

Baccalaureate Ceremony
Wednesday, June 14th ~ 7:00 pm
New Hope Church
8905 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079

Baccalaureate is an inspirational, memorable, and celebratory candle lighting service that begins the graduation activities for our seniors and their families. It honors what we hold in common while also recognizing our individualities. In addition to readings, speeches and choral and instrumental performances offered by **SCHS Seniors**, there will be an opportunity to listen to encouraging and motivational words from guest speakers of different faiths and community leaders. The ceremony offers a quieter, more intimate opportunity to pause and reflect on this rite of passage. Although optional, Baccalaureate is well attended by the class and their families and friends. A small reception will follow the program.

Baccalaureate is sponsored by the South County PTSO, parents and student volunteers. In order to make this a memorable event, we welcome support in the following areas:

- ❖ **Senior Participation:** SENIORS, Baccalaureate is about you. Every member of the senior class is welcome to attend the ceremony. It is also an opportunity to share your talents with friends and family to make this an evening of memories to last a lifetime. If you are interested in speaking and/or performing, or have any questions, feel free to contact Carla Olivo (olivowriter@yahoo.com or 540-847-1467).
- ❖ **Parent Involvement:** A committee run by parents will oversee the organization of the service, including invitations, programs, arranging speakers, and assisting with event coordination. Committee meetings are held monthly.
- ❖ **Funding:** The Baccalaureate Ceremony is funded by the PTSO along with donations from parents and the community. The Class of 2017 is excited to continue this important tradition at SCHS, and you can show your support by making a tax-deductible contribution.

Anyone wishing to help with the planning of this event can contact Jennifer MacDonald (jjlmgmac@yahoo.com or 703-646-4219).

If you would like to help the SCHS Class of 2017 continue the tradition of Baccalaureate by making a TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION, there are two easy ways to donate:

- Pay by check (**payable to SC PTSO**) and mail to:
South County PTSO * C/O Baccalaureate Committee * 8501 Silverbrook Road * Lorton, VA 22079
- If you would prefer, donations may be made online via <https://www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com>
Click on the **SELECT** button for **Baccalaureate** to complete your donation.

Thank you for supporting the Class of 2017 Baccalaureate!

In honor of the Class of 2017

The Community of South County High School
invites students, families, and friends
to join in an inspirational celebration at the

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If you're still not sure what Baccalaureate is about,
read what past attendees have said about the ceremony:

"Baccalaureate was a moving performance of music, vocals, poetry, speeches and spiritual presentations. It was not a church service, but a reflection of the growth of our now adult seniors and how truly blessed they are as they celebrate with the family and friends who have supported them throughout the years. "

"Baccalaureate is an opportunity to have a bit more reflection in the fast-paced week that is graduation. It is a more intimate and student centered event that showcases the class on a myriad of levels. This is something that every family needs to have on their calendar."

"Every time we attend a South County Baccalaureate ceremony we are amazed and inspired by the tremendous talents of our South County graduates. Baccalaureate is truly a wonderful ceremony that you won't want to miss. It is a highlight of the graduation experience."

"Baccalaureate was a pleasant surprise for me and my family. Held in a smaller venue than Graduation, it gave a close-knit feeling for the class and families in attendance. I believe every person who attended Baccalaureate walked away with a feeling of pride in the Class and a smile on their face. The reception following was a wonderful opportunity to visit with students, friends, other parents and family members that Graduation does not offer. Baccalaureate is a part of Graduation that you and your student truly don't want to miss."

"Baccalaureate is our favorite graduation event. In the midst of all of the celebrations, this one captures the true spirit of the occasion. It brings out the best in the students, and we always leave with a feeling of joy and gratitude."