



**JUAN DIEGO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
2016 SENIOR RITES AND RITUALS
DEPARTMENT OF CAMPUS LIFE**

**CLASS OF 2016
IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

This packet contains information you will need for your student to fully participate in this year's Rites and Rituals for our seniors. The beauty and importance of the ceremonies are traditions we celebrate every year and hopefully will create memories that will last a lifetime.

We encourage participation in the Sancta Terra, Senior Dinner,
Senior Farewell Mass and awards.

All seniors are required to participate in the Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement.

~~KEY DATES~~

- FEBRUARY 11
 - senior questionnaire due from **ALL** seniors
- APRIL 24
 - Senior Sancta Terra Retreat and Senior Dinner
- APRIL 26
 - All community/Christian service hours logged
 - Payment in full for all graduation announcements
 - Announcements distributed
- APRIL 28
 - Celebrate Your Success event.
- MAY 2
 - College determination for printed programs deadline
 - Fees, Fines and Tuition must be paid.
- MAY 2 – 6
 - AP Exams
- MAY 9 – 13
 - AP Exams
- MAY 16-19
 - Final Exams
- MAY 20
 - Senior's last day of school
 - Senior Farewell Mass and Honors
 - Cap and gown distribution
- MAY 23
 - Baccalaureate Rehearsal 8am-3pm
- MAY 24
 - Baccalaureate Rehearsal 9am-12noon
 - Baccalaureate Mass – 7pm Cathedral
- MAY 25
 - Seniors not on Campus
- MAY 26
 - Commencement Rehearsal 9am – 2pm
- MAY 27
 - Commencement Rehearsal 9am – 2pm
- MAY 28
 - Commencement Exercises- 10am
 - Senior Graduation Night Party 9pm -2am
(Save The Date!)

~GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND 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 logged and verified by Tuesday, April 26. All hours from the Senior Service Project qualify. Any questions, see Mr. Brunetti, Dir. of Campus Life

FEES, FINES AND TUITION: All must be satisfied in full by May 2nd.

LIBRARY BOOKS: All library books returned and any library fines paid by Friday April 29th

FINAL EXAMS FOR SENIORS: Exams are scheduled the week of May 16-19.

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 are worn at both the Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement and become the property of the student.

CAMPUS LIFE LEADERSHIP CORDS: Seniors who have satisfactorily served in their Student Government, Peer Mentors and Ambassadors roles are recognized by wearing a white honor cord

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN CORD: The students honored as Valedictorian and Salutatorian wear a red cord as recognition of this achievement.

SEATING/TICKET DISTRIBUTION: All tickets for seating at the Baccalaureate Mass and for the Commencement Exercises will be distributed beginning Monday May 2nd.

ANNOUNCEMENT DISTRIBUTION: Graduation announcements will be distributed the week of April 26th.

CAP AND GOWN, HONOR CORD DISTRIBUTION: Caps, gowns and honor cords are all distributed immediately following the Senior Farewell Mass on Friday May 20.

**FOR ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RITES AND RITUALS PLEASE CONTACT
YOUR STUDENTS COUNSELOR OR MR. BRUNETTI.**

~THE RITES AND RITUALS~

DETAILS

The Senior Sancta Terra and Farewell Dinner

Sunday April 24 11am to 5pm

The Senior Sancta Terra unofficially begins the week prior, with the seniors beginning to prepare their thoughts to write their Senior Letters. The Sancta Terra day itself offers the class a time for reflection, sharing memories with each other and faculty, and celebrating with food and music. The day ends with the Senior Farewell Dinner where the class has an opportunity for more reflection, fun and reminiscing.

Parents are invited to join us on Campus on Sunday evening at 6:00pm, after the class has left for dinner. We invite you to join us for a prayer service on the Labyrinth, and an opportunity for you to participate in completing the ritual your sons and daughters have just experienced.

There is no additional fees or expense to you for the Sancta Terra or the Senior Dinner.

The Senior Farewell Mass and Honors Presentation

Friday, May 20 10am

The Senior Farewell Mass is the school's opportunity to bid farewell to our graduating class. The Mass, planned by the seniors is looked forward to each year. It is the last time the seniors will gather in prayer with the entire student body. Several key honors are given at the end of the Mass. All parents are encouraged and invited to attend. Extended family members and individuals of influence in your son's or daughter's lives are also encouraged to attend.

The Baccalaureate Mass

Tuesday, May 24th - 7pm
The Cathedral of the Madeleine

The Baccalaureate Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine is a tradition in the Salt Lake Diocese going back decades. Having our graduates enter the Mother Church of the Diocese, is symbolic of the Diocese and the Bishop's commitment to their education. Many of our parents and alumni hold this event as the most sacred and memorable of our Rites and Rituals.

