

Join us as we celebrate the BDHS  
Class of 2024



The Bishop Dwenger High School Administration, Faculty, and Staff would like to express their sincerest gratitude and appreciation for allowing us to be a vital part of your child's Catholic education. We sincerely hope that our honest efforts to provide a meaningful and enriching educational experience will bear fruit in their adult lives as "Citizens of Two Worlds."

Thank you for your trust, cooperation, and involvement. It has been an honor and privilege to work with your sons and daughters.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*- Jeremiah 29:11*

# IMPORTANT DATES

## **May 1 | 3:00 pm | *Senior Honor Luncheon Reservations Due***

Senior Honor Luncheon reservations are due this day. We respectfully ask that each student limit invitations to close family members to accommodate all seniors and their loved ones. An email with a jotform link was sent for you to fill out and pay online, or order using the QR code to the right.



## **May 11 | 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm | *Prom "Mystic Meadow"***

The Orchid Pavilion, 11508 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven, IN  
Order tickets using the link on the Senior Canvas Page, or using the QR code to the left.

## **May 20 - 22 | *Semester II Final Exams***

Monday - Periods 1-3

Tuesday - Periods 4 & 5

Wednesday - Periods 6 & 7

## **May 23 | 10:30 am | *Baccalaureate Mass***

Celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1502 E Wallen Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Graduates must wear their gown to Mass, no caps.

## **May 23 | 12:00 pm | *Senior Honor Luncheon***

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Conference Center

4000 Parnell Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Parking is \$8 per vehicle.

## **May 24 | 9:00 am | *Mandatory Graduation Practice***

Bishop Dwenger High School Main Gym

Students must attend practice to walk that evening with their class.

## **May 24 | 6:30 pm | *Commencement***

Bishop Dwenger High School Main Gym

**5:15 pm** - Doors open

**5:30 pm** - Graduates line up in SAC Gym

**6:00 pm** - Senior Video

**6:30 pm** - Procession and Ceremony begin

# THINGS TO NOTE

## Commencement

### *Seating*

There will be no ticketing. We respectfully ask each graduate to invite eight or fewer guests in order to accommodate all graduates and their families. Reserved seating was purchased at the Saints Alive! auction. All other seating is first come, first served. Doors open at 5:15 pm.

### *Accessibility*

We are pleased to provide reserved seating for family members and guests who have wheelchair-accessible or disability seating needs. Please follow the QR code to request accessible seating. We will not be able to accommodate entire parties, only those that need the seating plus one additional guest.



### *Livestreaming*

A video of the ceremony may be viewed by visiting [bishopdwenger.com](http://bishopdwenger.com).

### *Professional Photographer*

Bishop Dwenger High School contracts with LifeTouch to photograph each graduate as they leave the stage. There will be a QR code to access proofs through PhotoDay available at Graduation.

### *Respect*

As befitting a Catholic School graduation, the ceremony itself will take place in the context of a prayer service. The prayer service demands respectful reverence by those in attendance. The tradition, honor, and dignity of this ceremony will be maintained. What some families see as “cute and funny,” others may find offensive.

### *Recessional*

If weather permits, the graduates will be led outside to Shields Field for their cap toss photo and to reconvene with families. Families may go to the visitor bleachers to see the cap toss. If weather does not permit, the graduates will have their cap toss photo from their seats in the gym. Following the ceremony, there will be multiple photo opportunities around campus.

# THINGS TO NOTE

## **Proper Attire**

### ***Prom***

Ladies: Formal dresses (modesty rules apply) and dress shoes.

Gentlemen: Suits or tuxedos, dress shirt and tie, dress shoes. No ball caps. (*More details to follow via the Senior Class Canvas page*)

### ***Baccalaureate Mass and Senior Honor Luncheon***

Ladies: Knee-length dresses, skirts, no bare shoulders or visible cleavage.

Gentlemen: Slacks with dress shirt and tie.

All seniors must wear gown, no cap to Baccalaureate Mass.

### ***Graduation***

\* A warm iron should be used on the graduation gown. Do not forget your gown, cap, tassel, and anything awarded at Senior Honor Luncheon -- NHS stole, Top Ten rope, etc.

Ladies: Skirts, dresses, dress shoes, no flip flops. No visible piercings, other than ears.

Gentlemen: Shirt, tie, dress slacks, dark dress shoes. No piercings. Clean shaven.

Caps and gowns may NOT be decorated. Those students who do not follow these guidelines will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

## **Questions and Information**

If you have any questions, contact the Academic Awards Coordinator, Tabitha Ray, at [tray@bishopdwenger.com](mailto:tray@bishopdwenger.com).

For more information, please visit [www.bishopdwenger.com/senior-corner](http://www.bishopdwenger.com/senior-corner)

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**The culmination of your student's education at Bishop Dwenger calls for a celebration of rejoicing and thanksgiving. We are so excited to be able to honor your student in such a special way. We cannot wait to celebrate with you!**