

Hello Class of 2024 Senior Parents,

Can you believe that your children are now Seniors?! I know you join me in reflecting on so many memories of these precious young adults. My prayer is that they live each day growing in their faith and knowing how much we love them.

We are sending this email to give you information about this upcoming year. More will come in the fall.

We would love to plan multiple ways to celebrate our Seniors this year. ***In order for these ideas to come to fruition, we will need parents to help organize and lead these events.*** Whether you are better in the evening or an early riser, in front of the group, or behind the scenes, we have an opportunity for you to be involved 😊

Our focus right now is August and the kickoff of the new school year...

Dinner and Parking Space Decorating

Who: Seniors and their families

What: A time to reconnect and get to know each other better. Seniors who plan to drive this upcoming year will be assigned a parking space. Students will have an opportunity that evening to decorate their parking space or back parking lot area with sidewalk chalk (provided by CCS).

Where: Meet on the 3-5 playground area; bring your own chairs

When: Tuesday, August 1 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Thank you to **Aimee Glupker** and **Rebecca Raughley** for agreeing to chair this event. Please reach out to them directly at aimeeglupker@gmail.com or raughley@yahoo.com to join in the planning fun.

What is needed: We need parents to serve in support roles (set up, clean up, greeters, chalk distributors, etc.)

First Day Food and Photos

- **Who:** Seniors
- **What:** Seniors will come early, park in their newly decorated parking spaces, and gather for grab-and-go breakfast food/photo fun.
- **When:** Wednesday, August 4th 7:00-7:45 A.M. (class photo at 7:30 on 3-5 playground)
- **Where:** 3-5 Playground

Thank you to **Milvia Caban** for agreeing to chair this event. Please reach out to her directly at milviav.caban@gmail.com to join in the planning fun.

What is needed: We need parents to serve in support roles (set-up, food organization, clean-up, photo prop organizers/photographers, etc). It would be fun to have a sign that celebrates our Seniors with balloons and other festive decorations in the gathering space.

Nutrition Break snack

For the past three years, our rising Seniors have watched a fun Senior tradition - special snacks during the nutrition breaks on their Senior Dress Up Days. Parents sign up for a month and provide snacks. Set up at 9:00 A.M. for the 9:20-9:35 nutrition break. Please email me if you would like to provide a special snack dhillsgrove@carychristianschool.org.

Rhetoric School Retreat

Just a reminder that our Rhetoric School students will be attending a retreat that will be held at Camp Sea Gull in Arapahoe, NC from Wednesday, August 16 to Friday, August 18. I am excited for our Seniors to start their year spending time together in this way.

SSP Update-Thursday, November 30-Thursday, December 7

Thank you for the overwhelming response to help chaperone. As mentioned before, there are very limited chaperone spots due to the housing and nature of the trip. I wish we could take everyone. Please see below for the list of parent chaperones for the Class of 2024 SSP trip. If anything changes on need for chaperones, we will reach out to those who expressed interest.

Kelly Butler
Kristen Clarkson
Chris Glupker
Chris Raughley
Jessica Stewart
Jon Stocker
Jimmy Stopper

Other Ways to Support:

- This will be announced school wide early in the upcoming school year. We will ask our school community to support SSP and the Newport/Morristown community through donations of new/gently used blankets, jackets, gloves, scarves, and hats.
- We need Walmart Gift Cards for shopping for community needs.
- Come join the seniors for prayer and send off on Thursday, November 30 at 11:45am
- Welcome the seniors home on Thursday night, December 7 (time TBA).

Commitment to Encourage and Pray

Most importantly, I'd like to reach out to you to ask you to begin this school year with a commitment to encourage and pray for our Seniors. This will be a year filled with many emotions. Some days they will feel ready to take on the world and leave the nest, and other days they will need us to understand and have patience with their insecurities. As with us all, they are doing the best they can. Please pray for each student that they will grow strong in their faith and their appreciation for the person God created them to be and that they will grasp how precious they are and that God has great plans for them! They are all our children to love and encourage. Let's be a class of parents who walk beside all of Seniors with encouragement and prayer.

I have heard from the students that they would love to plan and attend opportunities to be together as a whole class. They realize this is their last year together and want to be a class that cares for each other. Please let me know how you would like to be involved.

Sincerely,
Diane Hillsgrove
Dean of Students