

Graduation Information 2017

Listed below is important information concerning Baccalaureate and Graduation that should be helpful as you and your son or daughter begin making arrangements for this important event.

1) Student Participation in Baccalaureate and Graduation (Taken from the Archdiocesan Guidelines)

Participation in the commencement exercises in an Archdiocesan high school is a privilege not a right. Only those students who have completed all the requirements for a diploma may participate in the commencement exercises. Students will be excluded from participation in the commencement exercises for:

- 1) Scholastic failure or incompletes in the program of studies.
- 2) Discipline failure or major breach in the school's disciplinary code.
- 3) Failure to fulfill financial requirements.
- 4) Excessive absences/lateness.

2) Dates, Times and Place:

Baccalaureate Mass & Procession: Monday evening, June 5 at 7:00 pm the Baccalaureate Mass will be held at St. Stanislaus Church in Lansdale. A reception for graduates, family, and friends will follow the Liturgy in the gymnasium of the school. Please invite relatives and friends to attend. **Please note:** Students report to **Lansdale Catholic** no later than **6:00 p.m.** The procession of students down Lansdale Avenue starts at 6:15 p.m. Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m!

Graduation Ceremonies: Tuesday morning, June 6 at 10:00 am Commencement exercises will be held at The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. The Most Reverend Bishop John J. McIntyre, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archbishop of Philadelphia, will preside. **Please note:** Students report to the shrine no later than 9:15 a.m. The procession of students starts at 9:45 a.m. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m!

3) Graduation Announcements:

Tuesday, May 2 Graduation Announcements will be distributed to students during homeroom. Do not assume that all academic, discipline, and financial criteria have been met because you receive these announcements. Each student will receive twelve (12) announcements. Extra announcements will be available in the Student Affairs Office for \$1.00 each while supplies last.

4) Seating at Baccalaureate:

Monday, June 5 all are welcome to attend the Baccalaureate Mass. **There is no reserved seating for this occasion.**

5) Seating at Graduation:

Friday, June 2 students will receive their tickets for the graduation ceremony, only when all academic, discipline and financial and any other criteria have been met. Each student will receive six (6) tickets - four (4) "General Admission" and two (2) "Reserved Seating" tickets. The two (2) tickets marked **RESERVED** will be seated near the front of the church. This front section fills up fast. If you arrive late, you may not be able to find seating in this reserved section. The procession begins at 9:45 and will make access to the shrine difficult or impossible. These reserved tickets will be collected by the ushers assigned to the reserved section. **No one** will be permitted to sit in this reserved section without the appropriate ticket. In fairness to **all** of our senior students' families, this must be strictly enforced. No one will be permitted to enter the Church without a ticket. If a family member requires handicap seating and parking, please **email** Mrs. Molettiere, secretary in the Activities Office, mmolettiere@lansdalecatholic.com as soon as possible.

6) Diplomas:

At the ceremony, students will receive the diploma cover only. The diploma itself will be issued to each student immediately after the commencement exercises under the steps. Students, or their guests, who engage in irreverent behavior during the graduation ceremony will not receive their diploma.

7) Caps and Gowns:

Tuesday, May 16 during homeroom graduation attire will be distributed to all seniors who have met all academic, financial, and disciplinary requirements. This is to be worn for the Baccalaureate Mass and for the Commencement Exercises. Academic gowns should be wrinkle free for the ceremonies. Caps are not worn for Baccalaureate Mass. Students may keep the cap & gown if they wish. If you do not wish to keep the gown, kindly return it to the Student Affairs Office.

National Honor Society & World Language Honor Society students may keep their NHS honor cords.

Gentlemen: Under the gown you are to wear a **WHITE** dress shirt, school tie, plain dark trousers and plain black shoes with dark socks.

Ladies: Please wear a dress under the gown. Be sure the collar of the dress does not show above the collar of the gown. Ladies should wear black dress shoes, **NO FLIP FLOPS OR CASUAL SANDALS.**

8) Rehearsal Attire:

School Dress Code Regulations are in effect during the days of rehearsals. Graduating students are able to turn in their school uniform, for purposes of uniform exchange, on **Wednesday, May 24** and in return they will receive a dress down pass that is valid **May 30, May 31, June 1, and June 2.**

Please remember that graduation practices take place in church; therefore, appropriate apparel must be worn (i.e. – no tank tops, sloppy flip flops, low cut blouses or short shorts and skirts). No gum chewing in Church.

Friday, June 2 and Monday June 5 students should dress in 'nice' clothes for Mass/practice at Church.

9) Rehearsal Schedule:

Tuesday, May 30, Wednesday, May 31 and Monday, June 5 Baccalaureate and Graduation practice will be held. These practices count as a school day and are all **MANDATORY!** A doctor's note is required to be absent on a Graduation Practice day. The third and final graduation practice will be held on Monday, June 6 at The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa beginning at 9:30 a.m. sharp! Any senior who drives to rehearsal at The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa is reminded to use only the indicated parking spaces in the church lot. Also, seniors are asked to leave the church parking lot in an orderly and safe fashion and leave the property with all trash in hand. Participation in graduation practices is required for participation in the Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation.

PLEASE NOTE: These practices are for YOUR Graduation and Baccalaureate Mass; therefore your cooperation is very important. **DO NOT PLAN ANY APPOINTMENTS INCLUDING COLLEGE INTERVIEWS OR ACTIVITIES DURING THE TIMES SCHEDULED FOR PRACTICE.** The official school schedule does not end until 2:35 p.m. each day. Early dismissal on Practice days depends on your cooperation. Lack of cooperation may result in a loss of graduation privileges.

A DOCTOR'S NOTE IS REQUIRED TO EXCUSE A STUDENT FROM GRADUATION PRACTICE.

PLEASE KNOW THAT FAILURE TO CONFORM WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE REGULATIONS WILL JEOPARDIZE A SENIOR'S PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION! THESE GUIDELINES ARE PROVIDED SO THAT BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATION WILL BE A JOYFUL AND SOLEMN EVENT BEFITTING THIS IMPORTANT TIME IN THE LIFE OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.