

April 24, 2019

Dear Seniors:

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation. In the coming weeks you will have many exciting opportunities to celebrate your myriad accomplishments with your classmates, teachers, and family. Accompanying this letter is a list of important events as well as a list of FAQs about graduation.

As we enter the last few weeks of school, please work closely with your teachers and counselors to maintain your grades. Contact your advisor or Ms. Small with any questions about graduation.

Date	Event	Time	Location
Wednesday, May 1	Senior Alumnae Pinning	1:10pm	Chapel
Friday, May 3rd	Senior Graduation Line-up Practice.	1:10pm	Chapel
Tuesday, May 7	Senior Wrap Up Data Collection	Collaboration	Advisory
Thursday, May 9 - May 31	Graduation ticket pick-up available (Parents only, please do not park in the pick-up line)	7 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily	Main Office
Friday, May 10	Junior/Senior Prom	7 p.m. - 11p.m.	Cabernet Sauvignon Commodore Yacht- Ferry Building Port
Friday, May 17	Cap and Gown & Yearbook Distribution	Collaboration	Advisory
Sunday, May 19	Mother/Daughter Senior Mass & Brunch	9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Chapel & Great Hall
Monday, May 20	Senior Day of Recollection	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Mercy Center & Great Hall
Tuesday, May 21	SBO Assembly & Senior Awards	Collaboration	Chapel
Thursday, May 23	Closing Liturgy, Cap & Gown Picture (<i>wear your gown, and bring your cap</i>)	1:00 p.m.	Chapel
Thursday, May 30	Baccalaureate Practice	12:45 p.m.- 2:00	Our Lady of

		p.m.	Angels
Friday, May 31	Graduation Practice <i>Buses depart for graduation practice from Mercy - all must ride bus to San Francisco</i> <i>(wear everything---gown, cords, cap, etc.)</i>	7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	St. Ignatius Church
Saturday, June 1	Baccalaureate Mass <i>(wear your gown and dress only--no cap or cords)</i>	7 p.m. <i>(Students please arrive by 6:15 p.m.)</i>	Our Lady of Angels
Sunday, June 2	Graduation Ceremony <i>(wear everything--gown, cords, cap, etc.)</i>	2 p.m. <i>Graduates report to SI Church promptly at 1 p.m.</i>	St. Ignatius Church

Frequently Asked Questions about Graduation

Attire:

What do I wear to the Closing Liturgy?

You should wear your graduation gown (ironed), light-colored dress, sensible shoes (no cap, no tassel, and no academic regalia--no cords, pins, etc.). Please bring cap for photo following the liturgy.

What do I wear for the graduation practice at SI?

You should wear your graduation gown (ironed), academic regalia (cords, medals, and pins), tassel, light colored dress, sensible shoes, and cap. You will be taking your graduation photo with the Head of School at this time.

What do I wear for Baccalaureate Mass?

You should wear your graduation gown (**ironed**), light-colored dress, sensible shoes (no cap, no tassel, and no academic regalia--no cords, pins, etc.).

What am I required to wear under my graduation gown? What type of shoes?

Students are required to wear a dress under the graduation gown (no pants). Light-colored dresses are preferred, since the graduation gown is white and bright colors show through. You may wear shoes of your choice, but please be aware that heels should be moderate since you will be walking across a marble floor at graduation.

What do I need to wear for the Graduation Ceremony?

You should wear your graduation gown (ironed), academic regalia (cords, medals, and pins), tassel, light colored dress, sensible shoes, and cap. Graduates may wear flowers, leis, and other decoration *after the ceremony only.*

Graduation Ceremony:**When do I receive my graduation tickets? How many does my family receive?**

Each family receives 10 tickets. Your parent will be able to pick them up from Main Office starting on Thursday, May 9 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day until Friday, May 31. Family members without tickets may be seated at graduation 15 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. We have limited tickets, but if you have questions about additional tickets please see Ms. Olives.

Who do I contact if I have a relative who needs ADA access?

Please contact Ms. Small with any special needs for your family: (650) 762-1104 or csmall@mercyhsb.com.

Where do I park?

Parking options for graduation day are street parking or the parking garage on Parker Avenue by the Koret Health and Recreation Center, just south of the church. We advise carpooling or rideshare if possible. Parking is free on Sundays, and USF does not ticket on that day.

How long does the graduation ceremony last?

Please allow at least two hours for the ceremony, including time at the end for pictures and gathering on the lawn.

Conduct at graduation:

The Mercy graduation is a formal ritual, one that takes place in a beautiful church. As the setting suggests, this is different from an athletic event or performance. Please **do not clap or yell** during the ceremony itself, especially during the time when the names are read. We want every family to be able to hear their daughter's name. Thank you for respecting the formality and importance of the ceremony.

Misc:**Does everyone attend Baccalaureate Mass?**

You will certainly want to attend the mass since this is the last time your class will celebrate liturgy together. (The Baccalaureate Mass is held at Our Lady of Angels Church. Space is limited at the church so please take that into consideration when inviting people to attend.)

What is Senior Data Collection?

This is a time to talk about college plans, prepare for the transition, and share your college choices!

Do we get our picture taken when we receive our diploma?

You will be taking your picture receiving your diploma (posed) at the graduation practice.

Who do I give my college scholarship information to?

Your college counselor is collecting your college scholarship information.