



May, 2017

Dear parents and beloved members of the Class of 2017:

As we move to the University of Portland for Commencement on June 4, we have exciting new traditions to create and new procedures to follow. Each senior's family has already received 10 tickets to Commencement. If you are not using all of your tickets, please return the extras asap to Ms. Pieratt, as some families are looking for extra tickets.

Commencement is a beautiful, formal ceremony in which we honor each Graduate, their families, and Jesuit High School. The following rules are in place at the University of Portland. If we violate these procedures, the Class of 2018 may not be able to use the Chiles Center for Commencement. Let's work together to make it a wonderful day!

UP has been clear: absolutely no airhorns, other noisemakers, balloons, or inflatables are allowed in the arena. UP security will confiscate any that appear and may usher those in possession out of the arena. Please do not jeopardize your ability to witness or participate in Commencement. Graduates who violate this policy will not attend Grad Night on Sunday night. UP will have 15 public safety officers on hand to ensure appropriate decorum.

#### **Instructions for Graduates:**

- On Friday, June 2, Graduation Practice begins at the Chiles Center at 10 am. Seniors, be there at 9:45 am. Seniors who are not at practice will not participate in Commencement.
- On Saturday, June 3, seniors should line up for Baccalaureate at JHS in their gowns (no caps) by 5:15 pm.
- On Sunday, June 4, graduates are to arrive with cap and ironed gown in hand (not on) at 10:15 am.
- Commencement for the Class of 2017 begins at 11 am sharp on Sunday. Plenty of parking should be available.
- Graduates should leave valuables such as purses, cell phones, and keys with family members; plan a place to meet parents outside, as you will process directly out of the arena at the end of Commencement.
- Students may not decorate the tops of their mortar boards, nor wear cords other than school-issued honor cords unless approved in advance by one of the Deans.
- Mr. Clarke will direct graduates to the platform when it is time to walk across the stage.
- Professional photographers will take photos available for purchase of each graduate as they receive their diploma.

#### **Instructions for Families and Guests:**

- The Chiles Center opens for guests at 10 am. Seating for guests with disabilities will begin at 9:30 am. One companion may accompany a disabled guest; they may not save seats for other family members.
- To avoid obstructing the view of others, guests should not approach the stage nor stand in the aisles.
- Adherence to the University of Portland's no-alcohol, no-smoking policy will be strictly enforced, campus-wide.
- Guests should remain in their seats until the conclusion of the ceremony. Meet your Graduate outside the arena in a pre-arranged location.

We are really looking forward to celebrating four years of faith, hope, and love with you!

Paul J. Hogan  
Principal