

## Lakeside Senior Newsletter for Parents and Guardians

Dear parents and guardians of the Class of 2017,

It's a little hard to believe, but the end of this milestone year for the class of 2017 is visible on the horizon. We have really enjoyed working with this class this year as 12th grade level coordinators; we are regularly awed by the intelligence, vigor and deep connection that this group of students has to this place and to each other. As we move into this last leg of the Lakeside journey, senior spring, *we want to provide you with information about the events and details that you can expect in this last stretch.*

The challenge in the coming weeks for these seniors will be to balance all the celebrations and rituals of the season with an abiding dedication to their studies. One of the hallmarks of Lakeside is that our graduating seniors continue to work hard, challenge themselves in class, and meet their day-to-day commitments with integrity and earnest effort. We take every care to ensure that the graduating class has the opportunity to reflect upon their time here and the relationships that have formed. Springtime at Lakeside is a time for seniors. As such, Lakeside – as any institution – is replete with many traditions honoring the achievements and contributions of its senior class. This letter includes a short description of the many things your student can expect in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions about these or other senior matters, don't hesitate to call or e-mail us. Please also note the contact information for the 12<sup>th</sup>-grade PGA class representatives and Prom committee chair should you need to contact them.

Warmest regards,

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## **Description of Activities and Events:**

### **Senior Run Through (Wednesday, January 18, 8:10 to 9:40 a.m.)**

The Senior Run Through is a celebration of the beginning of the spring semester. The Run Through consists of seniors dressing up according to a theme and making their way through the Upper School to celebrate the spring semester with the underclassmen and make their Class of 2017 presence known! Students will meet in Kent Evans for a class meeting at 8:10 to kick off the spring term and then will conduct the Run Through during 1<sup>st</sup> period. Seniors will attend their second semester classes during periods 2 through 7. For questions about this event, contact [Betty Benson](#) or [Julie Keller](#).

### **Senior Portraits (Monday, January 23 and Tuesday, January 24, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)**

Katie Simmons, a professional photographer and senior parent, is graciously offering her services as our senior portrait photographer. Your student will sign up for a time to have his or her portrait taken in the Fireplace Room. The senior portraits will be printed in the Numidian (Lakeside's yearbook), displayed in the WCC, and you will have an opportunity to purchase copies of the portrait if you choose. For questions, contact Numidian advisor [Kristen Lesoing](#).

### **Senior Bricks (due in April)**

Each senior will have an opportunity to carve a brick at school that will line an interior hallway in the lower level of the Paul G. Allen Athletics Center. In April, each senior receives a brick to design and bricks are added to a coordinated larger panel that is designed by a student chosen by the senior representatives. This tradition was first conceived of by Bill Holt '79 and is carried on through his hard work. Please be aware that the turnaround for designing and returning bricks is often short, and students need to pay close attention to brick deadlines. For questions about bricks, contact [Betty Benson](#) or [Julie Keller](#).

### **GradGrams (due Sunday, May 14)**

GradGrams are a unique Lakeside tradition, which enable a senior's parents, guardians, friends, teachers, coaches, relatives, carpool riders or drivers, employers, and even pets to send them special "telegrams" or "GradGrams" just before Commencement. The messages can be as heartfelt or as humorous as you wish and can be a great alternative to sending graduation cards. The messages are assembled by junior class parents and guardians into a special booklet bound with a ribbon and distributed at Baccalaureate. It is a wonderful keepsake. GradGrams can be submitted online starting April 17, and the deadline for GradGrams is Sunday, May 14. Watch your PAWPRINT and e-mail for information this spring. For questions about GradGrams, contact [Andrea Lieberman](#), GradGram coordinator.

**Senior Parents and Guardians Breakfast (Wednesday, May 10 or Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.)**

Senior parents and guardians are invited to meet with Head of School Bernie Noe in the Fireplace Room for breakfast. He would love to hear about your Lakeside experience, discuss your student's future plans, answer questions about college and what to expect next. Look for an e-mail invitation. For questions, contact [Allison Conkin](#).

**Senior Pet Day (TBD, in May)**

Senior Pet Day is a day, planned by the senior representatives, when seniors can bring their pets to campus to hang out on the quad! Pets will be supervised at all times and must remain on the quad. More information will be forthcoming. For questions, contact [Betty Benson](#) or [Julie Keller](#).

