

BISHOP McLAUGHLIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2024 Senior Responsibilities and Activities

All events, rehearsals, and ceremonies are mandatory, except for Grad Bash and Prom JR/SR Dance, which are optional activities.

Tuesday, April 9th

Parents, please look for and respond to an important email about the Senior Retreat (4/26/2024).

- contact person is the Director of Campus Ministry, Mr. Eschenfelder, stephen.eschenfelder@bmchs.com

Friday, April 12th

Senior Final Academic Alert

- contact person is the Assistant Principal, Mr. Schlereth, gerald.schlereth@bmchs.com

Saturday, April 13th

Grad Bash at Universal Orlando

- contact person is the Senior Class Advisor, Mrs. Schuster, jane.schuster@bmchs.com

Saturday, April 20th

Prom JR/SR Dance Starlight Cruise, Tampa, from 8:00 – 11:30 PM

- contact person is Ms. Caroline Yaeger, caroline.yaeger@bmchs.com

Friday, April 26th

Senior Retreat off campus (details to follow)

- **Dress code: Senior Class of 2024 shirt, loose-fit athletic bottoms or shorts (no shorter than mid-thigh), and sneakers/tennis shoes with socks.**
- contact person is the Director of Campus Ministry, Mr. Eschenfelder, stephen.eschenfelder@bmchs.com

Friday, April 26th Reminders

All fees and accounts must be paid in full by Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

- contact person is the Director of Finance, Ms. Hodgson, randi.hodgson@bmchs.com

Community service hours must be completed and documented by Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

- contact person is the Director of Campus Ministry, Mr. Eschenfelder, stephen.eschenfelder@bmchs.com

Parent service hours must be completed and documented by Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

- contact person is the Director of Marketing and Communication, Ms. Hyppolite, melissa.hyppolite@bmchs.com

Senior exam exemption deadline (see Student Handbook p. 6).

- contact person is the Assistant Principal, Mr. Schlereth, gerald.schlereth@bmchs.com

Senior survey from the guidance department has been completed.

- contact person is the Director of Guidance, Mr. Geiger, matthew.geiger@bmchs.com

Friday, May 3rd

Last Day of classes for seniors.

Return athletic uniforms, if not in playoffs.

- Diplomas will not be distributed if athletic uniforms are not returned.
- contact person is the Director of Athletics, Mr. Bowen, jay.bowen@bmchs.com

Senior lockers clean-out (academic wing locker and athletic locker)

- Academic Lockers: contact person is the Graduation Coordinator, Mrs. Jane Schuster, jane.schuster@bmchs.com
- Athletic Lockers: contact person is the Director of Athletics, Mr. Bowen, jay.bowen@bmchs.com

Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 10th

Senior Exams

- Dress code: TBD by Dean Dell – will be announced closer to finals.

Senior laptop, case, and charger collection begin.

- contact person is the Director of Information Technology, Mr. Marsaglia, alex.marsaglia@bmchs.com

Return borrowed books/textbooks.

- contact person is the Graduation Coordinator, Mrs. Jane Schuster, jane.schuster@bmchs.com

Wednesday, May 15th

Practice for the Senior Honors Ceremony from 10:00 – 11:30 AM in the Eleanor Dempsey Performing Arts Center (EDPAC).

- Seniors must arrive by 9:15 AM in the lobby.
- 9:30 AM Sports Signings in EdPac to be followed by Honors Ceremony practice.
- Dress code: Student Activity Spirit Wear with uniform bottoms or jeans (no rips or holes), see Student Handbook p. 20.

Distribution of caps, gowns, and ten (10) graduation tickets.

- contact person is the Graduation Coordinator, Mrs. Jane Schuster, jane.schuster@bmchs.com

Friday, May 17th

Senior Honors Ceremony at 1:30 PM

Eleanor Dempsey Performing Arts Center, 13651 Hays Road, Spring Hill, FL 34610

- Cap and gown required, with proper dress underneath (see the following page for more information).
- Seniors must arrive by 12:45 PM in the GYM.
- Lobby doors open at 1:15 PM (open seating in designated areas).



Tuesday, May 21st

Baccalaureate Mass Rehearsal, Senior Farewell Luncheon, and Alumni Induction Ceremony

- Dress code: Appropriate attire for certain semi-formal events such as banquets, senior event practices, or other specified occasions is defined as “professional business” (i.e., no t-shirts, shorts, jeans, flip-flops, short dresses/skirts, strapless/thin-strapped dresses or tops.) see Student Handbook, p. 20.
 - Any students dressed inappropriately will be fitted with school uniform attire from the used uniform closet.

Seniors must arrive on campus by 9:00 AM in the lobby and will be transported by BMCHS Bus.

Baccalaureate Mass Rehearsal from 10:00 – 11:00 AM

- Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 8014 State Rd. 54, Hudson, FL 34667

Alumni Induction Ceremony upon return to the school, in the BMCHS Chapel.

- Attendance at Baccalaureate Mass Rehearsal, Senior Farewell Luncheon, and Alumni Induction Ceremony on this date is for Senior Students only.
 - contact person is Graduation Coordinator, Mrs. Jane Schuster, jane.schuster@bmchs.com

Senior Farewell Luncheon at 12:30 PM (following the Alumni Induction Ceremony) in the BMCHS Dining Hall.

Tuesday, May 21st

Baccalaureate Mass at 6:30 PM

- Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 8014 State Rd. 54, Hudson, FL 34667
- Cap and gown required with proper dress underneath (see the following page for more information).
 - Seniors must arrive by 5:45 PM location TBA.
 - Doors open at 5:45 PM in the Main Church.



