



April 15, 2021

Dear Parents and Graduating Seniors of the Class of 2021,

What a joy it is to walk with you in this very last stretch of your high school journey at Trinity High School. It seems like just moments ago that we welcomed you into the Auditorium on the first day of your Freshmen Orientation and now you stand just weeks away from launching into the next exciting adventure in your lives. These final weeks at Trinity will be bittersweet, but we promise to surround you with love and support as we try to imagine a Trinity without you in the halls.

After careful study of Phase 4 Restore Illinois Guidelines and consultation with the Village of River Forest, we are proud to announce our schedule of Senior Week activities and ceremonies.

Monday, May 3

Payments and Fees Due: All financial obligations (including but not limited to: tuition, walk-a-thon and raffle monies, library fines, athletic fees, transcript fees, etc.) must be paid in full by May 3rd. Students may not sit for Block IV exams or purchase a ticket to Prom Fest until all financial obligations have been met. Participation in Graduation Ceremony is based on financial obligations being met, all borrowed materials (library books, Chromebooks, uniforms) returned, and successful completion of all coursework and academic credits.

Friday, May 21

Honors Convocation 10 am until 11 am (Special Schedule). All students grades 9-12 will gather in small cohorts during the convocation and students receiving academic/student life honors will receive their certificates from Mrs. Laura Curley and Ms. Amy Gallie. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, parents and guests of the graduates are not permitted to attend, however, the convocation will be filmed and shared with families later that evening.

Senior Prom Fest:

Illinois is currently in Phase 4 for Restore Illinois guidance provided by Governor Pritzker. As such, in Phase 4, festivals are permitted to have 15 people per 1,000 square feet. Using these metrics, the Berkshire portion of our parking lot can accommodate 390 people safely so we will host PROM FEST as an outdoor event (alternative location in the event of inclement weather) from 7-9 pm on campus. Trinity seniors and one guest are invited to attend. Tickets will be \$30.00 each. Due to COVID, food will not be served. Students/guests (even those vaccinated) will be required to be masked. The attire for the evening is Semi-formal. Students and guests will be dancing on the parking lot pavement and will want to choose footwear accordingly. More details about ticket sales and Prom Fest will be shared with students in the coming week from their class council officers.

Monday, May 24

Senior Exams

Period One Exam 8:15 am -9:40 am

Period Two Exam: 9:45 am- 11:10 am

Lunch Circle: 11:15-12:05

12:10-3:00 pm: Graduation Practice (SMGAF)

- Attendance required for all members of the class of 2021
- Caps and Gowns Distributed
- Senior Exit Surveys Distributed

Tuesday, May 25**Senior Exams (Reversed schedule)**

Period Five Exam 8:15 am -9:40 am

Period Four Exam: 9:45 am- 11:10 am

Senior Class Picnic (boxed lunch provided by Trinity) 11:15-1:00 pm

Graduation Practice 1:00-2:30 pm (SMGAF)

Senior Farewell 2:30-5:00 pm

- Graduation Tickets Distributed to each student who returns her completed Senior Exit Surveys
- **ALL SENIORS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE UNTIL 5pm** (Please make arrangements accordingly.)

Wednesday, May 26**Baccalaureate Mass 10 am Sister Michelle Germanson Athletic Facility**

We are proud to announce that we will be hosting ONE Baccalaureate Mass for graduates and 2 guests each on Wednesday, May 26th at 10 am. The mass will take place in the Sister Michelle Germanson Athletic Facility and families will be seated in socially distanced pods during the liturgy.

Graduates are asked to wear their Herff Jones issued White Cap and Gown as well as white shoes during the liturgy, caps and gowns will be distributed to graduates the week of May 24th during graduation practice.

Capacity for the SMG Athletic Facility has been established in collaboration with Village officials using the guidelines established by the IDPH for Phase 4 indoor seated spectator events. In the event that we have extra tickets available for the Baccalaureate Mass, we will conduct a lottery. If you would like your graduate's name added to the lottery for a chance to receive an extra ticket to the Mass, please indicate your interest in the form below.

The Baccalaureate Mass is NOT a mandatory senior event for graduates, all are invited to participate and attend but not required. The Mass will be livestreamed on our You Tube Channel for friends and family unable to attend.