**Senior Surprise Day (Friday, May 26)**

The senior representatives will plan a day when the entire senior class takes off from school to spend time at an off-campus location. This is an all-class activity that is chaperoned by teachers. Students will meet at school, are transported to the off-campus venue by bus, and will return to Lakeside by 3 p.m. This event is paid for by senior class funds. Please watch your e-mail and the PAWPRINT for more information. For questions, contact [Betty Benson](#) or [Julie Keller](#).

**Senior Prom (Sunday, May 28 at 5:30 p.m. to Monday, May 29 at 5:30 a.m.)**

Lakeside's best-kept secret, this night is being meticulously and generously organized by our Prom committee. This all-night event is both a prom and a graduation party for the whole class, with food, dancing and other activities. Prom begins on campus in Red Square at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 28 with a red carpet runway. Families, faculty, and staff are invited to the red carpet for pictures and the chance to see the class in their finest. This year, the Prom committee will continue the tradition of inviting senior advisors to attend the dinner portion of Prom, allowing seniors and faculty the chance to celebrate and say farewell in a more relaxed setting. Registration will be available online in April. Students can get free formal wear to wear to Prom from The Exchange, which is an on-campus clothing exchange for formal dances. For questions about The Exchange, please contact Family Support Liaison [Latasia Lanier](#). Watch the PAWPRINT for more information about Prom. For questions about Prom or to volunteer to help make this such a unique, safe, and memorable experience, contact the Prom committee chair, [Nikki Wagner](#).

### **Senior Parent and Guardian Dinner (Sunday, May 28, 6:30-9:00 p.m.)**

Join fellow senior parents and guardians to toast our fabulous seniors and send them off for their long awaited night of fun - their Senior Prom. After the buses depart, parents and guardians will head down to the Wright Community Center for your own celebration. You will enjoy appetizers, drinks, music and dinner and watch a memorable video of your students. Registration will be available online in April. Watch the PAWPRINT for more information. Please contact [Eve Anderson](#) or [Allison Conkin](#) to volunteer or for further information.

### **Senior Farewell Dinner (Tuesday, June 6, 7:30-10 p.m.)**

Generously hosted by the Parents and Guardians Association, this yearbook signing party in the WCC is for seniors only and is a great time for the entire class to get together, relax and hang out one last time. Please contact [Jane Stonecipher](#) or [Louisa Malatos](#) to volunteer or for further information. Please note: this is the same night as the Lakeside 8th grade graduation.

### **Baccalaureate (Wednesday, June 7, 7-9 p.m.; Reception 9-10 p.m.)**

The senior class invites close family and friends to an evening celebration of speeches, dance, and song in St. Nicholas Hall. Entirely planned, carried out, hosted, and performed by the senior class, Baccalaureate is always a highlight of graduation week. *Due to the capacity of the building, seniors are limited to four (4) guests each.* Also, you will want to arrive early to make sure you get good seats! The Parents and Guardians Association hosts a reception in the WCC after the event where students will receive their GradGrams. For questions, contact [Betty Benson](#) or [Julie Keller](#).

### **Commencement Rehearsal (Wednesday, June 7, 12-1:30 pm.)**

All seniors are required to attend a Commencement rehearsal at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7 on the quad.

### **Commencement (Thursday, June 8, 2 p.m.; Reception, 4-5 p.m.)**

Unlike Baccalaureate, our graduation ceremony is open to the whole community. We encourage seniors to invite as many family members and friends as they wish to attend this outdoor event. The Parents Association hosts a reception following Commencement. We don't publish or issue tickets for Commencement. Likewise, we don't publish or issue graduation announcements, but families may order graduation announcements independently through [Jostens](#). If you would like to order the official Lakeside School graduation announcement with the school's seal, please order the first announcement that appears on the page titled "Senior Class Announcement." *Orders to Jostens take*

10-20 days to arrive, so please plan accordingly. Here is an image of the official graduation announcement available through Jostens:



For the Commencement ceremony, seniors wear black graduation gowns. We encourage all students to borrow a gown from Lakeside's collection of gowns – students do not need to buy their own graduation gowns. Gowns will be available for students to pick up in early June. If your student would like to order his or her own graduation gown, they can also be ordered through [Jostens](#). Lakeside's traditions do not include wearing caps at graduation, so you don't need to worry about ordering those.

Over the years, Lakeside seniors have worn flower lei and/or flower crowns for the Commencement ceremony, although this practice is not required. If you student chooses to wear a lei or crown, we don't offer students the opportunity to make orders through the school, but you can order these at many florist shops. Please see pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter for a listing of some florists who we know are able to provide lei and/or flower crowns. Students can also borrow silk lei and/or crowns from the 12<sup>th</sup> grade coordinators if they wish. Financial support for purchasing flower lei or crowns is available by contacting [Latasia Lanier](#), Family Support Liaison. For questions about Commencement, please contact [Betty Benson](#) or [Julie Keller](#).

