



# SENIOR MEMO

## CLASS OF 2020

Four years of high school are quickly ending. You have worked hard and now it is time to move forward. We complete this school year with many special activities for the Class of 2020. The following information is intended as a guide for preparing for these activities.

Our graduation ceremony will once again be held at the University of Saint Francis Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center at 431 W. Berry St. (formally the Scottish Rite).

Following are some important dates:

### **National College Decision Day – May 1**

- ❖ Most colleges/universities require a deposit by this day to secure your admission & housing.

### **Senior Scholarship Recognition Form – May 13**

- ❖ IF you want your senior recognized for any merit-based scholarships, including athletic, fill out the attached “We Are Proud of Our Seniors” form and turn into Mrs. North in room 144.

### **Deadline to Reserve Graduation Ceremony Tickets – May 14**

- ❖ Deadline to reserve online up to 13 assigned seating tickets per graduate for the graduation ceremony
- ❖ Voucher codes will be emailed.
- ❖ Use your voucher code to order online at: <https://tickets.artstix.org/TheatreManager/1/login?event=3665>

### **Deadline for School Obligations – May 15**

- ❖ Diocesan policy states all tuition, fees, etc. must be paid in full for a student to graduate.

### **Senior Mass – May 15**

- ❖ Thursday at 9:30 am in BLHS Gymnasium.
- ❖ Senior Mass is led by the senior class with the help of the faculty.
- ❖ Seniors are encouraged to dress up for this special day. This is still considered a school day - please refer the school handbook for appropriate dress up attire.
- ❖ Families are invited to attend.
- ❖ Senior slide show will be presented afterwards, if time permits.

## Senior Awards Ceremony – May 17

- ❖ Sunday at 6:30 pm in BLHS Gymnasium – families are invited to attend.
- ❖ All year end senior awards and participation certificates will be presented at this event.
- ❖ A light reception will be served following the presentation of the traditional senior slide show.

## Finals – May 19-21

### Senior Lunch & Graduation Rehearsal – May 20

- ❖ All seniors report to the Cafeteria immediately after last final for lunch from 11:00-12:10 pm.
- ❖ At 12:15 pm seniors will be bussed to the Robert Goldstine Auditorium at USF for a mandatory graduation rehearsal at 12:30 pm. This should take approximately 1.5 hours. **Permission slip required – if you have not done so already, please sign the permission form on your parent portal on School Admin.**

### Cap & Gown Distribution – May 21

- ❖ Distribution AFTER the last final of the day. (*All tuition, fees, etc. must be paid in full for a student to receive his/her cap & gown.*) Contact the Business Office at 260-456-1261 x3026 if your student did not receive it.

## Baccalaureate Mass / Graduation – May 22

- ❖ Baccalaureate Mass is **Friday, May 22, 2020**. Seniors report to the Cathedral Center at 9:30am in caps and gowns (**gentlemen are to remove the caps upon entering the Cathedral.**)
- ❖ Mass begins at 10:00am at the Cathedral, 1102 S Clinton St, in downtown Fort Wayne.
- ❖ Please keep in mind that this is a formal ceremony. The same attire for the Baccalaureate Mass at the Cathedral will be expected at the Commencement Ceremony.

### Dress for Graduates:

#### 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.**

- ❖ Graduation is **Friday, May 22, 2020 at 4:00 pm** at University of Saint Francis Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center at 431 W. Berry St. (formally the Scottish Rite). **Tickets are required and can be reserved online with your voucher code at: <https://tickets.artstix.org/TheatreManager/1/login?event=3665>**
- ❖ **Caps/gowns & tassels are included in your senior fees and have already been ordered based on the information the student provided regarding their height & weight. 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 extras afterwards. NOTE: NO decorations are allowed on the caps or gowns – we will check and confiscate prior to walking across the stage.**

- ❖ Graduates arrive with cap & gown by 3:15 pm for attendance in the basement.
- ❖ Doors open to the public at 3:00 pm.
- ❖ After the ceremony, graduates will recess outside to the front of the building to be met by family and friends. The street will be closed.
- ❖ The gates to the parking lot will be down upon entering but will be raised when leaving. You should not have to pay when exiting. Another note about parking: Do Not Park in the old Perfection Bakeries/Aunt Millie's Bakeries parking lot or the surrounding apartment building lots – you WILL BE TOWED.