



Graduation 2022

Sunday, May 22
6:00 p.m.



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

December 16, 2021

Dear Members of the Class of 2022, Parents, and Guardians:

Graduation day, with all of its celebrations, is fast approaching. This much-anticipated ceremony will be the culmination of your four years at Ursuline Academy.

The pages that follow contain important details and information to help you prepare for graduation and its surrounding activities and celebrations. We hope that all your questions and concerns are answered here; however, if you have others, please contact Debbie McGowan at dmcgowan@ursulinedallas.org.

In addition to this information, you can also reference year-end activities and graduation details by reading the weekly *Quicklinks* email for parents and by logging into the School Portal on www.ursulinedallas.org. There you will find order forms for pictures and the graduation video.

We hope that Graduation 2022 will be among the happiest memories of your life!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Shurley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Andrea Shurley
Principal

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Graduation Apparel

Graduation Dress Information:

1. Selected graduation dress styles must have been purchased through Beside the Bride and Bella Bridesmaids
2. **White** fabric
3. Two-to-three-inch-wide strap over the shoulder (no halter-type style)
4. Modest bodice and back
5. A hem height of one inch above the ground - completely around the dress (no train may be held up by strings or buttons)
6. No beading or crystals
7. No translucent fabric such as chiffon unless it is triple lined with a full-length slip added under the skirt
8. **Dresses must be approved by the Dean of Students before March 11, 2022**

Graduation Shoes Information:

1. Shoes appropriate for a lovely, long white dress. They can be open toed shoes.
2. Heel height should be sensible. Be sure the length of the dress is correct – one inch above the ground.
3. Completely white in color
4. Have a back which keeps the shoe attached to the foot. No backless shoes.
5. No flip flop or sandal-type shoes with a strap between the toes.
6. No sneakers, tennis shoes, Toms, or other casual shoes, even if they are lacy in appearance.

If the above requirements are not met on the day of graduation, the student will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Senior Picture Day

Date: Friday, April 8, 2022
Rain or shine, the photo will be taken
Outdoors, if the weather is good; indoors if it's raining

Schedule:

8:00 a.m.	Arrive and enter school through Main Entrance only
8:30 a.m.	Class of 2022, candid class photo
9:00 a.m.	Class of 2022, graduation class photo
10:00 a.m.	Students must return to Main Hall to change
10:30 a.m.	Classes begin

Supplies Needed:

- 1) Arrive in perfect school uniform
- 2) Bring graduation dress, undergarments, and shoes

Locations: Students enter the school through the Main Entrance only and check in with the teachers in the Rotunda before proceeding to the classrooms in Main Hall.

The 2022 class photo is taken on the Sr. Margaret Ann Moser, O.S.U. Athletic Field (weather permitting) or in Neuhoff Center. After the 2022 class photo is taken, students return to assigned classrooms in Main Hall to dress for the formal class photo.

After dressing, the girls proceed to the area of the formal class photo outside the Main Entrance.

Note: Parents are welcome to come for the photo session. After the formal class picture has been taken, photographer Judy Nordseth will be available for individual and group photos. It will also be in the School Portal at www.ursulinedallas.org. Students must return to Main Hall to change for class by 10:00 a.m. At that time, we ask the parents to depart campus so that parking will be available for the students arriving for the start of the school day.

Graduation Tickets

Admission to Graduation ceremonies is by ticket ONLY. The school provides each senior with a total of eight (8) tickets; six (6) tickets are for reserved chair seating and two (2) tickets are for general admission bleacher seating.

Ticket numbers are assigned by lottery. The seat numbers received are in sets of six: 1-6, 7-12, 13-18, etc. Those numbers correspond to the numbers you will find on the chairs at the graduation ceremony. Tickets will be distributed to the seniors after practice on Friday, May 20, 2022.

[Additional tickets](#) in the general admission bleacher seating area will be available for purchase online from May 2, 2022 – May 17, 2022. The cost per ticket is \$15.00. Detailed instructions to access the link on the Ursuline website will be outlined in Quicklinks on April 21, 2022. Tickets for these seats will be distributed to the seniors after practice on Friday, May 20, 2022.

