

# Senior Information & Reminders

*(Registration information for Senior Events is available in the SENIOR SECTION of Quick Links on the website.)*

- **College Day** – Seniors will be able to meet with over 40 college representatives on Brother Martin’s campus during their unstructured 4th, 5th, or 6th period. This event will take place on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, in the Conlin Gym.
- **Diploma** - At the Mandatory Senior & Parent Meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023, your son will receive a form confirming the correct spelling of his full ‘given’ name as it appears in our data system (first name, middle name, last name, suffix) and as it will appear on his diploma. You will be asked to sign-off on the spelling of his name as it appears on the form or make the necessary correction(s). The form will also ask for information about legacies (alumni fathers, grandfathers, etc.) who have attended Brother Martin, St. Aloysius, and/or Cor Jesu. This information, if verified as correct, will be listed in the Graduation Program under your son’s name. Those signed forms will be collected at the end of the meeting.
- **Father-Son Dinner & Game Night** – This event will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Benson Mall. Following dinner, dads and sons will have the opportunity to play games and enjoy their time together. There will also be a “Name that Dad” contest where each senior will try to name the most dads from the dads’ senior photos. *The deadline to submit a dad’s senior photo is Friday, February 9, 2024.* The cost is \$25 per person. *The deadline to register for this event is Friday, February 9, 2024.* (The online registration form can be found in Quick Links under the Senior Section. Registration must be done online.)
- **Graduation Announcements** – You will receive information in the mail from Jostens regarding ordering graduation announcements in late July. Your son will place the order for his Graduation announcements at Orientation in August; therefore, you should send him to Orientation with the completed forms. Your son’s personalized Graduation announcements will be distributed in March of 2024. The graduate’s name will appear on the announcements as it appears on his diploma. Checks for announcement orders should be made payable to Jostens. **August Orientation will be your ONLY OPPORTUNITY to order Graduation Announcements.**
- **Graduation Cap and Gown** – Jostens will confirm your son’s height and weight as you have recorded it on his Graduation announcement order form at the August Student Orientation. The cost of the cap and gown is included in the Brother Martin January 2024 graduation fee. Your son will receive his cap and gown the night before Graduation at the Senior Appreciation Dinner.

- **Graduation Ceremony** – Graduation is Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at the Lakefront Arena at the University of New Orleans. The ceremony begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. Admission to Graduation is by admit card only, and those admit cards will be distributed in March 2024 when the Jostens' graduation materials are distributed. Seniors and their parents/stepparents are seated on the arena floor for graduation. *Each senior will receive 2 Graduate Section admit cards for his parents. Additional Graduate Section admit cards, to be used by stepparents only, may be requested by completing a request form. This form is posted on the website in the Senior Section of Quick Links. The deadline for requests is January 26, 2024.* Each senior will also receive 10 General Admission admit cards for friends and family. Due to the limited seating in the sections of the Arena that we use, no additional general admit cards will be distributed. There is limited seating for individuals needing 'accessibility' seating; therefore those guests requiring accessible seating should arrive at the Lakefront Arena early. Seating in those sections will be first come, first served.
- **Graduation Liturgy** - Graduation Liturgy will be held at St. Dominic (775 Harrison Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70124) on Sunday, May 19, 2024. The Liturgy begins at 3:00 p.m., and seating is very limited. This event is mandatory for the seniors, and they will sit together as a class. There will be no other reserved seating.
- **Homecoming Court Nomination Forms** – Only seniors are allowed to nominate girls for the Homecoming Court. The girls must attend a local Catholic school in order to be eligible for nomination. **These nomination forms are due Friday, August 25, 2023.** The forms can be downloaded from the website beginning August 1, 2023. The Homecoming game is at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2023, at Tad Gormley Stadium, and the dance is Saturday, October 14, 2023, at the Pontchartrain Center from 8:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. The cost of the dance is \$50/couple in advance or \$60/couple at the door. *(The dance dress code for both boys and girls is located in the Downloads section of the website in the right hand column.)*
- **Mother-Son Prayer Service & Dinner** – This event will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024, beginning with a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. in the Terrace. Dinner will be served in the Benson Mall following the prayer service. Other activities during the event include a baby photo contest and Crusader Bingo. *The deadline to submit the senior's baby photo is Monday, March 18, 2024.* The cost is \$30 per person. *The deadline to register for the event is Monday, March 18, 2024.* (The online registration form can be found in Quick Links under the Senior Section. Registration must be done online.)
- **Orientation** - Senior Orientation is Wednesday, August 9, 2023. (Last name A-E at 1:00 p.m., F-L at 1:30 p.m., M-R at 2:00 p.m., and S-Z at 2:30 p.m.) Seniors are reminded to wear their complete school uniform to Orientation and fully comply with the Grooming and Uniform Policy. Any senior who has not already taken his senior photo at Romaguera prior to Orientation will be required to take a photo in coat and tie so that a student I.D. can be produced. All seniors who have already been photographed at Romaguera will be given a student I.D. with their formal senior portrait on the I.D. Jostens will collect ring payments, Graduation announcement payments and completed paperwork at this time. Seniors using a family Brother Martin, St. Aloysius or Cor Jesu legacy ring are asked to turn this ring into Mrs. Becnel at Orientation so that it can be recorded and given to Jostens in preparation for the Ring Mass.