A group photograph of the Class of 2017 will be taken before Commencement. In order to accommodate this group photograph, *all seniors will need to arrive to Commencement by 12:30 p.m.* Students will also have the opportunity to take individual professional photographs at Commencement. If your student plans to take an individual photograph, he or she should arrive to Commencement by 12 p.m. Information on ordering individual and group photos will be mailed in May from Hellriegel Photography, or you can call 206.242.4866 for more information. Photos of Commencement may be ordered online at [www.pauldudleyphotography.com](http://www.pauldudleyphotography.com). Click on "Welcome," then "Client Login," and type in "Lakeside2017". Login is case sensitive.

## Expenses You Can Expect To Encounter:

Lakeside School and the Parents and Guardians Association have worked hard to keep costs down across the board and to communicate that most expenses in these next weeks are optional and not mandatory. Many of the senior events are subsidized through the senior class fund. Charges are billed to student accounts as noted below.

Here's a listing of *expenses you can expect encounter (billed to students' accounts)*:

Event	Cost
Senior Prom*	\$100*
Senior bricks	\$35
Numidian (yearbook)	\$55

The following are optional costs:

Event	Notes About Cost
Senior parent and guardian dinner **	Suggested ticket price is \$50 **
Copies of senior portrait	Cost will be announced when portraits are available online.
Graduation gown	No cost if students borrow a gown. For those not interested in borrowing a gown, personal gowns may be ordered through <a href="#">Jostens</a> .
Graduation announcements	Refer to <a href="#">Jostens</a> . The "Senior Class Announcement" from Jostens costs \$1.45 per announcement.
GradGrams	No cost.
Graduation Lei/Crowns	See page 9-10; consult your local florist.
Commencement photos	Hellriegel Photography will send information about the cost of individual and group photos in May.
Baccalaureate & Commencement DVDs	See page 11.

\* Lakeside School and the Parents and Guardians Association have worked to reduce the price of Prom. For families who receive financial aid, the cost of a Prom ticket is included in your stipend.

\*\* The Parents and Guardians Association places a high priority on ensuring that every family may participate in the events it hosts. We want every student, parent and guardian to attend, so please contribute what you are able to the ticket price of PGA events. Additional confidential financial assistance is available for all Parents and Guardians Association events regardless of financial aid status. Please contact Jamie Asaka, Director of Family and Student Support, or 206-440-2901 for more information.

## Selected Senior Spring Events:

Please confirm all event dates and times and find other events on the All-School Calendars on the [Lakeside School](#) website. Please look for updates in PAWPRINT, Inside Lakeside, and e-mail.

Event	Date	Time	Location
Senior Run Through	January 18	8:10 a.m.-9:40 a.m.	Kent Evans
Senior Portraits	January 23 and 24	8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Fireplace Room
Spring Fling Dance	March 11	8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	Off campus - TBA
12th Grade Parent and Guardian Peer Group	March 20	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Fireplace Room
Baccalaureate & Commencement DVD order forms due	March 31 (to charge to student account) or June 8 (for all orders)		Turned in on campus or by mail
GradGrams website open	April 17		See online form
Jostens Orders (graduation announcements, etc.). All Jostens orders are optional.	Jostens Orders take 10-20 days to arrive. Please plan accordingly.		See <a href="#">Jostens</a> website.
AP Exams	May 1-12		On campus
12th Grade Parent and Guardian Peer Group	May 10	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Fireplace Room
GradGrams deadline	May 14		See online form
12th Grade Parent and Guardian Breakfast with Bernie Noe	May 10 or May 17	7:30-9:00 a.m.	Fireplace Room
Senior Pet Day	TBD (in May)	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Quad
May Day	May 15	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	On campus
Senior Surprise Day	May 26	TBD – 3:00 p.m.	Off campus
Senior Prom Red Carpet	May 28	5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	Red Square
Senior Parent and Guardian Dinner	May 28	6:30-9:00 p.m.	WCC
Senior Prom Pick-Up	May 29	5:30 a.m.	Red Square
Senior Farewell Dinner (students only)	June 6	7:30-10 p.m.	WCC
Commencement Rehearsal	June 7	12:00-1:30 p.m.	Quad
Baccalaureate and Reception	June 7	7:00-10:00 p.m.	St. Nicholas Hall, WCC
Commencement and Reception	June 8	2:00-6:00 p.m.	Quad, Red Square

