

Alumni Speech

First off, I'd like to start by saying congratulations. You made it. You have graduated from grade school, into High School. After nine years, you've done it, but don't get too comfortable. High School packs a whole new set of challenges. You're going to have to work longer, harder, and better, but you'll have fun while you do it. High School is going to be the best four years of your life. You're going to meet people who you'll never forget, and you're going to have experiences that will shape who you become.

And you'll have one big advantage... you'll be prepared. Right now, you can't even know how much of an advantage Saint Brendan School has given you. You've been thrown miles ahead of most other people, just don't waste it. This school has given you a gift. There have been many times this year that I have been grateful for the edge St. Brendan gave me. An edge in Science and Social Studies, English and Math, and even just plain old study skills and knowing how to organize information.

So, before I let you go on with your graduation, I'd like to leave you with some advice. First, challenge yourselves. Take the hardest classes you can, and learn as much as you can, because what you accomplish in High School will stick with you for the rest of your life. Secondly, stay on top of things. Don't let work pile up. Don't procrastinate and remember to turn in your assignments. I've seen GPAs sliced in half by nothing other than plain old laziness. Don't be that kid. Third, get involved. Don't be the 3 pm student who immediately goes home as soon as classes end each day. You'll miss so much! Lastly, remember your faith. It is one of the greatest gifts given to you and fostered here at St. Brendan. So make sure you cherish it. And this

is where Fr. Tom would like me to remind you, Masses are 5 pm on Saturday and 9 am and 11:30 am on Sunday.

So, in conclusion, I want to say welcome to the St. Brendan Alumni, and once again congratulations to you, the now High School class of 2022.