If your graduate and 1-2 guests would like to attend, please [RSVP on this form](#) by noon on Wednesday, April 28th. If we have not met or exceeded the 300 person capacity by noon on Wednesday, April 28th with submitted RSVPs, then we will conduct a lottery to disperse the remaining tickets to interested families.

Thursday, May 27**Commencement Ceremony – 6:00 pm Sister Michelle Germanson Athletic Facility.**

Trinity will host an in-person commencement ceremony for graduates and 2 guests each on Thursday, May 27th at 6 pm. The event will be live streamed for families and friends to enjoy. Tickets will be distributed at the Graduation practice on Tuesday, May 25th. No guest will be permitted without a ticket.

[Graduates report at 5:00 p.m to the Trinity cafeteria.](#)

Guests can be seated in the Athletic Facility between 5:00 and 5:45 pm.

Guests arriving after 5:45 pm will be instructed to wait on Jackson Ave to be admitted to the ceremony and seated by an usher following the faculty honor guard and processional of the graduates.

Graduates need to wear Herff Jones issued white caps and gowns, white shoes and white or lightly colored pastel clothing under their gowns.

****See details about what to wear posted below.*

Tickets required to attend.

Important Details:

1. Seniors will wear Herff Jones provided WHITE keeper caps and gowns for both the Baccalaureate Mass (on 5/26/21 if your family chooses to attend) and Commencement Ceremony (5/27/21). Please make sure they are pressed prior to wearing (graduates will receive their cap and gown at Graduation Practice on 5/24). Be advised that the gowns should be ironed on a cool or very low setting to avoid burning a hole in the material. Graduates should plan to ***wear white or lightly colored pastel*** clothing underneath the gowns as the gowns are sheer. Please note that graduates are required to wear **WHITE dress shoes** with their cap and gown. (Sandals, flip flops and athletic shoes are not permitted). Due to COVID, we purchased KEEPER gowns for students, there is no need to return the gown following the commencement ceremony, students may keep them.
2. Please note the days and times for each graduation practice and be prompt. **Seniors should not schedule work hours or other commitments during the practice times on these days. Attendance is required both days: Monday May 24th and Tuesday, May 25th in order to participate in the Commencement Ceremony on May 27th.**
3. Special note for Block IV eLearners: on May 24th and May 25th, you will take your Block Exams in the morning from 8:15 am- 11:05 am **at home** and then if you are planning to participate in the graduation ceremony, you need to travel to school and arrive by 12:10 for Senior Activities and Graduation rehearsals.
4. Graduation is at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27th in the Sister Michelle Germanson Athletic Facility on Trinity's campus. The graduates are to report to the school cafeteria no later than 5:00 p.m. **Parents and guests are asked to be in their seats in the Athletic facility by 5:45 p.m. so as to not disrupt the processional. If you arrive after 5:45 pm, you will be instructed to wait on Jackson until the processional is complete.** Please note that parking can be limited and budget time accordingly.
5. Please do not have flowers delivered to school; we do not have accommodations for them. Graduates will **not** be permitted to carry flowers during the ceremonies. Please do not give flowers to the graduates until they have processed out of the auditorium. Balloons will not be permitted in the building during the Baccalaureate Mass or Commencement.
6. In order not to detract from the ceremony, we ask that all students and their families conduct themselves properly. In particular, there should be no outbursts or actions, which would in any way mar the solemnity of the Mass or Commencement. We ask that you remain seated throughout the duration of the event, guests are not permitted to approach the "staging area" for photos.
7. The Baccalaureate Mass and the Graduation ceremony will be live streamed for family and friends to enjoy at home. Details will be shared with families as the date draws near.
8. Students will receive empty diploma covers during the commencement exercises. Diplomas will be distributed to each senior who has officially met all of the academic, behavioral and financial expectations in the cafeteria immediately following the ceremony.

This calendar of activities has been planned to celebrate your achievements at Trinity in a way that upholds current Phase 4 Restore Illinois health and safety guidelines, **please note that these plans are subject to change** should stricter COVID-19 mitigations be implemented by state or local officials. Should Illinois move into the Bridge Phase between Phase 4 and Phase 5, we will evaluate our plans and capacities accordingly and inform families in the event that there are additional tickets available as a result. Your cooperation and participation will make each event special, safe and memorable as you continue to be an important part of the Trinity tradition. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Ms. Amy Gallie
Principal

Mrs. Susan Bedell
Vice President of Student Life

Mrs. Maggie Carey
Dean of Students