with your senior so there will be no misunderstandings. Only graduating Salesian seniors may attend.

If for some reason your senior will not be traveling home on the bus with Salesian High School, the student must be picked up by a parent or guardian from the Disneyland front entrance.

Cost: \$150 – A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due March 30, 2010 to reserve a place for your child for Grad Nite. The remaining payments of \$50 each are due April 15th and 30th.

If for any reason your student cannot attend Grad Nite, no refunds will be issued.

Money: There are many things students can purchase during Grad Nite. Additionally there will be stops for food on the way down and back. Students should budget accordingly.

Dress: Dress is casual. Weather can be a factor since the event is outdoors, and spans from a typically warm afternoon through the very chilly early morning. Disneyland stipulates that students may not wear anything affiliated with Salesian High School. There are no hats allowed.

Only food completely sealed in the original store packaging is allowed on the bus. No homemade food may be brought on the bus. No opened beverage containers may be brought on the bus.

No backpacks are allowed into Disneyland. Small articles such as cameras, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. may be allowed. No food, drinks, or prescription medications are allowed in Disneyland. If a student needs to have medication available, it must stay with the chaperone. A chaperone is always available at the chaperone station.

Security: Parent chaperones and school faculty accompany the group.

A Word to Students and Parents:

NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WILL BE ALLOWED AT GRAD NITE.

Seniors, and their possessions, may be searched during the check-in, or at any time during the event. Only food completely sealed in the original store packaging is allowed. No homemade food may be brought on the bus. No opened beverage containers may be brought.

If anyone is found to be under the influence or if anyone violates the rules and regulations put forth by Disneyland, he/she will remain with the chaperones the remainder of the event and his/her parent/guardian will be contacted. There may be consequences involving the remainder of the graduation activities. We hope there will be no need for this.

Academic Awards Night – Wednesday, May 26, 2010 7:00 pm Gymnasium

Awards are presented to Salesian students for outstanding achievements in academia and to those who embody the Salesian charism. Seniors receiving an award will be mailed an invitation. Seniors not receiving an award/invitation may attend. Better-than-appearance code is recommended.

Graduation Rehearsals –

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 Time TBD Gymnasium

Thursday, May 27, 2010 Time TBD

Rehearsal begins after finals. They will begin promptly. Seniors who do not arrive on time will not participate in graduation activities. Please remind your senior to be prompt.

Baccalaureate Mass– Thursday, May 27, 2010 7:00pm St. Cornelius Church

Coordinator – Sr. Mary Greenan – mgreenan@salesian.com (234-4433 x1942)

6:15pm Graduate arrival (meet along the side of the church on 28th Street) **Allow plenty of time to find parking**

7:00pm Proceed into the church for Mass

Location: St. Cornelius Church - 205 28th Street, Richmond, CA

The Baccalaureate Mass is a celebration of our seniors and our school mission. It is an essential part of the graduation experience and all seniors are expected to attend.

Refreshments will be served after the mass in the cafeteria. Students should be wearing gowns (no cap) with better than appearance code attire.

During the mass parents will present their son/daughter with a rose provided by the school. Please take only one rose as there are just enough for each graduate to receive one.

Senior Farewell – Friday May 28, 2010 11am Gymnasium

Senior Farewell is an opportunity to honor our seniors and their many accomplishments during their high school years. Students receiving first, second, and senior honors are awarded their stoles. Students receive acknowledgement for National Honors Society and California Scholarship Federation. Awards given include: Most Improved Student, the Salesian Award, and Perfect Attendance. Additionally there are scholarships and recognition by outside agencies.

10:00am – Graduates arrive in the cafeteria with gown (no cap) and better than appearance code dress

10:15am – Class Picture on cafeteria lawn

11:00am – Proceed into the gym

Graduation – Saturday, May 29, 2010 11:00am The Cathedral of Christ the Light

(6 tickets per family)

10:00am – Graduates arrive

11:00am – Ceremony begins

Graduation begins promptly at 11:00am. **Allow plenty of time to get to The Cathedral of Christ the Light and find parking.** The Cathedral is located right along Lake Merritt and parking can be a challenge.

Location: The Cathedral of Christ the Light 2121 Harrison St., Oakland, California 94612

If additional tickets are needed please contact Kate Cooper via email at kcooper@salesian.com.

During the awarding of the diplomas, photographs will be taken of each graduate as he/she receives the diploma. A link to purchase photos will be emailed at a later date. Those wishing to buy a print may do so at that time. There will also be a videographer present. Videos may be purchased at a later date.

Traditionally, the graduation ceremony has been a rewarding experience for all who participate. The graduates have cooperated and set a standard in personal conduct that makes their parents, teachers and themselves proud during this special time. We know it will continue with the Class of 2010. Students who do not conduct themselves properly, or demonstrate the effects of alcohol or drugs during the ceremony will be removed and are not permitted to receive their diplomas.

Dress: Graduates must wear a cap and gown during the graduation exercises. Shorts, flip flops, and athletic shoes are not allowed. Boys must wear a tie to all graduation events.

Personal Belongings: Graduates should leave purses, gifts and flowers with their parents, or in locked cars.

Service Hours

Reminder – 20 service hours per year are required for all Salesian students. If students do not complete hours in any given years 10 additional hours are added. All hours must be completed and verified with reflection sheet attached before graduation. Any senior who does not complete his/her hours will not receive a diploma.

Senior Pranks

No senior pranks will be tolerated. Students who engage in such pranks may forfeit their graduation activities.

Senior Cut Day

There is none!!! Students, including 18 year olds who can write their own excuses, who miss classes for other than valid reasons, can expect the school discipline policy to be enforced. Parental cooperation with the school is requested.

Post Graduation Travel

Any trips, foreign or domestic, that occur after graduation are not in any way affiliated with Salesian High School. The school does not offer nor endorse any trips.

Salesian High School Website

www.salesian.com

On this site we will post any updated information for the Senior Class. Please visit the page often for up-to-the minute information about senior activities. Please get in the habit of checking the website regularly.

We will also e-tree updates and relevant information. Please update your email address if there are any changes with the e-tree coordinator. These are busy times and it is important that you check your email address so that you can be informed about graduation activities.

Special Thanks

Senior activities result from the combined efforts of students, parents, teachers and administrators. We would like to give special thanks to those who have contributed their time and energy to make all the events of the Class of 2010 memorable!!