



April 2018

Dear Parents and Members of the Class of 2018,

As we begin to anticipate the days to the end of the school year, we look forward with excitement to the extraordinary days of year-end Senior activities for the Class of 2018.

On the day of your son's graduation from Rockhurst, you rightfully share in his joy and celebration. Without your guidance, good counsel, support, and love, this important milestone in your son's life could never come to pass.

As with everything we do with and for your sons, the graduation events have been carefully planned and detailed. Kindly take the time to review the important information regarding Rockhurst's commencement exercises. I invite you to contact my office if you have any questions about this material. Please be sure you and your son read and sign the **Application for Graduation** and return it to the Dean's office no later than **Wednesday, May 9th**.

On behalf of the faculty and school administration, I thank you for the pleasure of serving you this past year. I pray that God will continue to shower you and your family with the richness of His grace and blessings.

Remember, good friends, you shall always have a home at Rockhurst High School.

May God bless you today and always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory Harkness". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "G" and "H".

Mr. Gregory Harkness, '81
Principal



Application for Graduation

I hereby petition to participate in the commencement exercises for the Class of 2018. By signing this application for graduation, I agree to abide by the following stipulations:

- I will attend any and all graduation practices.
- I will attend, with my parents, the graduation ceremony and the Baccalaureate liturgy.
- I will dress appropriately for the commencement exercises, i.e., black tuxedo (including coat) with black tie and cummerbund; a clean, pressed white shirt; and black shoes with black socks. (Additional adornments of any kind, outside approved RHS KAIROS crosses and simple boutonnieres, are not allowed).
- I will abide by the grooming standards for the commencement exercises, i.e., hair and sideburns properly trimmed in accordance with stated school policy, i.e., hair shall be neat, clean, and well groomed. It may not cover the eyes, or more than half the ears (even when combed from above and behind the ears, and must be at least one inch off the collar. "Tails" are forbidden as is any hair length that allows the hair to be gathered into a "tail" or ponytail.
- The face is to be clean-shaven.
- I will return all school materials before the last graduation practice.
- I will have completed all required work grant hours no later than **Friday, May 12, 2017**, (or will have made arrangements with Mrs. Smith).
- I understand that misconduct during graduation practices or during any part of the graduation exercises (Baccalaureate Mass and/or graduation ceremony) places at risk my receiving a Rockhurst diploma and my participation in the commencement exercises.
- I understand that Rockhurst High School does not condone or tolerate any "Senior pranks." I further understand that offenders of this school policy place at risk their participation in the Senior prom and graduation exercises, and are liable for severe disciplinary action up to, and including, expulsion from school.
- I have read and will abide by the Senior prom regulations as specified in the letter to my parents, especially including that I am not to arrive at pre-prom or prom under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. Doing so places at serious risk my participation in graduation ceremonies and, in fact, risks expulsion prior to graduation.

I, _____, wish to participate in the graduation exercises, and we agree to the above-mentioned stipulations.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____ *

****Before this application for graduation is approved, all financial obligations must be met by parents and/or student. For additional information, please contact the Business Office.***

Approved: _____
Mr. Matt Darby, Dean of Students

Return this form to the Dean's office no later than May 9, 2018.



Senior End-of-Year Timeline

- May 1 National candidate's reply date for college admissions decisions (verify with your school of choice directly and communicate to your college counselor.
- May 4 All library books and magazines due in the school library.
- May 7 - 18 Advanced Placement Examinations
- May 9 Application for Graduation due to the Dean's Office
- May 11 Financial obligations deadline: Business Office, [Mrs. Kelly Williams](#)
Work Grant obligation deadline: [Mrs. Renée Smith](#)
10:00 am - Graduation practice, Performance Gym
11:00 am - Senior Luncheon, Performance Gym
- May 14 - 16 Senior Examinations
- May 18 Student's Rockhurst AMDG email account is disabled
- May 20 Mass and Commencement Exercises
9:30 am Line-up for Mass and Graduation
10:00 am Mass and Graduation -- Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
301 West 13th Street Kansas City, MO 64105
- Mid-June Final transcript mailed by the CPO to college/university the student plans to attend
PROVIDED all financial obligations to Rockhurst are met
- June 30 [Graduation / Senior DVD Order](#) deadline; [Ms. Ann Lehane](#)