Wednesday May 22nd

Graduation Rehearsal from 1:00 – 2:30 PM in the Eleanor Dempsey Performing Arts Center

- **Seniors must arrive by 12:45 PM in the GYM.**
 - Dress code: Student Activity Spirit Wear with uniform bottoms or jeans (no rips or holes), see Student Handbook p. 25.

Thursday, May 23rd

Commencement Exercises/Graduation Ceremony at 7:00 PM

Eleanor Dempsey Performing Arts Center, 13651 Hays Road, Spring Hill, FL 34610

- Cap and gown required with proper dress underneath (see the following page for more information).
 - **Seniors must arrive by 6:15 PM at the GYM.**
 - Cap Toss photo in the Gym at 6:30 PM (Seniors only – no parents or guests).



- Lobby doors open for **TICKET HOLDERS** at 6:15 PM (open seating in designated areas).

Additional Instructions

All events, rehearsals, and ceremonies are mandatory, except for Grad Bash and Prom JR/SR Dance, which are optional activities.

Seniors will wear caps and gowns to the **Senior Honors Ceremony, Baccalaureate Mass, and Graduation Ceremony**. At these three events, **proper dress**, IDENTIFIED BELOW, is required to be worn under the cap and gown. PLEASE NOTE: **If a senior is late for a ceremony or is improperly dressed, he/she will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.**

Men: **MUST** wear a WHITE dress shirt with a collar, top button fastened, with a **TIE**, **dark dress slacks**, **DARK DRESS SHOES** (leather uppers with smooth soles; no sneakers or sandals), and **dark dress socks** in keeping with the guidelines from the Student Handbook, p. 20. Males are to be **cleanly shaven** and hair is to be worn according to school guidelines. **No khaki pants, top-siders, deck shoes, athletic shoes, canvas shoes, boots may be worn. Only one earring stud may be worn in each ear, with no visible tattoos, or body piercings. No extreme hair colors or styles are permitted. The cap and gown may not be altered in any way.** Only honor cords, stoles, or medallions issued by the school are permitted to be worn with the gown. The mortarboard tassel should hang on the right side of the cap until instructed to change it during the graduation ceremony.

Women: **MUST** wear a solid color, non-printed WHITE or PASTEL dress that is of a length shorter than the academic gown and in keeping with the guidelines from the Student Handbook, p. 20, and WHITE, TAN, GOLD, or NUDE DRESS SHOES or DRESS SANDALS (no flip-flops, backless shoes, or sneakers). No slacks may be worn. No corsages or pins may be worn on the academic gown. **Only two earrings (maximum) may be worn in each ear, with no visible tattoos or body piercings. No extreme hair colors or styles are permitted. The cap and gown may not be altered in any way.** Only honor cords, stoles, or medallions issued by the school are permitted to be worn with the gown. No flowers will be carried during the processions. The mortarboard tassel should hang on the right side of the cap until instructed to change it during the graduation ceremony.

It is imperative to follow these dress guidelines. Once again, a senior who is late for a ceremony or is dressed improperly will not be allowed to participate in that ceremony. If a student is absent for the Senior Honors Ceremony and/or Baccalaureate Mass, he or she will not be able to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

Caps and gowns will be distributed to seniors on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**. All fees and accounts must be settled with the Director of Finance before a student can receive his/her cap and gown, AND before he/she is permitted to sit for exams. Seniors will wear their caps and gowns for the first time at the Senior Honors Ceremony on **Friday, May 17, 2024**.

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church has seating for 1,400 and tickets will not be issued for the Baccalaureate Mass on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**. Doors will open at 5:45 PM. Seating in the designated areas of the church will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please remember that this is a celebration of the Eucharist, so **families are reminded to dress appropriately for this semi-formal, religious ceremony**, and to refrain from taking pictures when it would interfere with Mass.

The Eleanor Dempsey Performing Arts Center has a limited number of seats, so each family will receive a ten (10) ticket allotment for the Graduation Ceremony to be held on **Thursday, May 23, 2024**. Admission is by **TICKET ONLY**, and there will be **NO ADMISSION WITHOUT A TICKET**. Some families may not need all their tickets, while some may want more. *It will be up to the families of seniors to make arrangements among themselves for additional tickets that may be needed.*

Lobby doors will open for the Graduation Ceremony at 6:15 PM. EDPAC seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis in the designated areas. Families who require accessible seating for a person with a disability must contact the Graduation Coordinator, Mrs. Jane Schuster, by email (jane.schuster@bmchs.com) to reserve such seating, with one additional companion seat reserved next to the person with a disability. These two (2) tickets are included as part of the senior's ticket allotment. Other family members and guests will be seated as they enter the Performing Arts Center. Any senior who would like to invite a special diocesan guest must contact Mrs. Schuster by email (jane.schuster@bmchs.com) in advance to reserve seating in our special diocesan guest seating section.

We have made arrangements for a professional photographer from Studio Artistry to take photos of each graduate receiving his/her diploma, and the photos will be available for purchase from www.studioartistry.com/bm.

Applause is the most fitting way to recognize the graduates. **NO BALLOONS, CONFETTI, AIRHORNS, OR OTHER NOISE MAKERS ARE PERMITTED in the EDPAC**. We respectfully ask for your cooperation in preserving the dignity and decorum of this important occasion by sharing your enthusiasm for the graduates in a manner that is appropriate for this milestone ceremony.