

Join us as we celebrate the BDHS

Class of 2026



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 9 | 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm | Prom

The Forum at Electric Works

May 18 - 20 | Semester II Final Exams

Monday - Periods 1-3

Tuesday - Periods 4 & 5

Wednesday - Periods 6 & 7

May 21 | 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 21 | 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 22 | 9:00 am | Mandatory Graduation Practice

Bishop Dwenger High School Main Gym

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

May 22 | 6:30 pm | Commencement

Bishop Dwenger High School Main Gym

5:30 pm - Doors open

5:45 pm - Graduates line up in SAC Gym

6:00 pm - Senior Video

6:30 pm - Procession and Ceremony begin

THINGS TO NOTE

Commencement

Ticketing

Eight tickets are available to each graduate's family, included with mailer. If your family does not need eight, you may trade amongst yourselves or return to Mrs. Ray. To request more tickets, please use the QR code to the right. If tickets are returned and available, they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Tickets will be collected at the door. Children under two do not need a ticket.



Accessibility

For those needing accessible seating, there will be seating in chairs on the floor. It will be held for those in need until 6:00 pm. After 6:00 pm, remaining seats on the floor will become open to all.

Livestreaming

A video of the ceremony may be viewed by visiting 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.

For more information, please visit www.bishopdwenger.com/senior-corner

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!