

Dear Senior Parent:

CONGRATULATIONS! As commencement services near, I am sure that you are experiencing a wide variety of emotions. This letter is to communicate several items of personal interest as you make your plans for Baccalaureate and Commencement.

Graduation Practice – Friday, May 28

Grace Polaris Church Worship Center
8225 Worthington Galena Road
Westerville, OH 43081

Please enter through the main worship center doors on the north side of the building.

- Seniors Arrival Time: 8:45am
- Start Time: 9:00am. Please do not be late. We will not start rehearsal until every senior is present.
- Attendance is MANDATORY for all seniors who desire to participate in Baccalaureate and Commencement.
- Dress Guidelines: in accordance with our out of uniform guidelines (no short shorts, sleeveless tops, etc.).

Baccalaureate – Friday, May 28

Grace Polaris Church Worship Center
8225 Worthington Galena Road
Westerville, OH 43081

- Seniors Arrival Time: 6:45pm. Seniors should meet in the WC Commons.
- Doors Open: 6:45pm
- Processional Start Time: 7:30pm
- Dress Guidelines
 - Girls: dress shoes with a dress or nice pants and a blouse
 - Boys: dress shirt with a tie with dress slacks and dress shoes. Sport coat is optional.
- Photography: Picture taking and video equipment are permitted during both services. We ask, however, that the front of the auditorium and seats not be obstructed.
- Tickets: We will not have tickets for Baccalaureate. Since this is typically not an event attended by extended family and friends, the numbers are low enough we don't need to limit attendance.

Commencement – Sunday, May 30

Grace Polaris Church Worship Center
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- Seniors Arrival Time: 1:30pm (last name A-K), 2:00pm (last name L-Z). Seniors should check in to the Commons upon arrival. Individual pictures will be taken after check in.
- Doors Open: 2:15pm
- Processional Start Time: 3:00pm
- Dress Guidelines
 - Girls: dress shoes with a dress or nice pants and a blouse with red graduation cap and gown

- Boys: white or light-colored dress shirt with a tie under their gown, dress slacks and dress shoes with red graduation cap and gown
- The tassel is worn on the right (it will be moved to the left at the end of the ceremony).
- The only decorations or recognition to be worn with your graduation gown are your honor cords...no exceptions! WC provides all honor cords, which will be handed out on graduation day.
- Photography: Picture taking and video equipment are permitted during both services. We ask, however, that the front of the auditorium and seats not be obstructed.
- Tickets: Each senior is allowed to bring 6 guests to Commencement.
 - Tickets will be handed out to every senior when they pick up their cap and gown.
 - If you do not need all 6 tickets, you are welcome to either hand off your tickets to another senior family or turn them in to the office and we will reallocate them.
 - We understand that some of our families have many children – mom, dad, and siblings will exceed the allotted 6 tickets. We encourage those who have extra tickets to share them with those in need. You are also welcome to contact me and let me know how many more tickets you might need. We will try our best to juggle numbers, but we can't make any promises.
 - Commencement will be livestreamed online, so if you have family or friends unable to attend, they can still enjoy the ceremony from home!

COVID Notes: Masks will be required to wear by everyone in the building for all graduation events. Also, please remember that all graduation plans could be changed, even at the last minute, subject to state or county health orders. We will communicate with you as soon as possible should there be any changes.

Thank you for giving WC the opportunity to participate with you in educating your child.

Serving with you,

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