- **Prom** – The Senior Prom is Friday, May 3, 2024, from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The Prom venue is Club XLIV in Champions Square. The cost of the Prom is \$100 per couple for advanced sale tickets and \$120 for tickets purchased after April 12, 2024. No tickets will be sold at the door. (*The dance dress code for both boys and girls is located in the Downloads section of the website in the right hand column.*) (The online registration form can be found in Quick Links under the Senior Section. Registration must be done online.)
- **Prom Favors** – The Class of 2024 Prom Favor will be the traditional pewter mug custom molded with the formal crest and the year of graduation. The cost of each mug is \$40, and the deadline for ordering is Thursday, August 31, 2023. This pewter mug is not the ceramic mug available for purchase through Jostens that lists all members of the class, but this mug has been the traditional prom favor for Brother Martin for quite a few years. (The online order form can be found in Quick Links under the Senior Section. The order form must be completed online.)
- **Retreats** – Four Senior Retreats are scheduled at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center in Loranger, Louisiana. The dates are Sunday, September 10 and Monday, September 11; Sunday, December 3 and Monday, December 4; Sunday, February 25 and Monday, February 26; and Sunday, March 3 and Monday, March 4. The Campus Ministry Office will send you the specific scheduling information for your son.
- **Ring Dance** - This dance will be held Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Benson Mall. The cost is \$40 per couple and is payable at the door. (*The dance dress code for both boys and girls is located in the Downloads section of the website in the right hand column.*)
- **Ring Mass** - The Ring Mass and Ceremony will be held at St. Dominic (775 Harrison Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70124) on Thursday, August 24, 2023. The Mass begins at 7:00 p.m., and all seniors must arrive by 6:20 p.m. **Please note that St. Dominic has a parish Mass at 5:30 p.m., so no guests will be allowed in the church until at least 6:30 p.m.** Seating is very limited. The seniors will sit together as a class, and there is no other reserved seating. Only official Brother Martin rings purchased from Jostens will be distributed, but seniors may use a family member's class ring (Br. Martin, St. Aloysius, or Cor Jesu) if that ring was purchased from the official Brother Martin supplier. **For this option, please submit the legacy ring to Mrs. Shannon Becnel at Student Orientation on August 9, 2023.** All seniors and their parents are invited to attend this event.
- **Scholarships** – Copies of all college scholarships that a senior receives must be submitted directly to Mrs. Colleen Martinolich, College Placement Counselor, (cmartinolich@brothermartin.com) for them to appear in the Graduation program. Please submit all scholarship offers whether your son plans to use them or not. An official copy of the scholarship offer must be submitted for it to appear in the Graduation program. The deadline for this submission is Monday, April 15, 2024. Scholarships submitted after this deadline may appear in the program only if the final printing of the program has not been completed. (Scholarship copies must be turned in to Mrs. Martinolich ONLY.)

- **Senior Farewell Lunch sponsored by the Alumni Association** – All seniors are invited to lunch on Friday, April 26, 2024. This event is sponsored by the Alumni Office and there is no charge.
- **Senior Appreciation Meeting/Dinner** – The Senior Appreciation Dinner is Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Benson Mall. This dinner is for seniors only and attendance is **mandatory**. It is not merely a social occasion; graduates will receive their cap and gown, final instructions for graduation seating and parking, instructions for the graduation procession, and other related procedures. Please refer to the dress code on the web site; **seniors must be in full compliance with the Grooming and Uniform Policy.**
- **Senior & Parent Meeting** – As you have already been notified through a global email from Mr. Ursin, all seniors and at least one of their parents are **REQUIRED** to attend a Senior & Parent Meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Benson Mall. The purpose of this meeting is to congratulate seniors on their status as school leaders, outline expectations for a successful senior year, and give practical information regarding the college application process and senior events. Other important documents will be distributed at this meeting as well. Please mark your calendars to attend this **mandatory** meeting.
- **Senior Portraits** - Senior portraits must be taken prior to September 29, 2023, at Romaguera Studios. **Seniors must be in full compliance with the Brother Martin Grooming and Uniform Policy. All pictures must be approved by the Assistant Principal for Discipline & Attendance. Any pictures that are deemed inappropriate will not be issued and no refund will be granted.** Romaguera Studios is located at 2319 Metairie Road (828-3064). Appointments are necessary, and a \$50 session fee must be paid. This fee includes prints for the yearbook, school ID, composite, alumni records, and photography time. The studio will provide the tuxedo and the cap and gown at no charge. National Honor Society members may be photographed with the NHS stole. Honors Diploma recipients may be photographed with the Honors Diploma medal; both will also be provided. Other casual photos must be arranged at a separate seating on another date. Consult Romaguera Studios regarding any special requests and costs.
- **Senior Class Celebration Day** - This event will be a great way for the Class of 2024 to start the year. On Friday, August 25, 2023, seniors will travel by school-provided buses to Lynhaven in Hammond for a day of swimming, fishing, games and food. Students should arrive at school by 7:45 a.m. for departure, and they should return to campus at approximately 3:00 p.m. Seniors should bring a swimsuit and a towel, and those seniors wishing to fish should bring their fishing pole and tackle. The cost of the entire day is \$64, which will be collected at Orientation through the grade level fee. **All seniors are expected to participate in this community-building event.**
- **Senior Seminars** – There will be a College Seminar for parents of seniors on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Benson Mall. This presentation will be a repeat of the college information presented to all seniors in religion class and is an opportunity for parents to receive this information on the college application process. There will be a College Financial Aid Seminar on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Benson Mall for seniors and their parents. We strongly encourage you to attend both sessions.