Remember that each guest must present a ticket to enter the campus. The number on the ticket corresponds to assigned seating. There is no numbering in the bleachers (or general admission seating area). When guests arrive at graduation, student ambassadors will assist them in finding their seats.

Graduation Practices

Graduation practices are mandatory for all students. The presence and attention of every student is required to ensure a smooth and beautiful ceremony. **PLEASE** do not schedule appointments during graduation practice.

Please be on time! Tardiness at practices detains EVERYONE. Practice *begins* when all are present. Kindly inform the Attendance Office at 469-232-3963 if some emergency detains you.

What to Bring:

1. The shoes you will be wearing at the graduation ceremony
2. Something to hold in place of your flowers – e.g., a stuffed animal
3. A towel.

What to Wear:

1. Clothes that are appropriate for school and comfortable for the heat of early summer
2. Sunscreen and hat

Practice Dates & Times:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Lunch is prepared and served by the Alumnae Association

Thursday, May 19, 2022 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Lunch is prepared and served by the Dads Club

Friday, May 20, 2022 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Baccalaureate Mass & Brunch

Saturday, May 21, 2022 Mass at St. Rita's Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. (see MAP A)

Attire: Sunday best (dress, skirt and blouse, or pant suit)

Immediately following the Mass, please proceed to the Sheraton Dallas Hotel (see MAP B) where the brunch will be held in the Dallas Ballroom. Brunch seating begins at 11:30 a.m. The program begins at 12:00 p.m. and will end at approximately 2:00 p.m. The hotel has valet parking. Self-parking is available around the hotel. Valet parking is \$18.00 and self-parking is \$12.00.

Information regarding brunch reservations will be distributed through senior advisories in mid-April. Each graduate receives three free places, her own and two others. Additional reservations are available for purchase at \$55 each. **Reservations close on Thursday, May 12, 2022.**

Please reserve seating for the Baccalaureate Brunch online at www.ursulinedallas.org/baccalaureatebrunch. **Registration will open May 2nd.** For special dietary or other needs, please contact Mr. Danny Poellot (dpoellot@ursulinedallas.org)

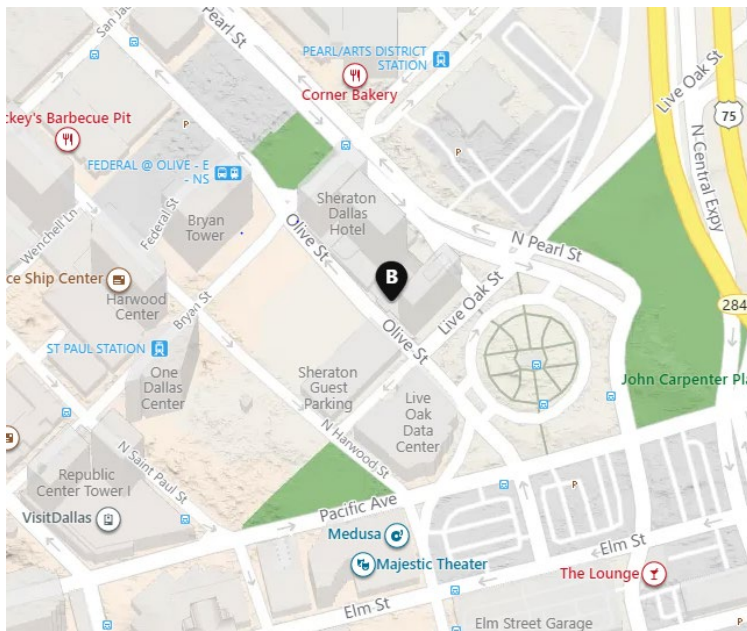
Baccalaureate Mass & Brunch Locations

Map A – Baccalaureate Mass



St. Rita Catholic Church
12521 Inwood Road
Dallas, TX 75244
972-934-8388

Map B – Baccalaureate Brunch



Sheraton Dallas Hotel
400 North Olive Street
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 922-8000

Graduation Day – Arrivals & Parking

The Graduation Ceremony will take place on **Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**

Information for Graduates

Seniors are to arrive in Main Hall by 4:00 p.m. on Graduation Day. Please report to the main entrance for check-in. Seniors must arrive dressed for the graduation ceremony.

Graduating Seniors Parking – Pass Only

One parking spot on campus is available for each member of the Class of 2022.

