



**St. Peter the Apostle Catholic High School**  
**Senior Class 2019**  
**Information Newsletter**

*Lord, Jesus Christ,  
By the intercession of St. Peter the Apostle,  
Grant us faith when the storms come,  
Contrite hearts when we stumble,  
And courage in the face of danger.  
You are the rock on whom we build.  
Our faith and hope rest in you.  
St. Peter the Apostle: pray for us.*

## **Senior Class Retreat**

Retreat 2019 will be held on May 21 and 22 at Camp Nakamun. All members of the senior class who have completed or have a grade of 50% or better in Religious Studies 35 may attend unless otherwise notified by school administration. More information will be provided at a later date.

## **Graduation Exercises**

Graduation exercises will be held this year on Saturday, June 1, 2019, beginning at 10:00 am in Hall D at the Shaw Conference Centre in Downtown Edmonton, 9797 Jasper Avenue. Doors will open at 9:30 am. Each grad may receive up to 6 tickets for guests. Grads do not require a ticket for this portion of graduation activities. There is no cost for the tickets. Tickets will be distributed at the school in late May. Please note that seats are not assigned for this event. Any students wishing to participate in these exercises must order their caps and gowns through the school by February 26. Forms will be available at the school in early February. Ceremonies are combined with Grade 12 Awards. Grads should dress appropriately under their gowns.

## **Senior Class Banquet and Dance**

The banquet and dance will be held Saturday, June 1 in Hall D at the Shaw Conference Centre. Doors will open at 5:30 pm, the promenade will start at 6:00 pm and dinner service will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. Toasts will follow the meal and the evening will end with a dance. Tickets will be limited to 5 tickets per family; 1 for the graduate and 4 for guests. Families will be able to purchase tickets and choose tables online between May 2 at 10:00 am and May 13 until 3:00 pm. Unsold tickets will be available online, between May 14 at 10:00 am and May 16 until 3:00 pm. Information about the online ticket purchasing system will be provided to families early in 2019.

## **Graduation Portraits**

These are the formal pictures taken at the school in a cap and gown. They are used in the yearbook, in the class composite picture and as family keepsakes. This year grad portraits will be taken on Dec.17, 18, 19 and 20. Each grad must have a picture taken, even if they are not ordering a package. Sign-up sheets are posted in the office.

## **Toasts**

Members of the senior class will be selected to present toasts at the banquet to share their appreciation for those who have shown support to them over the years. A nomination and selection process for presenters will take place in late April or early May.

## **Senior Class Theme/Song**

The theme and song will be selected by the members of the senior class. Students can submit suggestions for a grad theme and song on forms that will be available in April. Advisors will sit down with the 2019 graduation committee to review submissions based on the popularity and propriety of the theme/song. Once done, a general meeting will be called to vote on the theme and/or song for the Class of 2019.

## **To be eligible to participate in grad activities students must:**

- Have completed 60 credits prior to grade 12
- Successfully complete 3 credits in Religion in our school for each year attending SPA
- Successfully completed or have a current grade of 50% or higher in Religion 35
- Have maximum of four 3 credit spares
- Have all school fees paid in full
- Have completed an application for graduation and paid fee for gown rental

-**By May 10** students must have completed or have a current grade of 50% or higher in the following courses which are required for a diploma:

English 30-1 or 30-2

Social 30-1 or 30-2

Math 20-1, 20-2 or 20-3

Bio 20, Chem 20, Phys 20, Sci 20 or Sci 24

P.E. 10

Calm

10 credits from: CTS, RAP, P.E. 20/30, Second Language or Fine Arts

10 Credits at grade 12 level in addition to English and Social

(i.e. P.E. 30, CTS - 3 Level, Religion 35, Work Exp, RAP, Math 30, Bio 30, etc.)

Minimum 100 Credits

\*any courses taken at St. Teresa Catholic Outreach that will fulfill diploma requirements must be half completed with a grade of 50% or higher

\*\* If you have any questions about grad requirements please call the school counselors or school administration\*\*

## **Class Valedictorian**

Each year a member of the senior class is selected to address his/her peers at the graduation ceremonies. The selection process involves an application and presentation to a selection committee. The committee is made up of students and staff. The valedictory address is a formal farewell speech representing the graduation class. Selection process begins in April.

## **Dates to Remember**

Grad Rings/Memorabilia: Josten's Canada rep at SPA **Thurs. Nov. 8, 4:30 -7:30**

Sr. Class Photos: **Dec 17-20**

Re-take Day: **TBA**

Application for Graduation form submission: **Feb. 26**

Theme Song Submission Deadline: **April**

Academic Graduation Requirement Concerns – calls to parents: **following April report cards and May 10 deadline**

Banquet Tickets on sale: **May 2-13 and May 14-16**

Retreat: **May 21-22**

Sr. Class Liturgy, Graduation Exercises and Awards and Banquet and Dance: **June 1**

## **After Banquet Activity**

Each year an after banquet activity (formerly called After Grad or Safe Grad) is planned and carried out by parents of the senior class. This activity occurs after the banquet and dance. What form this activity takes is entirely up to the students and their parents. The school is not involved in these activities. However, it would be appreciated if this activity were to begin no sooner than 1:00 a.m. to allow students time to enjoy the senior class dance.

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## **Remind 101**

Any parents and students who would like to receive reminders about important dates and information about senior class and graduation events this year can sign up for Remind 101. Once you have downloaded the Remind 101 app, type in (226)271-1093 and enter the code @spagra to join our SPA Grad 2019 group.