



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello all,

This week, I'd like to continue recognizing those teachers nominated by our senior leaders for the 2024 Teacher Excellence Award.

Two of our students nominated **Mrs. Julie Renaud**. In Kate Mikkelsen's nomination, she wrote that "Mrs. Renaud made an impact on my time at Duchesne. As a sophomore, I always looked forward to spending time in her class, which made me want to take her elective class my senior year. As I have gotten to know her more, I realized that Mrs. Renaud does so much for the school and more times than not her work goes unnoticed. She is dedicated to making the House Program successful and enjoyable for all students. The amount of time she pours into going to marquees, planning event Fridays, new student orientations, and field days is always above and beyond. Mrs. Renaud always has a listening ear, helping hand, and advice during the stressful times of high school. She may not realize the impact she has had on me, but she will always be a teacher I think of when looking back." Sierra Borgmeyer also nominated Mrs. Renaud. She added that Mrs. Renaud has "constantly pushed me and helped me since I was a freshman. She has always been a teacher that I am comfortable to go to for advice as well. She is a genuine person who consistently cares for her students."

Alice Hoffmann nominated **Mrs. Kris Witzel**. In her nomination, Alice said that "Mrs. Witzel always gives you all the material you need to pass the class. She also will always help you when you ask. She always asks if you have questions during class, and if you ever email her for help with homework, she answers you with help as soon as she can. If you are ever struggling with something in her class, she will do everything she can to help you and will also find you another student to help, if she feels like that approach will be more effective."

I'll finish the student recommendations next week. I hope you are enjoying them as much as I am.

Pax,

Dominic D'Urso



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Announcements

- April 12 **Baseball (@BMAC)**
- April 15 **Home Volleyball and Soccer**
- Track (@Zumwalt East)**
- April 16 **Home Volleyball and Soccer**
- April 17 **Power Hour:** The Power Hour on April 17th is 3 week before the first Jr/Sr Final. It is a great time for upperclassmen to meet with teachers to ensure that they are ready to do their best as the academic year comes to a close.

- April 18 **Home Tennis, Baseball (BMAC)**
- April 19 **Home Volleyball and Soccer**
- Pioneer-for-a-Day:** On Friday we will bring a number of grade schoolers onto our campus to get a taste of what it is like to be a Pioneer.

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

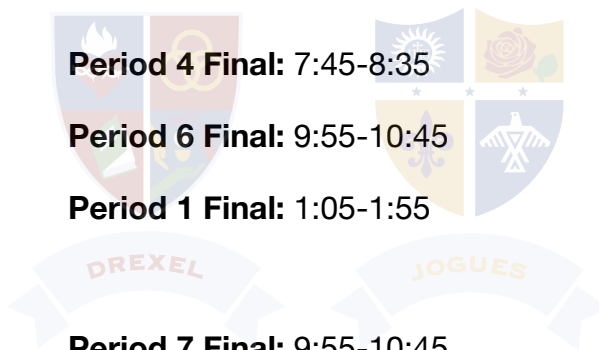
May 9



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 5:00 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