Parking passes will be distributed on Friday after practice and can only be used by the graduating senior. Please enter the campus through the front entrance.

All seniors **MUST** have this PARKING PASS, or they will be directed to off-campus parking. Please see below.

On-Campus Parking

Parking on campus is by **PARKING PASS ONLY** and is limited to the following groups:

- Buyers of the Mardi Gras Graduation Packages
- Graduating Seniors
- Guests with Handicap Pass (Please contact Debbie McGowan at dmcgowan@ursulinedallas.org by May 6, 2022, to request parking pass)
- Ursuline Employees
- Volunteers: Ambassadors, Mothers Club, Dads Club

Off-Campus Parking

Shuttle Bus Service

- Bus service is offered prior to the ceremony from 4:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.
- Bus service will resume at the completion of the ceremony and will run until 8:45 p.m.

For your convenience, we have a parking site for the shuttle bus service to the Graduation Ceremony. Buses will depart every fifteen minutes from the following location:

Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas, 12345 Inwood Road
(Parking is available in the Senior Parking Lot and the Anderson Parking Lot)

Dads Club members will be at the parking site to assist you as necessary and to welcome you to the **148th Ursuline Graduation Ceremony.**

Graduation Day – Additional Information

Reminder

Please dress for the weather – this is an outdoor ceremony and conditions are typically very warm. Don't forget to hydrate both before and during the ceremony.

Restrooms

Restroom facilities are available in the senior parking lot.

Medical Assistance

Should a medical emergency arise, medical assistance is available. Contact a Dads Club volunteer or a student Ambassador for assistance.

Inclement Weather Plans

In case of inclement weather, we will use the broadcast phone message system (SchoolMessenger) to call all members of the class. The phone call will be made around 2:30 p.m., if necessary.

The **inclement weather** plan is as follows: The Graduation Ceremony will be held in the Jane Neuhoff Athletic Center, with overflow seating in the Ursuline Center for Performing Arts (UCPA). In the event of inclement weather, **ONLY THE SIX RESERVED SEATING TICKETS** may be used. "General Seating" ticket holders will not be admitted. You may use four reserved tickets for Neuhoff and two reserved for UCPA, where the Graduation Ceremony will be shown on a large-screen closed-circuit feed. Wheelchairs can be accommodated in both areas. Parking and shuttle bus service would follow the regular plan (page 5).

Live Stream of Baccalaureate Events and Graduation Ceremony

There are multiple ways to view the live stream of the Baccalaureate mass, awards, and graduation ceremony. They can be viewed on the school's streaming site using a web browser at www.ursulinedallaslive.org. Streaming options available on Roku, FireTV, and Apple TV are also a possibility. To use one of these options, please download the Ursuline Dallas app on your streaming device from the app store.

The stream will begin 15 minutes before all ceremonies.

Buffering can occur depending on the internet speeds and data usage.

Graduation Video

Ursuline will share the video of your Graduation Ceremony! A recording, produced by Strong AV Productions, will be available to watch on our website www.ursulinedallas.org. You are also invited to digitally download your own copy as a keepsake and to share with family and friends.

Graduation Program

On Graduation Day, all guests receive a copy of the formal graduation program which lists all members of the Class of 2022, designating each graduate's academic honors. A separate listing of all university/college choices and scholarship offers received by the individual graduate will be published on the Ursuline Academy website. So that all scholarship awards may be included in this website listing, all seniors are asked to submit their university/college choice and copies of any university and college scholarship offers received to the College Counseling Office no later than May 6, 2022.

Following the Ceremony

The Mothers Club will provide picturesque backgrounds and photo spots around campus for those families and friends who would like to gather after the ceremony to take pictures.

Senior Parent Checklist

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- Graduation Dress – approved by Dean of Students (*deadline is March 11*)
(see Page 1 for details)

 - Senior Pictures – ordered
(see Page 1-2 for details)

 - Copies of University/College Choice and Scholarship Offers – submitted to the College Counseling Office (*deadline is May 6*)
(see above for details)

 - Extra Graduation Tickets – purchased online (*deadline is May 17*)
(see Page 2 for details)

 - Baccalaureate Brunch - reservations/extra tickets purchased online (*deadline is May 12*)
(see Page 3-4 for details)