

Join Us as We Celebrate the BDHS

Class of 2023



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

April 28 | 3:00 pm | *Baccalaureate Dinner Reservations Due*

Baccalaureate dinner reservations are due this day. Due to seating capacity, we respectfully ask that each student brings only two guests. An email with a jotform was sent for you to fill out and pay online. If you missed that email, the link may be found here: <https://form.jotform.com/230865371078158>



May 13 | 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm | *Prom "Garden Glamour"*

The Orchid Pavilion, 11508 Lincoln Highway East., New Haven, IN 46774

May 22 - 24 | *Semester II Final Exams*

Monday - Periods 1-3

Tuesday - Periods 4 & 5

Wednesday - Periods 6 & 7

May 24 | 5:30 pm | *Baccalaureate Mass*

Celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1105 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Graduates must wear their gown to Mass, no caps.

May 24 | 7:00 pm | *Senior Honor Night*

Grand Wayne Center, 120 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

May 26 | 9:00 am | *Mandatory Graduation Practice*

The Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

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

May 26 | 6:30 pm | *Commencement*

The Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46802

5:30 pm - Graduates line up, Ballroom A at the Grand Wayne Center

6:00 pm - Senior Video

6:30 pm - Procession and Ceremony begin

July 20 | 7:00 pm | *Class of 2023 Send-Off*

The Class of 2023 is invited to one last gathering with their fellow graduates before they go their separate ways! Join us Thursday, July 20, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the BD parking lot near the Main Entrance. Yearbooks will be available for the Class of 2023 to pick up that night as they enjoy a treat from Kona Ice Food Truck!

THINGS TO NOTE

Commencement

Ticketing

Six tickets are randomly assigned to each student's family. If you do not need all six tickets, please return extra tickets to the main office or Mrs. Ray. On May 8, the Embassy Theatre Box Office will release any surplus tickets. They are available, two tickets, per student, per day. If you would like extra tickets, call the Box Office at 260-424-5665.

Accessibility

We are pleased to provide reserved seating for family members and guests who have wheelchair-accessible or disability seating needs. Accessibility was determined via a link in March. If there is an unforeseen issue, please contact the Embassy Box Office, 260-424-5665, to see if they can accommodate.

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 to the steps of the Cathedral for pictures and to reconvene with families. If weather does not permit, the graduates will return to the Grand Wayne Center.

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 or athletic shoes. (*More details to follow via the Senior Class Canvas page*)

Baccalaureate Mass and Senior Honor Night

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

Gentlemen: Suits or sport coats and tie.

Graduation

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

Ladies: Skirts, dresses, dark 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!