



## ST. MONICA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# St. Monica Catholic High School Senior Graduation Schedule & Information

It has reached the time of year where we prepare for exciting and memorable events; we are thrilled about the upcoming graduation of the Class of 2019! This is a time for sharing memories and joys with family and for coming together. We have worked for years with your students and with you the families that support them. We are eager to share these final events together as a community. Below you will find information on the events, important dates, attire, opportunities to ask questions in person at St. Monica to Admin and/or Class Moderator, and frequently asked questions.

### **Important Contact Information for Photos and Memorabilia**

CFP Studio	310-821-7500	Samantha/Justine
Jostens: Kirk Mayer	818-642-2699	kirk.mayer@jostens.com

### **Graduation Ceremony and Parking Information**

Tickets

Number of tickets for Baccalaureate Mass:	<b><u>8</u></b>
Number of tickets for graduation at SMCHS:	<b><u>10</u></b>
Number of tickets for parking at graduation:	<b><u>2</u></b>

Location of Graduation and Parking:

Parking is available at the Caruso Community Center garage at St. Monica, and other locations to be announced. Each family is guaranteed 2 parking spaces, 1 of them in Caruso. The parking fees have already been calculated into the senior fees; you need only present tickets provided to enter the structures.

### **Graduation Fees**

2019 Graduation Fees (this includes Grad Nite) **\$400**

This will be billed to families as part of May statement



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### Important Dates

- May 1 (Wed) College Acceptance. In order to receive graduation tickets, students must submit proof of college application results from all schools listed on the student's Naviance account. Students may submit copies of the letter, email or a screenshot of the portal (make sure student's name is on it) to: Ms. Girbal and/or Mr. Mayer.
- May 3 (Fri) Prom 7:00-11:00PM. Location to be announced. All fees must be paid in full to attend. This is the Spirit Tally Day Off. If the Seniors do not win, they must attend *a minimum of two full periods in order to participate in co-curricular activities that day or evening* (this is stated in the 2018-19 SMCHS Student-Parent Handbook)
- May 15 (Wed) Baccalaureate Mass Rehearsal 2:30-4:30PM. Students need to meet on the yard. Ladies, please bring the shoes you plan to wear for Graduation.
- May 16 (Thurs) Senior Farewell Assembly Rehearsal 2:30-4:30PM. Students will meet on the yard again.



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- May 17 (Fri)      Senior Day or Prayer 9:00-12:30PM. Meet in the Grand Pavilion in **Graduation Attire**. You may want to bring more comfortable shoes to wear throughout the morning, but bring the appropriate shoes to wear for events after lunch. Lunch will be provided. After lunch you will change into your **Cap and Gown**.
- Senior Class Photo. On the Church Steps. This will occur after lunch. You will be in your **Cap and Gown**
- Senior Farewell & Awards Assembly 1:15PM. This will occur after the Class Photo you will be in your **Cap and Gown** and process into the Gym. Parents are invited to attend; email sent out April 2, 2019 with information and RSVP.
- May 19 (Sun)      Baccalaureate Mass 2:00PM (graduates assemble in Gym at 1:15PM; church doors open for general seating after 1:15PM). **Graduation Attire & Cap and Gown.** Light Refreshments will follow the Mass.
- May 21 (Tue)      Senior Finals. Periods 5 and 6
- May 22 (Wed)      Senior Finals. Periods 3 and 4
- Senior Locker Check Out (after Period 4; need verification from Deans to take exams next day)



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May 23 (Thurs) Senior Finals. Period 2 and 1

Laptop Return. Return laptops **before** Period 2 Final. More information will be provided at later date.

Graduation Practice 2:00PM. Lunch will be provided after Period 1 Final. Students are to stay around campus.

May 24 (Fri) Graduation 6:30PM at SMCHS (Hilton Schoolyard) (Seniors assemble at 5:30pm in the Gym). **Graduation Attire** with **Cap and Gown**. Reception and photo opportunities in Grand Pavilion & Caruso Patio will follow ceremony.

May 29 (Wed) Grad Nite 11:30AM-12:00AM. Students are to arrive to SMCHS by 11:30AM to board the bus, departing by 12:00PM for Disneyland. The bus will return to SMCHS at 12:00AM. [Disneyland's Guidelines](#) (use the link to read them in full). Disneyland does have some restrictions for Grad Nite. Please read the information located on page 6 in this document. When students arrive on campus, please note, school will be in session. Seniors are to meet in front of the church for bus pickup. Seniors are NOT to walk on campus.

### **Attendance at Graduation Events**

Students are expected to make arrangements with employers and all other commitments in order to be present for the entire rehearsal/event Those who do not attend required events may be excluded from graduation ceremonies



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### **Graduation Attire**

The following events require specific graduation attire as described below:  
Senior Day of Prayer/Farewell Assembly, Baccalaureate Mass, and Graduation.

