

## Intro to T.E.A.C.H. Graduation

Congratulations and Welcome to this exciting year of your Senior's high school experience! This is a milestone for you and your graduate.

Each year, the T.E.A.C.H. organization plans a high school graduation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May. Graduation is the highlight of T.E.A.C.H. every year. The event is planned and orchestrated by the participating senior and their parents. There is a general guideline that all ceremonies follow, but this day belongs to the graduating class.

Along with this event's joy comes emotions you may have never realized you could experience. You may or may not have expectations for this day, but we all need to remember that we are celebrating this day together and you may or may not get every detail exactly as you would like. As we work and plan together, please take the opportunity to voice your thoughts during meeting discussions, and honor the decisions and votes that take place when finalizing plans. Let's remember to treat each other with great respect.

There will be four mandatory planning meetings throughout the school year – October, November, February and April. Fulfilling a job responsibility is required. More on that to come. We have done our best to streamline the four meetings to be as efficient as possible. We know from experience that these meetings must be mandatory for attendance by one parent and the graduate. There will also be commitments for working with others when a particular job has multiple people helping. All the pieces fit together to make a beautiful, thoughtful, semi-formal ceremony.

Communication is vital for pulling off an event this important. Everyone involved is expected to keep communication open so that all families are updated. Avenues for communication will be set up, (GroupMe, texts, email, etc.) but staying informed falls on you and your graduate. Please check your messages often and reach out if you need clarification about something. This will be especially important as messages begin for planning for the Operation Christmas Child mission trip in November, as well as the other activities the seniors will enjoy throughout the year. We have a wonderful group of seniors, and we are so proud of them.

The graduation ceremony typically has quite a few guests who have never before experienced a homeschool graduation. We have an opportunity to be witnesses for the Lord as well as ambassadors for homeschooling through this event.

Thank you for joining us in this amazing celebration of our senior class.

*The T.E.A.C.H. Board and graduation liaisons*