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TO: Freshman and Sophomore Families at The Oaks

FROM: Anya Schnell

DATE: March 23, 2021

We are looking forward to the culmination of many years of hard work by the students, parents, faculty, and board of The Oaks at our nineteenth graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 12th, at 1:00 p.m. at Fourth Memorial Church (2000 N Standard St - near Gonzaga). A tradition implemented from past graduations has been to extend an invitation to the freshman and sophomore families to help by bringing dessert for the reception which follows the graduation ceremony. **Please note, if you are also a parent of a Senior or a Junior this year, you are exempt from this request!**

The reception will take place in the fellowship hall at Fourth Memorial, which will be set-up with dessert, punch, and coffee for the guests and small tables and chairs throughout for intermittent seating. Junior families are being asked to help with preparations, set-up, serving, and clean-up for the graduation ceremony and reception. **While freshmen and sophomore families are being asked to provide hand-held desserts.** The help of the ninth and tenth grade families in this way would be greatly appreciated.

Your service will help free up the senior parents and faculty during this special time and will be repaid to you by the parents of underclassmen when your children graduate!

We are currently planning to begin set up at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 12th. Please deliver your hand-held desserts (enough to serve 12 people – *nothing that would need refrigeration please*) on a ready to serve dish to the fellowship hall at Fourth Memorial between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. that day. Please note that this year we are only serving hand-held desserts such as cupcakes, cookies, cookie bars or pre-cut brownies. No utensils will be provided. Please bring your hand-held dessert on a dish ready to be served so that we can place them directly on the serving tables. If you do not use a disposable dish, please be sure your name is on the serving dish and remember to pick these up after the reception is over. Anything left behind will be placed in MP 10 (kitchen) Monday morning and put into lost and found on Wednesday.

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"They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor." Isaiah 61:3

I will be coordinating this effort. Please contact me to let me know how you can help with this need. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at anya.schnell@theoakscca.org or call or text me at (509) 951-7350.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to this time of serving the seniors and their parents with you.

** Please note that the high school choir will be singing at graduation the same as they have in past years. All high school students should plan to arrive in their formal uniforms at 11:45 am on Saturday, June 12th to Fourth Memorial Church (near Gonzaga) for a quick rehearsal prior to the ceremony.*