

Juan Diego Catholic High School

2020 Senior Rites and Rituals



This packet contains information you will need to “graduate” your student. The beauty and importance of the ceremonies and the tradition we continue year after year will create memories that will last forever. It is our goal to partner with you through these important Rites and Rituals so that these memories are fond ones.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Dave Brunetti, Director of Campus Life, via his email: davebrunetti@jdchs.org

KEY DATES

- FEBRUARY 17 - Seating requests and Announcement orders due.
- APRIL 21 - **Campus Life Honors Dinner**
- APRIL 22 - **Academy Honors Dinner**
- APRIL 23 - **Academic Awards Assembly**
- APRIL 24 - Christian service hours logged
- MAY 1 - College determination for printing.
- MAY 1 - Senior questionnaire due
- MAY 2 - **Prom**
- MAY 3 - Senior Sancta Terra 12noon - 5pm **MANDATORY**
- MAY 4 – 8 - AP Exams
- MAY 11 – 14 - AP Exams
- MAY 11 - 14 - SENIOR Final Exams
- MAY 14 - **Senior Farewell Mass and Honors MANDATORY**
- MAY 15 - Seniors last day of school
- MAY 15 - Cap and gown distribution
- MAY 18 - Baccalaureate Rehearsal 8a-3pm **MANDATORY**
- MAY 19 - Baccalaureate Rehearsal 9a-12noon **MANDATORY**
- MAY 19 - **Baccalaureate Mass – 7pm Cathedral MANDATORY**
- MAY 20 - Seniors not on Campus

- MAY 21 - Lifers Walk - 8am
- MAY 21 - Commencement Rehearsal 9a – 2pm **MANDATORY**
- MAY 22 - Commencement Rehearsal 9a – 2pm **MANDATORY**
- MAY 23 - Commencement Exercises 8am **MANDATORY**
- Senior Graduation Night Party.

Baccalaureate Rehearsals

Attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory.

- Students must ride the JDCHS bus to and from the Cathedral for rehearsals May 18th and May 19th
- No private cars are driven to the Cathedral for rehearsals. There are no exceptions.
- Rehearsals at the Cathedral should be completed by 1:00pm and buses will return to JDCHS immediately following.
- **Please do not make any hair, nail, dentist or other appts prior to 2:30pm.**

Dress for the Baccalaureate rehearsals:

- *Regular school uniform (no shorts allowed in the Cathedral.)*
- *All Juan Diego grooming standards apply to all Graduation activities.*

Rehearsal Schedule:

- **Monday, May 18th** - Seniors check-in in the Great Hall **no later than 8:00AM.**
- **Tuesday, May 19th** - Seniors must check-in in the Great Hall **no later than 8:00AM.**
- On both days, all seniors and staff are bused to the Cathedral - **no exceptions.**
- Attendance will be taken.
- Bus permission slips must be turned in by **Tuesday, May 12**

Commencement Rehearsals

Attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory.

Dress for the Commencement rehearsals:

- School uniform.
- All Juan Diego grooming standards apply to all graduation activities.

Rehearsal Schedule:

- **Thursday, May 21 - 8:00am – 12:00pm**, JD auditorium, attendance will be taken.
- No student will be admitted after rehearsal has begun
- **Friday, May 22 - 8:00am – 12:00pm**, JD auditorium, attendance will be taken.
- No student will be admitted after rehearsal has begun.

Dress for Commencement: All formal Juan Diego grooming standards apply to all graduation activities. Boys should wear dress pants (no shorts), shirts, ties and dress shoes (no sneakers). Girls should wear dresses or skirts. Dresses should be no longer than the graduation gown

(approximately mid calf). Girls must wear dress shoes, no flip-flops. We highly recommend sensible heels for the girls as they are walking on un-even surfaces prior to entering the cathedral.

Day of Commencement Schedule - Seniors report to St. Joseph Commons at 7:45am on the morning of Commencement. Auditorium doors open at 8:30am for parent seating. School doors will open at 7:00am. Commencement will run approximately 2 hours. Families who plan to host luncheons or other private social gatherings may count on the students having completed their obligations after 1:00pm.

Graduation Requirements & Deadlines

- **GRADES/ REQUIRED COURSES:** Seniors must pass all courses in order to participate in the graduation rites. Any questions or concerns regarding your student's status should be immediately directed to their counselor.
- **COMMUNITY/ CHRISTIAN SERVICE HOURS:** All hours completed should be input and verified by Tuesday, April 24. Seniors are encouraged to submit all the hours from their Senior Service Project. Any questions, see Mr. Mc Gaven, Service Coordinator
- **FEES, FINES AND TUITION:** All must be satisfied in full by Friday May 1st.
- **LIBRARY BOOKS:** All library books returned and any fines paid by Friday May 1st
- **FINAL EXAMS FOR SENIORS:** Exams are scheduled the week of May 11-15.
- **TEXTBOOK RETURNS:** Textbook returns are coordinated during final exam week

Honor Cords

To graduate with honors, a senior must have a cumulative GPA of 3.67. Honor cords, if earned, are worn at both ceremonies and become the property of the student after Commencement.

- Seniors who are in a Campus Life Leadership role are honored by wearing a white cord.
- Seniors who have completed the Capstone Project are honored by wearing a gold cord.
- Seniors who have completed the Academy of Sciences are honored by wearing a royal blue cord.
- Seniors who have completed the Academy of Fine Arts are honored by wearing a sky blue cord.
- Seniors who have completed the Scholars and Saints are honored wearing a purple cord.
- Valedictorian/ Salutatorian are honored by wearing a red cord.

