



CALENDAR

REST OF SPRING AND SUMMER 2018

June 6th, Wednesday: Very late afternoon, students return to Mentoring Academy from Spring Retreat.

June 7th, Thursday: *Recovery Day* no classes

June 8th, Friday, 10am - 4:30pm: *All School Graduation Prep and Clean-up*

June 9th, Saturday: Graduation Ceremony, In Sanctuary 2:30 - 6:30pm
Music and video begin at 2:15.
Buffet Reception follows

June 11th - June 13th, Mon through Wed: *Staff Reporting and Development*

June 14th - 15th, Thur - Fri: *Family- Staff Meetings*, 10am - 5pm

June 25th - August 10th: *Summer Programs*

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August 23th - 24th, Thur-Fri: *Staff Work Days*

August 26th, Sunday: *Parent Meeting* 5:30pm

August 27th - August 30th: *Fall Retreat*

August 31st, Friday: *Labor Day Weekend*,
No Classes

September 3rd, Monday: *Labor Day*, *No Classes*

September 4th, Tuesday: *Classes Resume*

Thursday 7 June, following our return from the End of Year Retreat, is a rest/recovery day in preparation for Graduation festivities.



Graduation Prep and School Clean-up Day

Friday, June 8th we are at school for graduation preparation, ceremony rehearsal, and clean up day, from 10am-4:30pm. All students are expected to participate in preparation for Commencement and End of Year Cleanup. Students prepare some food, decorate, organize common spaces, clean their desk areas, and pack their belongings for summer. Those who are graduating or speaking during the ceremony will also practice their two minute speeches.

Mentoring Academy Graduation Ceremony

This major, all-family Community Event will be conducted in the Sanctuary, on Saturday, June 10th from 2:30pm-5:45 pm, followed by a major buffet reception celebration until 6:45pm. Parents of all but seniors students provide finger-food, drinks, salads, and anything they want to share. Mentoring students provide additional dishes they prepare on Friday.

Ninth through eleventh grade students are introduced and promoted to the next grade; eighth graders are awarded certificates of Completion of Junior High School, and graduating seniors receive their High School Diplomas.

The high school graduation is a wonderful, joyful event. Each senior has chosen a fellow student, a mentor from the Academy, a parent, and either a mentor from outside the Academy or another parent. Each of those selected people speaks about the graduate for 2 minutes (roughly a page of double spaced 12 point type). Then the Head of School speaks and introduces the senior who responds and receives the diploma. So that every senior is thoughtfully graduated, speakers are asked to respect the time limit. The ceremony has proven to be a very important and emotional day for seniors, family members, fellow students and friends. A major reception follows the ceremony allowing everyone to talk, congratulate, reflect on it all, and say goodbye -- with abundant food to fuel the event. Dinner plans are best made for Sunday.

Graduation Ceremony Schedule, June 9

- 11:00AM: Parents and students on the reception committee meet at Mentoring Academy and organize the reception
- 1:00 PM: All students meet in Main Room for pictures and final preparations
- 2:15 PM: Music and video of the year start in the Sanctuary
- 2:30 PM: Graduation Ceremony
- 5:45 PM Reception in Julia Morgan Room, and Garden
- 6:45 PM: Clean up



Guidelines for Speakers at Graduation

It is urgent that speakers adhere to the time limits. Parents and fellow students need to keep their contributions to under two minutes. Please practice and time your speech. Usually 2 typed pages of 12 point type with inch margins is about right. This is a chance to reflect on the accomplishments of the students, the reasons why they are so valued, thoughts and wishes, etc. Trust yourself. You were chosen for a reason.

