



DELONE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"Be Doers of the Word"

Dear Families of Delone Catholic Seniors,

End of year preparations are well underway, and we are excited to celebrate the Class of 2021! This letter contains important information regarding Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation. Please read it carefully and make a note of attire, practice times and arrival times. Masks will be required of all participants and attendees at Baccalaureate and Graduation. Any senior student with a mask that is deemed inappropriate will be asked to remove and replace it.

Any graduating senior student, who has a grandparent that graduated from Delone Catholic High School in 1971, should inform Mrs. Michele Noel in the Business Office (mnoel@delonecatholic.org) by May 14, 2021. Please provide her with the name of the student and grandparent, including maiden names where appropriate.

Baccalaureate and Graduation Tickets:

- Each senior student will receive 4 tickets for Baccalaureate Mass and 4 tickets to Graduation. Families of students with twins will receive 6 tickets to Baccalaureate Mass and 6 tickets to Graduation. Tickets, caps and gowns can be picked up in the lobby during lunch periods starting the week of May 10, provided that the senior student who has met all the graduation requirements and have fulfilled all disciplinary and financial obligations. No extra tickets will be available. Graduation will be live streamed from the school's YouTube channel, the Delone Catholic Broadcast Network (DCBN).
- At graduation, ticket holders will be sitting in the bleachers and are asked to sit together with appropriate social distancing as indicated. There will be special seating in the bleachers for the twins' family members, since they will be a group of 6 and not 4. Graduates will be sitting in chairs on the floor of the gym.

Appropriate Attire for Baccalaureate and Graduation Practice and Events:

- Young ladies, please wear a dress and dress shoes (no flip-flops or sandals). No piercings other than in the ears.
- Young gentlemen, please wear a white or colored dress shirt, tie, dark slacks, socks and dress shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Young gentlemen should be clean-shaven with appropriate haircut.
- No shorts.
- All other School Handbook dress code rules apply.
- No electronic devices (cell phones, Apple watches or other wearables) should be brought into St. Joseph Church or the Sheppard Gym. Any electronic devices brought in will be taken and returned after the ceremonies.

Baccalaureate Mass, St. Joseph Church, Grandview Avenue, Hanover, PA: Thursday, May 20

For senior students Alexander - Martin:

- 4:15 p.m. Doors open to St. Joseph Church - there will be assigned seating so early arrival is not necessary.
- 4:30 p.m. Senior students arrive at St. Joseph Church with graduation gown (no cap) any earned honor cards and wearing appropriate attire.
- Seniors should sit with their families
- 5:00 p.m. Mass begins
- 6:00 p.m. Mass concludes. Please leave the church promptly so that the church can be cleaned and the next group of seniors and their families may arrive.

For senior students McDannell - Zimmerman:

- 6:30 p.m. Doors open to St. Joseph Church - there will be assigned seating so early arrival is not necessary.
- 6:45 p.m. Seniors arrive at St. Joseph Church with graduation gown (no cap), any earned honor cards and wearing appropriate attire.
- Seniors should sit with their families.
- 7:00 p.m. Mass begins

The Senior Awards Ceremony will be a virtual link sent to all senior students' families.

Graduation Practice, Friday, May 21:

- 8:30 a.m. Cafeteria – Please report in school uniform to the school cafeteria. Bring your cap, gown, NHS stole and any earned honor cords.
- 8:30 a.m. - PTO-sponsored breakfast treat and Alumni Association Presentation
- 9:00 a.m. Sheppard Gym - Senior Class Picture.
- 9:30 a.m. Mandatory graduation practice for all graduates.

Graduation, Sonny Sheppard Gymnasium, Friday, May 21

- 6:30 p.m. Doors open to ticket holders. Ticket holders will be sitting in the bleachers and are asked to sit together with appropriate social distancing as indicated. There will be special seating in the bleachers for the twins' family members, since they will be a group of 6 and not 4.
- 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Graduates arrive
- 7:20 p.m. Line up for Graduation in the Delone Catholic cafeteria and Old Gymnasium. Please wear appropriate attire, cap and gown, any earned honor cords and any medals or pins received from Senior Awards.
- 7:30 p.m. Graduation begins.
- After graduation, graduates should exit immediately to the school parking lot. Graduates may pick up their diplomas and any earned certificates from tables set up in the parking lot. NHS student need to return stoles to Mrs. Kristine Hammar. Final report cards will be mailed in mid-June. *Please refer to the Graduation Policy as to the criteria for the issuance of diplomas.*

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

May God Bless You,

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Interim Principal