



Sunday, May 2, 2021

Hi Everyone,

We have just 5 weeks of school left this year. We are very happy that we can take a step away from the hybrid model we've been following, which is also a step toward the full school we were used to before the pandemic. If you have submitted a request through the survey (see below if you still need to!) for 4 day attendance, you may begin on Monday, May 3! We are also distributing caps, gown, and yard signs this week to our graduating seniors (see below for details). We've got prom planned out, and we've just about got the details sorted out for Class Night and the Distinguished Graduate Showcase. AP exams begin next week and will continue through the last week of school. Students in each AP class have multiple optional test dates. Spring sports have also started and all our teams have games this coming week. Quite a lot going on these days, here are our major announcements as you get through your weekend.

ATTENDING 4 DAYS

We sent the survey to families last Wednesday and most families have responded. If you have already completed the survey and asked for your student to be able to attend 4 days per week, that can begin on Monday.

If you would like your student to attend 4 days and have not completed the survey, please do so now. We need a confirmation that your student will be here so we can make sure our records are accurate. The link is here:

<https://forms.gle/aEDXeZVwPH3kP55ZA>

Please remember a few things as we make this change.

- Students should not be congregating in large groups, so after they arrive, they should wait in classrooms or the auditorium in small groups before school.
- After school is the same, when school is out, if they are waiting for practice to begin, they should be in the auditorium, outside, or working with a teacher in a classroom.
- Hallways are one-way,
- Students will still be required to submit a symptom check form - even if they are vaccinated.
- Everyone in the building will be masked - even if they are vaccinated

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday: Purple Day

Tuesday: White Day

Wednesday: Online Day

Thursday: Purple Day

Friday: White Day

GRADUATION

When we met with seniors and parents, and when we surveyed them, they overwhelmingly favored a graduation that allowed everyone to graduate together. That was more important than holding graduation at 100 Broadway. We've partnered with Hermon High School to hold our graduation on their football field on Sunday, June 6 at 3 p.m. There will be enough seats so all students and their families will be able to attend. We are also providing professional sound and video services at the event. There will be a contingency plan in case it rains. A letter to senior families with details will be sent next week.

PROM

The official John Bapst prom will be held on June 6 at the Hilton Garden Inn. This is the evening after graduation. There will be refreshments, music, and (socially distanced of course) dancing. Unfortunately, because of group size restrictions, this has to be limited to John Bapst seniors and their guests only. The event is being sponsored and hosted by John Bapst faculty and staff. Tickets will go on sale in a couple weeks.

GRADUATION REGALIA AND YARD SIGNS

Seniors' caps and gowns are in! We also purchased yard signs to honor all this year's graduates. We will have curbside pickup for those items on Wednesday, May 5, from 1-3 along Somerset St next to the school.

SUPPORT PROJECT GRADUATION

This is the last week to get tickets for the Project Graduation Raffle!

<https://go.rallyup.com/johnbapstprojectgrad>

Online purchases need to be made no later than noon on Friday, May 7.

Paper tickets need to be into school no later than Thursday, May 6, by 2:00.

We will draw the winners on Friday in room 320 - (I'm hoping to get some seniors to pick the winners)

You can also support Project Graduation by eating at these places and times and telling them that you are representing John Bapst's Project Grad. They will return a portion of their sales back to PG!

- Yoshi's Thursday, May 6, from 2 - 6

- Dairy Queen on Broadway - all day, Thursday, May 13. All sales - Ice Cream cakes are also included.

JOHN BAPST IS GOING TO ITALY & SPAIN IN JUNE 2022!

Join us for an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 11th at 7pm by Zoom. The meeting will include trip details including the itinerary, dates, and cost. The meeting will also mark the official opening of enrollment!

Please click here to RSVP for the meeting <https://rsvp.eftours.com/hjbhju> ASAP to confirm your status. There are limited spots on this tour, so please consider attending to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: A mask, covering the mouth and nose, must be worn at all times at the school and during activities. As always, for all Covid related questions, please contact a school nurse (swaring@johnbapst.org or rolmstead@johnbapst.org). If your student has any symptoms at all they should stay home. If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 or comes in close contact with someone who has tested positive, please contact a school nurse.

Go Crusaders!

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