



Parents,

Congratulations! You are the proud parent of a 2021 graduate! I'm sure you can remember when your child was just a baby, and now you are wondering how their graduation year came so quickly. I want you to know I have been praying over each of our graduates, and I want to be a resource to help you in any way that I can during the upcoming months as they transition to the next phase of their lives. We are excited to celebrate our seniors by having our annual **Senior Sunday on May 2, 2021**. We hope that you will participate in our activities as much as you feel comfortable. Like everything in our world right now, this will look a little different than it has in the past, but we want to do everything we can to give these seniors the day of honor they deserve. We are still finalizing our plans for that day, but I wanted to go ahead and give you a list of the things we know we will need.

Things needed for Senior Sunday:

Senior Parent Form - This will be filled out by a parent, online, and let us know that your senior plans to participate in our annual Senior Sunday. This form also reminds you of the dates listed in this letter if you need a quick reference for it.

Senior Student Form - This will be filled out by a student, online, and give us a majority of the information we need for our Senior Sunday presentation. Parents, you may want to help your child look over and fill out this form because it does include their list of accomplishments to be read to the church.

Senior Slideshow - All things can be emailed to kingwoodstudents@gmail.com or brought to the church office. This slideshow will be played in the auditorium following our worship.

1. **15 pictures** of your senior from birth to now (the more embarrassing, the better). I know it is hard to narrow down these pictures, but please only provide 15, so we have the same amount for each student. If more pictures are provided, I will choose only 15 to use. It is easiest to provide these pictures in a digital format, but I can scan them if you only have access to hard copies. It is extremely helpful if you give these in age order, beginning with the youngest picture. I need these by **Wednesday, April 21**.
2. A short **blessing** is written from you to your student to be played after their pictures. These do not need to be long (please keep them at around 150 words), but they are often one of our students' most meaningful memories. Here is a good basic outline for your blessing: remembering the past (especially how you felt when they were born), affirming their gifts (what are special gifts/characteristics that God gave them that you love), expressing hope for the future (tell them how excited you are about their future), and telling them how much you love them. I have included a couple of example blessings on the back of this letter. I need this by **Wednesday, April 21**.
3. A **song** choice is chosen from you and your graduate to be played during their pictures and blessing. This is to be filled out on your senior parent form.

Graduate Tables - Tables will be set up (location TBD) for our members to learn more about your child. Each student will have their own table this year to allow a good amount of space for social distancing as people look at the tables. A black tablecloth will be provided for each table. Your table can include pictures of friends, trophies they have won, awards they have been given, their senior picture, or anything special to them. We will also provide a card collection box on each table.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email (kingwoodstudents@gmail.com) or text me (901-827-9079), and I will be happy to answer them.

In Him,
Brett VanZant



Senior Blessing Examples

Dear Kellie,

From the day you were born, you have been such a joy to this family. It has been a great privilege to watch you grow through the years into an amazing young lady. Your incredible smile lights up a room. You are beautiful inside and out. Eighteen years have passed in the twinkling of an eye.

You have shown confidence in your many accomplishments with color guard, school clubs, girl scouts, youth group, and obtaining your clinical medical assistant certificate. You are a smart girl and have done a tremendous job with excellent grades, as proven by the many cords you wore at graduation. In addition, being a charter member of the Food Pantry is evidence of your caring for people.

Always remember that we love you, support you, and are so proud of you. We know God has great plans for you and are looking forward to what He has in store.

Love,
Dad and Mom

Bailey,

You have been a blessing to us since the day you were born. You constantly remind us to laugh and enjoy life. We have watched you mature into a beautiful, responsible, self-motivated young lady who loves others and loves the Lord. You exhibit such a loving, giving, and empathetic nature. These are special qualities, and there is no doubt in our minds that God will use those gifts to bless others throughout your life.

This is such an exciting time of life! The possibilities are endless. It can also be overwhelming, so just remember to enjoy the journey. It is our prayer that you will always keep God first in your life. Allow him to guide you in all your decisions. There will be good times and bad times throughout your life, but if you stay faithful to him, you will find peace in whatever situation you find yourself in.

Surround yourself with others who love the Lord and can help you stay faithful in your walk with God. We could not be more proud of you, and we are so excited to see what God has planned for you.

Remember, you will always be our baby, we will always love you, and we will always be your biggest cheerleaders in this life. You are special, and you are loved more than words can express. Go do great things, Bay!

Love,
Mom and Dad