

Class of 2017

BACCALAUREATE

FACT OR FICTION?

The Baccalaureate is a religious service. **More Fiction than Fact**

Fact

- ◆ Instead of a sermon, the ceremony honors and celebrates seniors.
- ◆ Speakers are asked to provide inspirational “food for thought”, not religious sermons.

Baccalaureate speakers have to be pastors or ministers. **Fiction**

Fact

- ◆ Speakers typically include community leaders, local clergy, the SGA President, and other SCHS Seniors.
- ◆ Speakers are asked to offer words of wisdom aside from their personal religious views.
- ◆ All speeches and messages are very brief.

The Baccalaureate is boring. **Fiction!**

Fact

- ◆ SENIORS are the focus of South County’s Baccalaureate and SENIORS are not boring!
- ◆ SCHS Seniors share choral and instrumental performances and short speeches to offer parting words to the class.
- ◆ Guest speakers have been called uplifting, inspiring and even humorous!

The Baccalaureate is too formal. **Fiction**

Fact

- ◆ Baccalaureate takes place in a relaxed and comfortable setting.
- ◆ All seniors sit in VIP seating with their friends and attend a reception with light refreshments with their families following the ceremony.
- ◆ No worries about what to wear either ~ Baccalaureate is the first time you will be able to wear your graduation gown.

The Baccalaureate is mandatory. **Fiction**

Fact

- ◆ While an important opportunity for seniors to recognize and celebrate their accomplishments and to reflect on their future, Baccalaureate is totally voluntary.
- ◆ Past attendees have described Baccalaureate as a highlight of the graduation experience that you won’t want to miss.
- ◆ In past years, the Baccalaureate has been well attended, and due to limited seating, an RSVP is necessary.

The Baccalaureate Committee is seeking seniors interested in performing. All singers and musicians are encouraged to email Mrs. Olivo at olivowriter@yahoo.com if interested in auditioning to perform at the Baccalaureate on June 14th.