

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## **To The Parents/Guardians of Graduating Seniors,**

Please note the items below as they pertain to the schedule for seniors as we approach graduation. We are very proud of this year's senior class. They have been excellent leaders and solid students and citizens all year long. We look forward to celebrating their final days of school together.

### **Graduation Announcements/Caps and Gowns/etc.**

These items that have not been picked up yet are available in the office, assuming your son/daughter placed the proper order. We do not have extra announcements to purchase at school. **Any student who needs to order any graduation supplies needs to place the order directly with Jostens at 616.719.5300.** You can also contact Mark Bussell, our Jostens representative at [mark.bussell@jostens.com](mailto:mark.bussell@jostens.com).

### **Baccalaureate Service**

A Baccalaureate service has been planned by a student committee and will take place on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm, at Lifestream Church. This is a voluntary church service for the graduates. Those who attend are asked to wear their graduation gown and stole but not their caps. Students should arrive at church at 2:30.

### **Graduation Day/Ceremony/Rehearsal**

Graduation will take place on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. **Rehearsal, which is mandatory, will begin at 7:50 a.m.** that same morning. Rehearsal will last until 9:30. Graduates should arrive and meet in the Fine Arts Center by 6:30pm for graduation. The graduation committee has requested that jeans and tennis shoes not be worn on graduation day. Please do not "save" seats prior to the graduation ceremony. All bleachers will be out so seating will be ample. Please note: **Only students fulfilling the requirements for graduation prior to May 24<sup>th</sup> will be eligible to take part in the graduation ceremony. Social issues that may take place between now and graduation could result in the loss of the privilege to take part in the ceremony.**

### **Senior All Night Party**

A very dedicated and motivated group of parents of seniors has organized a Senior All Night Party so the Class of 2012 can spend one more evening together. The event is \$50 this year, but those students who have a financial hardship should contact Mr. Remenap for help and sign-up details. The Senior All Night Party is immediately following graduation. Students can still sign-up in the office.

### **Honors Convocation**

The Honors Convocation will take place on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, in the Ceglarek Fine Arts Center. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Scholarships and departmental awards will be presented. Honorees will receive a written invitation. We ask that all honorees dress appropriately and not wear t-shirts, jeans, shorts, or sandals. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Graduation Videos/Photos**

Videos of the graduation ceremony and photographs of students receiving his/her diploma will be available for purchase. Videos by Loring will film the ceremony and Otten Photography will be taking photos. DVDs of the ceremony cost \$20 and can be ordered by filling out the enclosed order form. This form can be dropped off at the high school office.

### **Senior Exams/Last Day of School for Seniors**

Senior Exams will take place Wednesday - Friday, May 16 – May 18<sup>th</sup>. Seniors who are required to take exams must attend on these dates. Individual teachers will determine exam requirements based on grades and attendance. Wednesday will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> hour exams, Thursday will be 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> hour exams, and Friday will be 5<sup>th</sup> hour's exam day. The final "regular" day for seniors will be Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, assuming cooperation from the senior class both socially and in attendance (no senior prank and no senior skip day). Those seniors who do not have to take an exam are not required to attend school during exam periods.

### **Calendar of Events**

Baccalaureate Service	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 p.m.	Lifestream Church
Senior Exams	May 16 – 18		
Honors Convocation	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
Graduation Rehearsal	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:50 a.m.	Begin in Fine Arts Center/Gymnasium
Graduation Ceremony	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Gymnasium

### **A Note from Mrs. Peterson**

Attention parents-if you missed the deadline for a **senior ad** to be in the 2012 yearbook and would still like to place an ad, please contact Mrs. Peterson for information.  
Petersonche@allendale.k12.mi.us

Also, **you still have time** to order a 2012 yearbook for your son or daughter. Please go to Jostens.com and look for Allendale High School. If you prefer, contact Mrs. Peterson to purchase directly.

If you have any questions in regards to the end of the year schedule, or any other senior activities, please call the high school office at 892.5585, or email me at the address at the bottom of this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Dan Remenap  
Principal  
Allendale High School  
remenapdan@allendale.k12.mi.us