

## SENIOR THESIS – ABSENCE REQUESTS (GRADES 9-12)

We are excited about this year's senior thesis presentations! Because this is an important event in the life of our school, we want to provide the opportunity for students to attend the presentations. At the same time, because classes will continue on a regular schedule during our two weeks of theses, we want to make sure no one gets behind from missing important lessons in their regular classes.

**Our goal is to provide an opportunity for students to attend their friends' presentations while respecting the classes that will continue over the next two weeks.**

Students in 12<sup>th</sup> grade Rhetoric and 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Seminar will attend thesis presentations during those class periods from April 13-27. Teachers serving on panels (as well as all teachers) are welcome to bring their classes to the thesis presentations.

Additionally, high school students may also request to leave a class in order to attend a friend's presentation. To be admitted to the auditorium, they will need to present a ticket signed by a teacher and a parent indicating that they have received permission to miss class. Students will receive these tickets on Tuesday, April 11.

Please help us to follow these policies in order to make the process as smooth as possible:

- 9-11<sup>th</sup> grade students may arrange to miss part of a class **up to 3 times** to attend a presentation.
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade students may arrange to miss part of a class **up to 5 times** to attend a presentation.
- Permission to miss part of a class should be **requested at least a day in advance**. Students who wait until the last minute should not expect to obtain approval.
- Absence requests must be **approved by the teacher** whose class will be impacted. Each teacher is trusted with the discretion to approve or deny an absence request based on his or her best judgment about whether it is wise for the student to miss class that day.
- Absence requests must also be **approved by a parent**.
- In the case of students who want to attend a **sibling's presentation**, no note or special permission is needed. However, students must let their teachers know they will be gone in advance, as it will be treated like a planned absence.

Students often want to attend thesis presentations in order to support their friends. Remember, there are many other ways to do this, such as sending an encouraging note the night before. Since all presentations will be recorded, they can also be watched later.

Please contact Rhetoric Teacher Patrick Halbrook ([phalbrook@carychristianschool.org](mailto:phalbrook@carychristianschool.org)) with any questions.

We look forward to another great year of thesis presentations!