

The following information is intended as a guide for preparing for some end of the year activities for the Class of 2021. Please understand, some events are subject to change regarding the day, time, location, or platform based on the Covid 19 pandemic.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

The following dress code should be followed by all senior students for the upcoming senior mass, baccalaureate mass and graduation ceremony. All students must follow the dress code or they will be sent home to change. Thank you for your support!

Men – Button down shirts, dress pants, ties – clothing should be neat, clean and appropriately fitting.

Ladies – Dresses must be below the knee or maxi-style, dress pants with nice top, and loose-fitting jumpsuits are fine. All dresses/tops must be appropriately modest, no low cut, backless, tightfitting, or strapless allowed. IF wearing sleeveless or skinny straps, a sweater or jacket MUST be worn. Flat sandals are allowed; high heels are not recommended for safety concerns during school.

MAY 14 - School Mass honoring our Seniors at 2:05 pm

- Due to gym renovations starting to take place, we are not able to allow outside guests. The event will be livestreamed so parents and families can watch the Mass.

MAY 15 – Senior Financial Obligations Deadline

- Diocesan policy state all tuition, fee, etc. must be paid in full for a student to graduate. Please contact Tuition Manager, Gretchen Steele at 260-456-1261 x3141 with any questions or concerns. Cap & Gown will not be distributed if tuition is not paid in full.

MAY 19 – Senior Scholarship Recognition Form Deadline

- We want to recognize our seniors for any merit-based scholarship, including athletic! Please fill out the attached “We are proud of our Seniors” form and turn into Mrs. North in room 144.

MAY 23 – Senior Awards Ceremony at 6:30 pm

- All year end senior awards will be presented at this event.
- **NEW** location – The Clyde Theatre located at 1808 Bluffton Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46809
- **Only 6 guests, including your senior are permitted.**
- **Mask will be required.**

MAY 21-26 – Finals

MAY 26 – Deadline to Reserve Graduation Ceremony Tickets

- Each senior will be allowed a **maximum of 8 tickets** with assigned seating.
- **MUST** fill out the form at this link to request your tickets – we will adhere to Parkview Field’s social distancing seating arrangements.
[GRADUATION TICKETS](#)
- Tickets need picked up by May 27 in room 144

MAY 26 – Cap & Gown Distribution after last final

- Distribution of cap/gown after last final based on in-person or virtual.
 - 9:00 am for In-Person Finals
 - 11:45 am for Virtual Students

MAY 28 – Baccalaureate Mass at 10:00 am

- Graduates should arrive at 9:30 am
- **LOCATION:** Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 10700 Aboite Center Road, Fort Wayne
- **Only 2 guests per graduate**
- GOWNS only – no caps. Please keep in mind this is a formal ceremony. The same attire for the Baccalaureate Mass will be expected at the Commencement Ceremony – see below.
- Masks will be **REQUIRED**.

MAY 28 – Graduation Ceremony at 8:00 pm concluding with FIREWORKS!

- **Location:** Parkview Field in Downtown Fort Wayne – RAIN or SHINE
- **Free Parking** in Silver Lot outside of Main Gate (Parking Garages will have a fee)
- **8 tickets per graduate** – will be livestreamed on the TinCaps Youtube channel for those guests not in attendance.
 - Children 2 years old (24 months) and older **WILL** require a ticket.
 - Children 23 months and under do not need a ticket & must sit on a lap.
- Gates open at 7:00 pm - graduates need to arrive by 7:30pm and enter through the Douglas Street Gate – you will be sitting in the picnic area. Guests will enter through the Main Gate.
- Concessions available for guests to purchase (**no cash transactions**) from 7:00-7:45 pm.
- Masks will be **REQUIRED** (a Class of 2021 BLHS mask will be provided to each graduate) & social distancing is expected.
- Ceremony will conclude at approximately 9:15-9:30 pm with a firework show.

DRESS for Graduates:

KEEP IN MIND - Graduates will come out of first base dugout, walk to home plate to receive diploma, walk to 3rd base, walk to 2nd base, walk to 1st base and back to their seat in the picnic area. This path will include walking across dirt – heels might not be a good option.

A. Men

Proper Dress for Young Men: plain dark dress slacks or khaki slacks, dress shirt & tie, dress shoes (no sandals, flip flops or tennis/gym shoes). No casual clothes such as blue jeans, shorts, and t-shirts. The gown should remain on throughout the ceremony.

B. Women

Proper Dress of Young Women: dress or skirt and blouse; dress slacks or pant suit; dress shoes (no tennis/gym shoes or flip flops – dress sandals only). No casual clothes such as blue jeans, shorts, and t-shirts. The gown should remain on throughout the ceremony.

C. It is highly recommended to stitch the tassel to the caps **AND** put your name on the inside as to not lose them during the ceremonial “hats off”. IF you are worried about not receiving your cap back, then do not throw them in the air! We will not have any extra hats or tassels afterwards.

D. NOTE: NO decorations are allowed on the caps or gowns – we will check and confiscate prior to walking across the stage.