

April 20, 2016

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 Mrs. Morello with any questions about graduation.

Date	Event	Time	Location
Wednesday, April 20	Senior Graduation Line-up	Collaboration	Sequoia
Friday, May 6	Senior Alumnae Pinning	Collaboration	Chapel
Thursday, May 12	Senior Wrap Up/Data	2 p.m.	Advisory
Friday May 13	Junior/Senior Prom	8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.	California Academy of Sciences
Sunday, May 15	Mother/Daughter Senior Mass & Brunch	10 a.m.	Cafeteria & Great Hall
Monday, May 16	Caps & Gowns Distributed	Collaboration	Advisory
Friday, May 20	Senior Locker Day <i>Be sure to return your lock to your advisor</i>	Collaboration	Advisory
Monday, May 23	Senior Day of Reflection	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Sequoia
Thursday, May 26	Closing Liturgy, Cap & Gown Picture	12:45 p.m.	Chapel
Thursday, June 2	Baccalaureate Practice	12:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Our Lady of Angels
Friday, June 3	Graduation Practice <i>Buses depart for graduation practice from Mercy - all must ride bus to San Francisco</i>	7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	St. Ignatius Church
Saturday, June 4	Baccalaureate Mass	7 p.m. <i>(Students please</i>	Our Lady of Angels

		arrive by 6:15 p.m.)	
Sunday, June 5	Graduation Ceremony	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). 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).

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 Mrs. Morello starting on May 12 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. 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 Mrs. Morello.

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

Please contact Mrs. Morello with any special needs for your family: (650) 762-1104 or jmorello@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. 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.

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. (Immediately family only, please, due to limited space.)

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.