REHEARSALS:

- Attendance at all rehearsals for Baccalaureate is mandatory for all seniors.
- All seniors ride the JD bus to and from the Cathedral for rehearsal on Monday, May 23rd and Tuesday May 24th.
- **NO** private cars are taken to the Cathedral for rehearsals.
- Rehearsals should be completed by approximately 1pm each day.
- Seniors check-in no later than 8:30am on Mon. May 23 and Tues May 24th -
- Regular school uniform is worn – no shorts are allowed.
- Attendance is taken.
- Cell phone calls and texting inside the Cathedral is not respectful to the space under any circumstances.

THE BACCALAUREATE MASS

- Attendance at the Baccalaureate Mass is mandatory for all seniors.
- All seniors check in at JDCHS by 4:45pm
- **All seniors** ride the JD bus **TO** the Cathedral for Mass but may leave with parents after Mass is over.
- **The bus returning to JD will leave approximately 30 minutes after Mass ends.**
- **Seniors, for the Mass itself, take NO private cars to the Cathedral.**
- The Mass should be completed by approximately 9pm.
- Photos are customarily taken in the Cathedral Plaza afterwards.
- **Dress:** All JDCHS grooming standards apply: **Boys** should wear long pants, dress shirt, tie and dress shoes. (Sneakers and Tennis shoes are not appropriate.) **Girls** wear dresses or skirts (no spaghetti straps, strapless or evening gowns), Dress shoes, **NO** flip-flops. Dresses should not be longer than the graduation gown.
- Graduation gowns **MUST BE PRESSED** before Baccalaureate. Directions for pressing are included with the gown.
- All elements must be worn: Cap, tassel, gown, stole and honor cords if appropriate.
- We do not allow anything to be added to the JDCHS Commencement regalia including flowers.
- Cell phone calls and texting inside the Cathedral is not respectful to the space under any circumstances

SEATING AT MASS

- **ALL attending the Mass must have a ticket to enter.**
- *Doors to the Cathedral open at approximately 6:15pm*
- *Seating is first come, first served.*
- *We ask that you do not save seats. We strongly advise that all members of your party are present when the Cathedral doors open.*

The Commencement Exercises

Saturday, May 28th - 2016

Graduates Procession to the Grotto 9am

Signing the Book of Graduates 9:30am

Entrance into the Auditorium 10am

The Commencement Exercises, held on campus, includes the graduate's procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Signing of the Book of Graduates and the Conferral of Diplomas. Each part of the exercises is part of our tradition on Campus. We strongly embrace the sacredness of this rite while also honoring the celebration.

REHEARSALS:

- *Attendance at all rehearsals for Commencement is mandatory for all seniors.*
- *Report to the Great Hall by 8:30am on Thursday, May 26th and Friday May 27th.*
- *Rehearsals should be completed by approximately 1pm each day.*
- *Regular school uniform is worn – no shorts are allowed.*
- *Attendance is taken.*
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THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

- *Attendance at Commencement is mandatory for all seniors.*
- *All seniors check-in to the Commons at 8am the morning of Commencement*
- *The Commencement exercises should be completed by approximately 11:30am.*
- *Photos are customarily taken in the Great Hall, the Chapel, the Grotto and outside on the plaza.*
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SEATING AT COMMENCEMENT

- **ALL attending Commencement must have a ticket to enter.**
- *Doors to both the Auditorium and to the gym open at approximately 8:30AM*
- *Seating is first come, first served.*
- *We ask that you do not save seats. We strongly advise that all members of your party are present when the doors open.*

SEATING/TICKETS

- *Both the Baccalaureate Mass and the Commencement Exercises are ticketed ceremonies.*
- ***You must have a ticket to attend either of these functions.***
- *Each graduating member of the class of 2016 is entitled to:*
- ***2 seats at Baccalaureate Mass and 6 seats at the Commencement Exercises.***
- *Additional seats for both events should be requested when you submit you Rites and Rituals form. Please contact Mr. Brunetti with any questions.*

NOTE: ALL requests for additional seats at the Commencement Exercises will be honored in either the auditorium or the secondary seating area in the gym.

BE PREPARED FOR THE QUESTIONNAIRE

We recommend that you use this worksheet to answer these questions before you begin to fill out your on-line form.

Current mail AND email address

Cap and Gown Measurement: Height and Weight

Your student's name for diploma and printed material

Seating requests for Baccalaureate and for Commencement

Example: 2 for Baccalaureate and 6 in the auditorium for Commencement

Announcement Packets (Each Packet - 10 announcements - \$30.00)