## Florists:

For those seniors interested in wearing flowers, we encourage you to plan ahead when ordering the crowns or leis. *Florists usually require at least two weeks to prepare orders in this busy season.* Some of the florists who we know provide this service are listed below (in alphabetical order). Please call for current availability, pricing, advance notice required, store hours, and delivery options. *Prices vary so please check around* – your local grocery store or online florists may also have availability. Prices noted with a “+” are the starting price point for that product.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Coordinators also have *silk lei and crowns to borrow*. If your student would like to borrow a crown or lei, please ask them to watch for information in the spring about procedures for borrowing lei or crowns. Please contact [Julie Keller](#) with questions. Financial support for purchasing flower lei or crowns is available by contacting [Latasia Lanier](#), Family Support Liaison.

If you have updated information about the florists listed below, or other local or online florists to suggest, please contact [Julie Keller](#) so that we can update this list.

Store Name	Phone Number	Address	Pricing	Timing	Other Notes
<a href="#">Ballard Blossom</a>	206.782.4213	1766 NW Market St., Seattle	Leis: \$65+ Crowns: \$60+	Order 2 weeks ahead	
<a href="#">Bellevue Crossroads Florist</a>	425.747.5654	15600 NE 8 <sup>th</sup> St., Suite B3, Bellevue	Single strand leis: \$35 Double strand leis: \$45	Order 3 weeks ahead	They only offer white and purple leis.
<a href="#">City Flowers</a>	425.454.0882	10500 NE 8 <sup>th</sup> St., Bellevue	Leis: \$35-95 Crowns: \$65+	Order 2+ weeks ahead	
<a href="#">Columbia City Bouquet</a>	206.722.2200	4873 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle	Leis: \$50+ Crowns: \$30+	Order 1 week ahead	
Costco (via <a href="#">KMS Floral</a> )	1.888.828.9785	4401 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Seattle	Leis: \$10-12 (must be ordered in bulk)	Order 2 weeks ahead	Leis are only sold in bulk – 7-9 leis per order. They ONLY offer leis.
<a href="#">Golden Bow Gifts &amp;</a>	206.417.4889	1502 NE 179 <sup>th</sup>	Leis: \$25+	Order 1	

<a href="#">Flowers</a>		St., Shoreline	Crowns: \$25+	week ahead	
<a href="#">Hawaii General Store</a>	206.633.5233	258 NE 45 <sup>th</sup> St., Seattle	Single strand leis: \$21-30 Double strand leis: \$34-45 Crowns: \$44	Order 2 weeks ahead	Leis are their specialty.
<a href="#">LaVassar Florist</a>	206.522.1147	7530 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Seattle	Single strand leis: \$38+ Double strand leis: \$55 Crowns: \$55	Order 2 weeks ahead	Crowns are their specialty.
<a href="#">Martha E. Harris Flowers</a>	206.568.0347	4218 E. Madison St., Seattle	Crowns: \$65+	Order 2 weeks ahead	They ONLY offer crowns.
University Village Safeway	206.522.8350	3020 NE 45 <sup>th</sup> St., Seattle (in University Village)	Leis: \$17-32 Crowns: \$20	Order 2+ weeks ahead	Other Safeway stores may offer this service as well.

**Baccalaureate and Commencement DVD Order Form**  
for the Lakeside School Class of 2017  
**Due June 8, 2017**

Each year, a professional video crew is hired by Lakeside to record year-end events. After baccalaureate and Commencement, Lakeside offers DVDs with high-quality picture and sound to families and friends of graduating seniors.

The DVDs enable families to enjoy the events while also receiving a lasting record to share with family and friends who may not be able to attend.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Price</b>
Baccalaureate DVD:	_____ x \$50/each	\$ _____
Commencement DVD:	_____ x \$65/each	\$ _____
Shipping: \$5		\$ _____
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		\$ _____

**Check here if you'd like to charge this order to your student's Lakeside account.**  
(Only available if this form is received by March 31, 2017. Otherwise, please pay by check.)

Name for shipping envelope: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form by June 8, 2017 with a **check payable to Lakeside School** to:

Lakeside DVD Order  
14050 1st Avenue NE  
Seattle, WA 98125

Orders received after June 8 will be honored according to DVD availability.

**Please allow six to eight weeks for delivery, as the crew will need time to edit the footage and produce the DVDs.**

Contact [Lindsay Orlowski](mailto:lindsay.orkowski@lakesideschool.org) with questions: lindsay.orkowski@lakesideschool.org, 206-440-2850.