Ladies:

- Dresses in a light color and length that will not show beneath the gown (mid-calf). Avoid dark colors. Gowns are gold in color.
- Light color dress shoes with a modest heel. Please bring graduation shoes to Baccalaureate Rehearsal.
- No extreme heels or platforms are allowed; we recommend heels be less than 4 inches.
- (white collar provided with gown, but will not be worn)

Gentlemen:

- Dark-colored (i.e., black, navy, gray, or brown) dress slacks (no jeans/denim of any kind). Gowns are dark green in color.
- White shirt and dark-colored tie.
- Black or brown dress shoes (no tennis shoes, boots, or sandals are allowed).
- Black or brown belt.

### **Prom Attire**

Formal Attire, outlined on page 21 in the SMCHS 2018-19 Handbook:

Gentlemen are required to wear proper fitting suits with ties (unless a mandarin collar is worn). Tuxedos are also an option for formal dances.

Ladies' dresses must not be excessively tight and must be comfortable for dancing and sitting. The dress/skirt length (including slits) must not exceed 2 inches above the knee. Dress bodices must appropriately cover the chest (no excessive cleavage), back (mid-back), and midriff (no cutout, transparent, mesh midriffs).

Dress shoes are required at all times for both gentlemen and ladies. As a safety precaution, heels must be moderate. Anyone (including non-SMCHS guests) not in compliance with apparel or behavioral guidelines will be sent home and no refund will be given.

\*\*Please note that all hair and grooming guidelines outlined on page 20 in the SMCHS 2018-19 Handbook will be enforced.



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### **Disneyland Dress Code/Restrictions**

“We recommend all students and chaperones attending Grad Nite dress in comfortable casual attire and wear good walking shoes.

It is also recommended schools check the local weather report prior to arriving in Anaheim to determine if a sweatshirt or jacket will be needed during their visit.”

The following is inappropriate in the theme parks (and which may result in refusal of admittance or ejection):

- Costumes or Masks
- Clothing with objectionable material, including obscene language or graphics
- Excessively torn clothing or loose fitting clothing which may drag on the ground and create a potential trip hazard
- Clothing which, by nature, exposes excessive portions of the skin that may be viewed as inappropriate for a family environment
- Clothing with multiple layers are subject to search upon entry
- Visible tattoos that could be considered inappropriate, such as those containing objectionable language or designs
- Bare feet

### **Q&A&C at St. Monica**

Below you will find some Frequently Asked Questions. If you still have questions, you are welcome to attend a Question and Answer and Coffee session at St. Monica Catholic High School. Attendance is not mandatory, but you are welcome to attend and ask questions about the many events and activities coming up. We will be here at these times, so stop in when you can to ask questions, get some coffee, share your excitement for your soon-to-be-graduate.

Friday, March 22, 8:00-9:45AM in the Learning Commons. Coffee provided.

Monday, April 1, 12:00-1:00PM in the Learning Commons. Coffee provided.

There is no need to RSVP, but if you need to contact someone about any items, please email: Mr. Anthony Raschilla, [araschilla@stmonicafaculty.net](mailto:araschilla@stmonicafaculty.net)



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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Are the graduation events mandatory?

A: Yes, all graduation events (rehearsals, portraits, assemblies, etc.) are entirely mandatory.

Q: What happens if my son/daughter misses an event?

A: Your son/daughter may be excluded from graduation activities at the discretion of the school administration.

Q: What do my Graduation Fees include?

A: Graduation Fees cover the expenses necessary to present a quality graduation ceremony including the diplomas, graduation gowns, awards equipment rentals, class portraits, luncheons, busses and Grad Nite tickets your son/daughter will enjoy as a graduating senior.

Q: What is my son/daughter is not attending Grad Nite? How does that impact Graduation Fees?

A: Once Seniors have turned in their permission slips to the Deans (in mid-March), the Deans will know which students are not attending Grad Nite. They will submit a list of those students to the Finance Office. The Finance Office will then adjust the accounts for their Graduation Fees.

Q: How many tickets does each student get to the Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation?

A: Each student gets 8 tickets to the Baccalaureate Mass and 10 to Graduation.

Q: When do we get our caps and gowns?

A: Seniors will receive their caps and gowns in May, before Senior Day of Prayer so there will be time to iron the gowns. If there are any problems with the caps and gowns, please see Mr. Raschilla and Ms. Hansen immediately.

Q: When do we get our Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation tickets?

A: Following the Rehearsal on Thursday, May 16, students will receive both groups of tickets if they have submitted all of their college acceptance/waitlist/denial letters to Mr. Mayer and Ms. Girbal.



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Q: Am I allowed to save seats during the graduation?

A: No. There will be no saving of seats allowed. All seats are considered open until physically occupied.

Q: Where can I get more information on Grad Nite?

A: Please see Ms. Janson or Mr. Broussard.

Q: Where will copies of this page be or updates?

A: You may find copies of the materials on the senior class Schoology page and the weekly School Messenger.