

CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION AND SENIOR RELATED FAQ

Who may attend Marian Day, Senior Awards Assembly, Baccalaureate and Graduation?

All are welcome to attend. No tickets are necessary.

Do seniors need to order caps and gowns themselves and when will they be worn?

NO. At the beginning of the school year, a sheet was passed around to obtain seniors' height and shirt size. Heelan has ordered caps and gowns for graduates. Seniors should wear their caps and gowns for Marian Day, Baccalaureate and Graduation.

How much are graduation fees, what do the fees cover, who will be collecting them and when are they due? The \$95 graduation fee covers the Orpheum rental, caps, gowns, diplomas and covers, programs and flowers. These fees, along with all other fees and fines, (fees for English Honors and Calculus, transcript fees, and all other fines, etc.) must be paid by Wednesday, May 5; please bring a check to Mrs. Staiert in the main office. Checks should be made out to Heelan.

How will I know how much I owe for the above-mentioned items?

After third quarter (Friday, March 18) a notification will be sent to senior parents/guardians by mail and/or email regarding how much is owed before caps and gowns will be distributed. This will include who qualifies for honor and/or silver cords and the required refundable deposit for the cords (\$10 for each of them).

When will seniors receive their caps and gowns?

Seniors will receive their cap and gown during Crusader Time on **Thursday, May 6**, after all graduation fees (\$95), deposits for honor and/or silver cords (see additional info below), transcript fees, fees for Calculus and/or English Honors, and other fines, are paid.

Will I be required to buy my Honor Cords and/or Silver Cords and if so, how much are they?

Buying Honor Cords and/or Silver Cords is optional. Students are required to pay a deposit of \$10.00 for each cord but will have the option of getting a refund from Mrs. Pluim in the School Counseling (Guidance) Office the week after graduation (**May 24-27, 2021**).

When and where will I receive my Silver Cord for service hours?

Students who have completed 60 service hours cumulatively during their freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior years (or 15 hours per year that the student attended Heelan), AND who have submitted paperwork to their homeroom teachers by Friday, March 18, 2021 (end of third quarter) will receive a Silver Cord at the Senior Awards Assembly.

Who will receive Honor Cords?

Seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.75 OR have been on the honor roll (Silver 3.25/Gold 3.75) each of the first 15 quarters they are enrolled in high school. In addition, any student wishing to graduate with Honor Graduate status must have taken a minimum of one (1) honors level course in their four years at Bishop Heelan. Students who qualify will receive a letter notifying them in the mail after third quarter.

Where and when will students be presented with Honor Cords?

Honor cords will be presented at Baccalaureate after Mass; honor cords should be worn to graduation.

Who will receive Red Cords (Donors of Distinction cords)?

Seniors who attempt to donate blood three times by May 1, 2021 will be awarded red cords that will be worn at Baccalaureate and Graduation.

Where and when will I receive my red cords and is there a charge for red cords?

Red cords will be presented during the Senior Awards Assembly. LifeServe Blood Center provides red cords to eligible students free of charge.

What should students wear to Marian Day, Baccalaureate, and Graduation?

Please see "Dress Code".

When and what is Marian Day?

Marian Day will tentatively take place on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, is a long-standing tradition here at Bishop Heelan and continues the traditional practice of Marian devotions during the month of May. This assembly unites the entire student body and presents the seniors for the first time in their caps and gowns. At this prayer service, the Bishop Heelan community participates in a traditional May crowning ceremony and afterwards, the seniors will enjoy a breakfast after Marian Day.

The day is a "dress up day" for the seniors. The seniors must dress appropriately considering that they will return to their classes following the breakfast (see dress code).

What time does Marian Day begin, how long does it last and where will it be held?

Marian Day will begin at 8:30 am, will last approximately one hour and will be in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

What time does the Senior Awards Ceremony start, how long will it last, and where will it be held?

Senior Awards Ceremony will start at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, May 18. It will last approximately one and one-half hours in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

What time does Baccalaureate start, where will it be held and what time should seniors arrive?

Baccalaureate will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at St. Michael's on Indian Hills Drive at 7:00 pm. Seniors should be there by 6:30 pm in caps and gowns and wear any cords they received at the Senior Awards Assembly.

What should students wear to Senior Awards Assembly?

Seniors follow the usual Heelan dress code for bottoms and a t-shirt from the community college/college/military branch they will be attending/joining or wear a regular uniform top for the Senior Awards Assembly.

When and where will graduation be held and when will I receive my diploma?

Graduation will be held at the Orpheum on Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 pm (students should arrive by 1:00 pm). During the graduation ceremony, seniors who have passed all required courses to graduate will be given a diploma cover. After the ceremony, seniors will go directly outside the Orpheum in order to receive their actual diploma from their homeroom teacher. **Pierce Street will be blocked off between 5th and 6th streets.**

What are intent forms? Why do you want these forms and information on scholarships I have received? At the end of the school year, you will receive an intent form asking for information on where you plan to attend college and information on all scholarships you will be receiving. This information is needed so that a final transcript can be sent to that school and so that the information can be printed in the paper. **Scholarship information is needed on ALL SCHOLARSHIPS YOU RECEIVE INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS YOU RECEIVE FROM A SCHOOL YOU ARE NOT GOING TO ATTEND.** This information is needed for the graduation booklet and the newspaper. Heelan does not receive this information from colleges and organizations; you need to provide it to us.

What is Senior Signing Day? Senior Signing Day is a tradition that was started a few years ago where seniors sign a banner indicating which community college or college they will attend or military branch they will be joining.

Will I be able to take photos at the graduation ceremony? In the interest of keeping with the dignity of the occasion, a single photographer has been obtained to take one good picture of the graduate receiving the diploma. At graduation practice, graduates will be able to arrange for this. Guests are requested not to take flash photos and not to be moving around near the graduates on the stage during the conferring of diplomas.

Will I be able to purchase a DVD? Yes. Information will be sent out as we get closer to graduation.