



ST. MICHAEL - ALBERTVILLE SCHOOLS

EXCELLENCE IS OUR TRADITION

April 26th, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Senior Students:

In a few short weeks, the STMA Class of 2019 will be walking across the stage to receive their diplomas. It is amazing how quickly the school year has gone, and I am proud of our seniors for demonstrating positive leadership throughout this year. I would like to take this opportunity to share the graduation procedures for the upcoming ceremony.

The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2019 will be held on Friday, May 31st at 7:00 PM in the high school gymnasium. The ceremony will last approximately one hour. Graduates are encouraged to attend the all night graduation party at River City Extreme in Monticello, hosted by senior parents. This is a wonderful and safe activity for the graduating class. See the high school website for more details and registration information.

Again this year, we will be implementing a ticket policy for the commencement ceremony. We are continuing this policy to ensure that close family and friends will be able to attend this event in comfort. Each graduate will receive five tickets. This year we will again be broadcasting the ceremony live in our Performing Arts Center where additional seating is available, and tickets will not be required. **Graduation cap, gown and tickets will be distributed during lunch on Thursday, May 9th. In order to receive tickets on May 9th, the graduation fee of \$25.00 must be paid on-line through FeePay, or by dropping off a check in the main office, payable to ISD 885.**

Graduation is a formal event at STMA, and graduates are expected to be dressed appropriately for commencement. Boys are asked to wear a dress shirt (tie optional), dress slacks and dress shoes with their gown. Girls are asked to wear a dress, skirt or slacks accompanied with dress shoes. No sunglasses or beach flip-flops allowed. Also, please do not decorate the top of the graduation cap.

On Friday, May 31st, at 9:45 AM, there will be a mandatory graduation rehearsal in the high school gymnasium. **Note: Seniors will not have school on May 31st, but are expected to participate in this rehearsal to ensure a well prepared ceremony that evening.** Also, I would like to reiterate our commencement ceremony policy which is outlined in our student handbook. It states, *"Participation in the commencement ceremony is a privilege, not a right. Students must be in good standing upon completion of the school year to participate in the commencement ceremony."* In recent years we have had "senior pranks" that have led to unwanted results for both students and their families. Please talk with your senior about making smart and positive choices as they finish their year at St. Michael-Albertville High School.

For your convenience, the STMA high school website has pertinent senior information, including dates, letters and graduation expectations.

Again, we are excited as we count down the final weeks with the Class of 2019! I would like to extend my best wishes to all of the graduates for happiness and success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Robert Driver
Principal