



# DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello all,

A few weeks ago I mentioned in the announcements section that Duchesne was a finalist for the Annual Catholic Appeal High School Video Contest. As a finalist, Duchesne was invited to attend the ACA kickoff dinner last Sunday. At the dinner, we learned that Duchesne was one of twelve schools to submit a video, and that the other two finalists were CBC and De Smet. We were shown all three videos prior to dinner and then the ACA asked the attendees to vote for the best. After the dinner, the representatives from the ACA announced that we had won! I can't begin to explain the excitement at our table upon hearing the results.

The video was written, directed, and performed by our senior **Kate Mikkelsen**, with the help of our marketing director, **Mr. Eric Seiffert**. I am incredibly proud of the work Kate did to showcase Duchesne High School and how the support of the ACA helps us thrive. You can check it out on our website: [Kate's ACA Video](#). In it, Kate explains that "With the support of the ACA, Duchesne is able to thrive and continue in the teachings of Christ, shaping students in mind, body, and spirit. The Annual Catholic Appeal's mission is important and directly impacts Duchesne by providing resources. And what that is doing is preparing us, the students of Duchesne, the representatives of Christ, to better the world for the future."

Kate goes on to emphasize that "The community of Duchesne, and the goodness it provides with the support of the ACA, instills and shapes its students through mind, body, and spirit. We go out into the world and live the values to Christ. We become the life of the world and spread that through others. The support of the ACA will continue to develop the student body, so that students are prepared to go into the world and always live the values of Christ. We will be the light of the world to show people who we are and what we believe in."

If you get a chance to see Kate, or Mr. Seiffert, make sure to congratulate them for showing the world what it means to be a Pioneer.

Pax,

Dominic D'Urso



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## Announcements

April 19

**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.

**Track** (@ Orchard Farm)

April 22

**Home Tennis**

**Night at the Ballpark:** The Baseball teams plays at BMAC (5:30). Prior to the game, come out to the park for some pre-game fun. Our Dean of Students, Mr. Schneider will be BBQing and slinging hot dogs. It should be a blast.

April 23

**Golf** (@Bogey)

April 24

**One Acts:** Written and performed by our students, One Acts take the stage at 7:00. We might also be treated to a few musical numbers. It should be a great evening.

April 25

**Baseball** (@BMAC)

April 26

**Field Day:** Field Day is the culminating event for our House System, and by the end of the day we will have determined the 2024 Rose Cup Champions. The day starts as usual at 7:45. Students should report to their Communios wearing their house shirts, athletic shorts, and comfortable shoes. The cafeteria will be closed, but students can buy a \$5 hot dog lunch that includes chips and a drink. Students are also welcome to bring their own lunches and a water bottle.

## 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

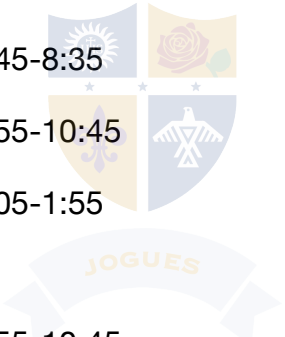
May 9



**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