

Congratulations, Graduates! Class of 2024



GRADUATION EVENTS

BACCALAUREATE MASS (BLUE TICKETS)

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH | 1010 W. WEBSTER AVE

- Graduates arrive in graduation gowns only, no cap or cords, no later than 5:15 PM.
 - Students should report to the Rectory at 1010 W. Webster. Students will line up with their walking partner.
 - Graduates will be seated in the front with general seating for ticked family and friends behind.
 - Attendees must have their physical tickets to attend Baccalaureate Mass.
 - Please bring minimal personal items and keep valuables on your person
- **PARKING OPTIONS:** Families can park in the garage on Sheffield, 2331 N. Sheffield, between Fullerton and Belden, or the structure on Clifton, 2330 N Clifton Ave., between Fullerton and Belden. Garage parking is \$6.25, cash only and paid to the attendant upon entry. Please be mindful that the lot will fill up quickly, so be sure to have a backup plan to ensure you and your family arrive on time for the ceremony. Free and metered street parking is limited, and be mindful of streets zoned for residential parking only. Public transportation (Addison Red Line) and RideShare are recommended options.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY (WHITE TICKETS)

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 | 10:00 AM | DEPAUL COLLEGE PREP STADIUM

GRADUATE INFORMATION

- Students will report to DePaul Prep Commons at 9:00 AM. Upon arrival, students should locate their walking partner.
- Arrive in graduation caps & gowns with academic cords or medals given by DePaul Prep. No cords, sashes, or other artifacts may be worn other than DePaul Prep issued cords or medals. Graduates may decorate their cap appropriately.
- Students may leave their personal belongings in the Commons.
- Immediately following the ceremony, graduates will process back to the Commons to pick up their diplomas and belongings.
- Students should meet their families outside for pictures on DePaul Prep's campus.

FAMILY INFORMATION

- The ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 AM.
- Attendees must have their physical tickets to attend graduation. No exceptions.
- The ceremony will run approximately 90 minutes. Immediately following, students will process to the Commons to pick up their diplomas. Parents should plan to meet their graduates outside.
- Parking is available in the North and South parking lots. The gates to both lots will open at 8:00 AM. On the North lot, the northeast gate off of Campbell Avenue will be closed for the entire event. (the entrance near Marianos). Security will be on hand to assist with parking. There is additional street parking available.
- Ticketed family and friends may choose to sit either in the home bleachers or on the field where there is limited guest seating. In the home bleachers, the north and south bleacher gates will be open to receive guests. If you wish to sit on the field, there is limited seating available, and you must enter via the south entrance only. DePaul Prep faculty and staff will be at each entrance to manage this process. Once the ceremony begins, no guests will not be allowed onto the field or into the home bleachers so as not to disrupt the graduation ceremony. Please plan your morning accordingly as it will be very busy in the neighborhood.

GRADUATION FAST FACTS

TICKETS

Each graduate receives two (2) blue tickets to the Baccalaureate Mass and eight (8) white tickets to the Commencement Ceremony. Tickets are required for each person upon entrance to each ceremony, no exceptions.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION EVENTS

- Students must earn a passing grade in all classes (minimum grade of D-)
- Students must have taken all required credits
- Student's tuition must be fully paid
- Students must be in good behavioral standing

DRESS CODE FOR MASS AND COMMENCEMENT

Ladies: modest slacks/pants & blouse, skirts & dresses must not be more than two inches above the knee, no facial piercings, manageable heels for the turf (no more than two inches high; wedges encouraged) or dress flats.

Gentlemen: button-down dress shirt, tie, slacks/pants, belt, dress shoes, clean-shaven, no facial piercings. A blazer/coat is optional.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Please note that noisemakers, balloons, large bags, confetti, beach balls, etc. will not be permitted at any graduation event.

LIVE STREAMING

The Baccalaureate Mass will be recorded and posted on the graduation site.

The Commencement Ceremony will be live-streamed, [here](#). The Ceremony will be live-streamed in the DePaul Prep Commons on the big screen for any ticketed family and friends who do not wish to sit in the bleachers.

UNIFORM DONATION COLLECTION - WEEK OF MAY 15

The Parent Association will be collecting gently used, clean uniform pieces as well as other DePaul Prep branded items to be donated back to DePaul Prep. All items must have the embroidered updated DePaul Prep logo and insignia on them. Senior students can drop off pieces in a bin at the front desk during the week of May 13 and/or specifically before senior luncheon on May 14 or graduation practice on May 15. Parents and students are also welcome to drop off during the summer months (8am-1pm).

PHOTOS

Photos of our graduation ceremony will be taken by Visual Image Photography (VIP). You will receive an email when they are ready to view and order online, or you can visit www.vipis.com. We encourage families to take photos on campus at Alumni Plaza in Saint Vincent Circle and the Our Lady of Grace Garden.

YEARBOOK

2023-24 yearbooks will be available in the fall for distribution. Alumni will be contacted to pick up their yearbooks at a Yearbook Pick Up Party in December.