



February 29, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians for the class of 2024,

We have such an exciting spring ahead of us. Information about graduation was shared with your senior during the class meeting on Thursday, February 29th. Information about graduation can be found online 2 ways:

1. At our website, you can locate the following information through our Graduation Central Link:
 - Answers to frequently asked questions
 - The timeline of graduation related events for both April and May
 - The extra ticket and accommodations request form for both events will be available from March 25 through May 1
2. You can also access this information with your student through their canvas access to our senior course titled "Graduation Central: Judge Memorial".

Additional clarifications:

1. **Practices:** All practices are required. There are 3 practices- 2 during the school day in the week of graduation and 1 before our last ceremony. Therefore every senior should be available and present for practice.
2. **Baccalaureate Mass:**
 - a. This event is meant to represent the close community of the class of 2024 one last time before they move forward in their lives. It is a beautiful liturgical ceremony, celebrated by diocesan administrators, Monsignors, priests, and deacons. The mass is offered in thanksgiving for the blessings God has bestowed upon our graduates and their families.
 - b. As a matter of respect for this solemn Catholic liturgy, please arrive on time, be quiet and respectful, and follow along utilizing the program distributed upon arrival. As you are comfortable, please sit, stand, or kneel at the appropriate times, and sing along and respond to prayers.
 - c. We will begin with a pre-mass liturgical dance at 6:35 followed promptly by the procession of faculty and graduates.
 - d. Graduates will need to arrive no later than 6 pm.
 - e. Each graduate will automatically be granted 2 tickets. More tickets can be requested online.
3. **Commencement Ceremony:**
 - a. This event will take place at Abravanel Hall at 11 am on May 19th. Please note, when reviewing the senior contract, that there is a special acknowledgement of Abravanel Hall rules.
 - b. Each graduate will automatically be granted 10 tickets. More tickets can be requested online.
 - c. Graduates will need to arrive at 9 am to go through a dress rehearsal and get an individual professional photo taken before the ceremony. It is advised that graduates have a substantial breakfast and bring a water bottle with them. It is a long day and these things are not provided.
 - d. General seating will be open at 10:30 am.
 - e. Graduates can keep their graduation cap & tassel. The gown and sash/ stole will need to be returned after the ceremony to obtain the graduation diploma.
4. **Photography:** The Cathedral's policy requests that parents respect the Mass and refrain from taking photos during the service itself. Photos may be taken as graduates enter and depart the ceremony, and during the awards part of the ceremony. At Commencement, parents are free to take photos at any time. We will also have a professional photographer at this event.

Thank you,

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