



DIVINE CHILD

HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Graduating Senior and Parent:

The last days of high school are quickly coming to a close. As we near the end of the year, please be respectful to our Divine Child community, our school building, as well as to your parents. You have spent many years getting to this point, and your academic persistence and commitment to great behavior all the way up to the final school day and through graduation is an outstanding way to honor the sacrifices your parents have made to ensure your success.

Parents, please be sure that your student is attending the final days of school. These last few days in school are very important. Seniors need to focus all the way to the end of the year. Here is the rundown for the last few weeks of school:

SENIOR LAST DAY & LOCKER CLEAN OUT: Friday, May 10

SENIOR EXAMS: Monday, May 13-Wednesday, May, 15

Seniors are expected to be present for exams unless they are exempt from a particular exam. Report to school on exam days only during scheduled exam times. Since the rest of the school will be in session, please quietly remain in the atrium until your exam begins. Normal out of uniform (jeans day) guidelines apply. No shorts, tank tops, yoga pants or other inappropriate tops are permitted.

Senior Exam Schedules will be communicated shortly.

SENIOR CEDAR POINT TRIP: Thursday, May 16

- Check in: Cafeteria by 7:15 am
- Bus leaves DCHS at 7:30 am
- Check the weather and plan accordingly (raincoat/sunscreen/etc)
- Bring money for lunch
- Bus departs Cedar Point between 6-6:30 pm & arrives back around 9:00 pm
- Contact Mrs. Kirsch (kirschl@divinechildhighschool.org) if you have questions
- Don't forget to turn in all permission slips and medical release forms

SENIOR BRUNCH & REHEARSAL: Friday, May 17

11:05 am: Senior Breakfast & Graduation Rehearsal:

- All Students must attend
- Brunch immediately following
- You must be dressed appropriately for church
 - Ladies:
 - No spaghetti straps, halter tops, or off the shoulder dresses. Please bring a sweater or something to cover for church.
 - Dresses and skirts must be to the knee
 - No jeans, shorts, cargo pants, inappropriate tops, tennis shoes
 - Ladies may wear earrings; no facial piercings, no heels higher than 2 inches
 - Gentlemen:
 - Collared shirt or polo
 - No jeans, shorts, cargo pants, inappropriate tops, tennis shoes
 - Gentlemen must be clean shaven; No earrings
- **You must bring your gowns and shoes that you will be wearing on graduation day.**
- Graduation Tickets will be distributed (5 per family) - see information below

Approx. 2:00 pm: Rehearsal ends

Monsignors Weier and Kucyk Talent Show and Senior Elections: Friday, May 17 - 7:00 pm

- Seniors receive two free tickets
- \$5 entrance fee for others

GRADUATION TICKET INFORMATION:

- **Friday, May 17:** Students will receive them after the rehearsal.
- Admission to the Graduation Mass and Commencement is by ticket only.
- Each graduating senior will receive **five (5)** tickets (see above).
- Lost tickets cannot be replaced.
- Seating begins at 2:30pm – no earlier.
- Only the front doors of the church will be opened.
- **Students with outstanding tuition, detentions, Christian Service Hours, etc. will not be able to pick up their graduation tickets.**
- **Handicap Tickets**
 - If handicapped seating is required, you must inform Mr. Haley and/or Mrs. Blicharz on or before rehearsal. Limited seating is available for wheelchair bound guests **only**. If an escort is required, their name as well as the name of the person in the wheelchair must be on a list and a **ticket is required. Tickets can be stamped in two ways:**
 - **PRE-Stamped:** please email Mr. Haley, Mrs. Blicharz and Mrs. Schuck and we will PRE-Stamp the family member's ticket before we distribute them
 - **In person:** You can request that Mrs. Blicharz or Mrs. Schuck stamp the family member's ticket in the Main Office when you pick up your tickets
 - **Handicap Stamps will not be granted the day of Graduation**

- Handicap entrance is allowed with one additional ticket if an escort is required; you may escort the guest to the Handicap seating area and then proceed to your seat in the general assembly. This will grant early access to the Church for this family member only.

SUNDAY, MAY 19 Graduation Day: Student arrival, 1:45 pm, Mass begins at 3:00 pm

The Administration of Divine Child High School reserves the right to deny a senior participation in graduation exercises, even on the day of graduation, if that student chooses to exhibit disrespectful, uncooperative or inappropriate behavior or is in violation of school policy. The school will be satisfied to mail diplomas if it becomes necessary. Do not jeopardize this once-in-a-lifetime experience through some careless or foolish act. **Graduation day should be a day for family pride and celebration; please conduct yourself with dignity.**

Please note the order of procession: Faculty, Senior Class Officers, Student Council Executive Board Seniors, Valedictorian, Salutatorian, all student graduates.

Attire for Gentlemen:

- Black or blue dress pants
- Dress shoes and dark socks
- **A white shirt** and a tie
- Each gentleman is expected to be **clean-shaven**
- **No earrings or facial piercing**
- Be sure your hair is cut (above the ears, eyebrows and collar) and is neat and conservative
- Sideburns are not to extend below the ear

Attire for Ladies:

- A light colored dress is required
- **Dress shoes; NO FLIP FLOPS, NO HEELS HIGHER THAN 2 INCHES**
- Earrings are allowed; **no facial piercing**

GRADUATION MASS AND COMMENCEMENT TIMELINE:

Sunday, May 19

1:45 pm: Students arrive and proceed to the Auditorium - **BE ON TIME**

- Enter through the South Parking Lot doors
- Students report to the auditorium to pick up their name cards & any other items necessary for the ceremony
- NHS members please bring your stoles
- Honor Roll students, StuCo and Link Leaders, please bring the gold tassel and/or cord that you received at the Honors Convocation

2:20 pm: Students assemble in order in the foyer to process

2:40 pm: Procession to the Church

3:00-4:00 pm: Mass

4:00-5:00 pm: Commencement Exercise

Post Graduation

5:00 pm: After Commencement Exercise

- Students process out and report back to the school.
- Students pick up their graduation packet from the stations in the main hallway by alphabet
- The Graduation Packet includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - Diploma
 - Your permanent education file
 - If your report card is not in your packet, it will be mailed to you

9:30 pm-4:30/5 am: PSO Sponsored Senior Lock-In: Enjoy and Congratulations

- Permission slips must be turned into the Main Office in order to attend
- See permission slip and description for guidelines and timelines

FINAL REMINDERS

- Check your last quarter grades with every teacher.
- If you have failed a required course, you **will not receive your diploma** until the high school has been notified that you successfully completed the course through an approved credit recovery program. **See your counselor to set up credit recovery.**
- All tuition **must be paid in full** in order to have your final transcript mailed to your college
- Order Forms for Senior Video/Graduation DVD will also be available in the graduation packet.
- Professional proofs of your student receiving the diploma will be sent directly to your home with the order forms.

Along with the faculty and staff, I wish you the very best in whatever next year holds for you. May all of God's blessings shine upon you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Haley