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION:

Caps, gowns and honor cords are all distributed Friday May 15th.

ANNOUNCEMENT DISTRIBUTION:

Graduation announcements will be distributed the week of April 27th.

SEATING/TICKET DISTRIBUTION:

All tickets for seating at the Baccalaureate Mass and for the Commencement Exercises will be distributed in early May.

SEATING/TICKETS

**Both the Baccalaureate Mass & Commencement Exercises
are ticketed ceremonies.**

You MUST HAVE a ticket to attend either of these functions.

- *Each graduating member of the class of 2020 is entitled to:
3 seats at Baccalaureate Mass
6 seats at the Commencement Exercises.*
- *(Additional seats for both events should be requested when you submit
ROUND TWO Form)*

Senior Sancta Terra

Sunday, May 3, Juan Diego Catholic High School Campus – 11:00AM - 5:00PM

The Sancta Terra is the seniors first official rite of passage into graduation. The day includes many activities but of special importance is the writing and sealing of their senior letters. This year we are including our parents in this rite of passage. More details will be coming but we'd ask that, if possible, you make yourselves available the afternoon and early evening 3:30pm.

Senior Farewell Mass and Presentation of Honors

Thursday, May 14th, Juan Diego Catholic High School Auditorium – 1:00pm

- The Juan Diego school community will celebrate the final school liturgy with the Class of 2020, and significant senior honors will be presented.
- Mass begins at 1:00pm (seating at 12:30pm) and all senior parents are invited to join us for this special liturgy and farewell to our seniors on their last day at JDCHS.

Honors presented include:

- Academic Excellence Honors
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian Finalists and Recipient
- Saint Joseph Award - Community Life
- Saint Francis of Assisi Award - Christian and Community Service
- Saint Katharine Drexel Award - Nurturing and supporting others
- Christ the Teacher Award - Faculty or Staff member
- Saint Christopher Award - School Spirit
- Amyntor Award - Care, Concern and Defense of others
- Juan Diego Boy and Girl Nominees

The Baccalaureate Mass

Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 7:00 PM, Cathedral of the Madeleine

Bishop Oscar A. Solis, Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Presiding

The tradition of the Baccalaureate Mass in the Diocese of Salt Lake City dates back decades.

Seniors return to the mother church of the Diocese to celebrate this most beautiful of liturgies. As all past seniors in the Diocese have done for decades, prior to entering the Cathedral, the seniors process down South Temple at 7:00pm sharp as the bells of the Cathedral announce to the community this beautiful tradition.

Honors presented include:

- The Saint Juan Diego Boy and Girl Recipients
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Award

Baccalaureate Seating

- **Tickets are required for admission** and are obtained by completing the 2020 Round 2 Senior Baccalaureate & Graduation Questionnaire.

Dress for the Baccalaureate Mass: All formal Juan Diego grooming standards apply to all graduation activities. Boys should wear dress pants (no shorts), shirts, ties and dress shoes (no sneakers).

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Baccalaureate Regalia - Gowns **MUST BE PRESSED** before Baccalaureate. Directions for pressing will be included in the cap and gown package. All elements must be worn for Commencement (i.e. cap, gown, stole, and cords if appropriate). Nothing may be added to the Juan Diego provided regalia, including flowers. For girls, appropriate jewelry may be worn, but must be beneath the gown and stole. Your Commencement stole will be given to you when you check in at the Pastoral Center after exiting the bus.

Timing and Transportation to and from the Baccalaureate Mass:

Seniors should arrive at JDCHS NO LATER than 4:15PM.

All seniors will be bused from JDCHS, leaving at 4:30PM, to the Cathedral for Baccalaureate Mass.

Church doors open for seating after 6:15pm.

Mass will run 1½ hours to 2 hours.

Bus transportation back to JDCHS will depart approximately 30 minutes following the end of Mass.

Seniors may leave the Cathedral with their parents or return to JDCHS by bus.

No gum, food or drinks are allowed in the Cathedral at any time.

Cell phones must be turned off or silenced.

Photography/Video

Photography and videography are prohibited during Mass; however, photographs may be taken from appropriate locations during the award portion of the evening.

Ample time and space are available for photographs AFTER mass either inside the Cathedral, on the Cathedral front steps or in the circular courtyard to the East of the Cathedral.

Commencement Exercises

Saturday, May 23, 2020-

8:30am Seating, 9:00am Graduate Procession to the Grotto,

10:00am Commencement procession and exercises. - Juan Diego Catholic High School Auditorium

Honors presented include:

- Saint Thomas Aquinas Award - Boy - Excellent Academic Record, Participation and Self Discipline
- Saint Teresa of Avila Award - Girl - Excellent Academic Record, Participation and Self Discipline
- Saint Sebastian Award - Exemplary Christian Athlete
- Saint Cecilia Award - Exemplary Christian Performing or Visual Arts

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Gammel Photography - Gammel will photograph each graduate in the grotto, as they receive their diploma and signing the book of graduates. You will receive proofs and be able to place orders approximately one week after Commencement.

Diploma - Seniors will turn in their gowns and JDCHS stoles in St. Joseph Commons and receive their actual diplomas following Commencement. At that time they are free to leave.

Senior Safe Night Grad Party - A fun night not to be missed! Hosted by our JD Parent Association. Detailed information about the Grad Night Party the evening of May 23 will be sent separately. One last chance fo JD Grads to be all together as a class.

*** Any questions regarding your student's academic status or participation should be directed to your counselor.*

*** Other questions regarding Commencement and/or Baccalaureate should be directed to the Director of Campus Life, Mr. Dave Brunetti davebrunetti@jdchs.org*