



# MALDEN CATHOLIC

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## The Codivisional High School

Dear Senior Parents,

As April approaches, we look forward to celebrating and honoring the Class of 2021 with a variety of activities. This letter includes information regarding the various events that lead up to Malden Catholic's Commencement Exercises on May 15, 2021.

1. **Seniors Return to the Building for In-Person Learning** - April 8 - 9
2. **Senior Spirit Days - Thursday, April 8 and Friday, April 9** - April 8th is Boston Sports Day and April 9 is MC Pride Day. Wear your Blue and Gold! Or Wear a College Sweatshirt!
3. **Mandatory Meeting for Seniors - Thursday, April 8** - The Senior meeting will be at MC at 1:30 PM.
4. **Yard Sign Delivery - Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17** - Signs will be dropped off at Seniors' homes.
5. **Adopt-A-Senior Baskets - Saturday, May 1** - Basket deliveries will begin at 11 AM to Seniors' homes.
6. **Senior Beach Party - Wednesday, May 12 at 11:30 AM** - Music and games will be held on the Brother Gilbert Stadium field.
7. **Baccalaureate Mass and Awards Ceremony - Friday, May 14 at 4 PM** - Mass will begin at 4 PM and will be held on the Brother Gilbert Stadium field. The Awards Ceremony will immediately follow the Mass.
8. **2021 Commencement Exercises - Saturday, May 15 at 1 PM** - Commencement Exercises will be held on the Brother Gilbert Stadium field.
9. **Commencement Rain Date - Sunday, May 16 at 1 PM**

### **Prom**

Although we realize that a prom is an important event for the Senior class, we are not able to host a prom this year. In our efforts to maintain our Culture of Health and Safety, we will not be hosting a prom, this year. Based upon state gathering guidelines, a maximum of 100 people can be allowed to gather indoors, and the number of MC graduates and their dates would exceed this limitation. Also, we are not able to bring students together from different schools without the risk of spreading COVID-19 to a broader community. In fact, after having conversations with several private schools in our area, we all agree that having students from other schools together could easily facilitate the spread of the virus within our community and other communities as well.

### **Senior Beach Party - Wednesday, May 12 at 11:30 am - 2:30 PM**

We have added an event for Seniors to gather on the MC football field on Wednesday, May 12 at 11:30 AM. This will be an outdoor Senior Beach Party where the students can come

together to enjoy food from a variety of food trucks, games, and fun activities. Mr. Gregory will send out a Google form for students to complete regarding the types of activities they would enjoy.

### **All Seniors Return to School Together - April 8 - 9**

From April 8 - 9, we will have all of our Seniors back together at Malden Catholic for regular classes. (This means that the Blue and Gold cohorts will be dissolved, and all Senior students will be together in classrooms for the last 2 days of school.) If you choose to have your student fully remote from April 8 - 9, you will need to contact Mr. Bucchino by Wednesday, April 7. Otherwise, your student will be expected to be in school with the Senior class. If your student has been remote since the beginning of the year, and you choose to come back to school, you will need to contact one of the MC School Nurses for proper reentry protocol.

### **Seniors Taking AP Classes**

Seniors taking AP courses will continue to meet in person after April 9th to prepare for their AP exam.

### **Baccalaureate Mass and Awards Ceremony**

The state guidelines allow us to hold our Commencement activities outside as long as we meet social distancing requirements. Therefore, we plan to host an in-person Baccalaureate Mass and Awards Ceremony with our graduates. The Awards Ceremony will immediately follow the Mass. The purpose of the Ceremony is to recognize students who have earned academic, extracurricular, or athletics awards during the year. Students will also receive honor cords during the event.

Families will be issued up to 5 tickets for the Baccalaureate Mass and Awards Ceremony. You will need to register for the Baccalaureate Mass and Awards Ceremony through the link below.

#### **Eventbrite link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/malden-catholics-2021-baccalaureate-and-awards-ceremony-tickets-148643834711>)

Guests will need to provide contact tracing information. Please contact Mrs. Marianna Cavuoto [cavuotom@maldencatholic.org](mailto:cavuotom@maldencatholic.org) for any questions regarding the event.

### **Commencement**

We are also planning to host in-person Commencement for our graduates. Families will be issued up to 5 tickets for the 2021 Commencement. You will need to register for Commencement through the link below.

#### **Eventbrite link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/malden-catholics-86th-annual-commencement-exercise-2021-tickets-148612737699>)

Guests will need to provide contact tracing information. Please contact Mrs. Marianna Cavuoto [cavuotom@maldencatholic.org](mailto:cavuotom@maldencatholic.org) for any questions regarding the event.

## **Tuxedos for Commencement**

Seniors will be required to wear an MC traditional white tuxedo for Commencement. Tuxedos MUST be ordered and sized through Men's Wearhouse using the [attached flyer](#).

**We recommend that you visit your nearest Men's Wearhouse by Sunday, April 18, and have your student fitted for a tuxedo. Reminder: you must BRING the flyer for your fitting.** Please contact Mr. James Grocki if you have any questions regarding tuxedos at [grockij@maldencatholic.org](mailto:grockij@maldencatholic.org).

## **Requesting Your Support**

We ask that all families support the school by providing a safe environment that mitigates the spread of COVID-19 by respecting our [Large Gatherings Policies](#).  
<https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1616774642/malden/ecwimzjf2tzum9nvwceX/MaldenCatholicCOVID-19UpdatedPolicies-Spring202153.pdf>)

Large student gatherings should not be scheduled within our community. Although some families might be interested in hosting an event, we must all remain vigilant and keep our students safe.

Thank you again for your support,



John K. Thornburg and Rose Maria Redman