



Class of 2018 Senior Bulletin

Tuesday, May 1

All tuition and fees must be paid by May 1, 2018, in order to receive graduation cap and gown and to be able to participate in Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation.

Monday, May 7

ACADEMIC AWARDS—8:00 a.m in the Main Gym

Academic Awards will at 8 a.m. in the Main Gym. This year, all academic letters and pins (i.e. Honor Roll students) will receive their letters and/or pins in their homerooms before the ceremony. During the ceremony, all students who received the letters and pins will be asked to stand as a group to be recognized. Individual names will not be read. Parents of students who will be receiving awards other than Honor Roll will receive an invitation through the mail within the next two weeks. All community-based scholarships and departmental awards for seniors will be awarded at this time also.

Tickets: Graduation tickets will be available for pick up at Academic Awards. Tickets not picked up on May 7 will be sent home after Graduation practice on May 18. Lost tickets cannot be replaced. Each family will receive *two green tickets* for the parent seating area on the field and *up to eight gold tickets* for the center three sections of the stadium seating. *Additional tickets requested will be white tickets.* White ticket seating will be in the two sections at each end of the stadium seats.

Friday, May 11

- Senior Exam Exemption notification by teacher.
- Seniors are exempt with a 92.5% not rounded and unweighted average.

Tuesday, May 15

Seniors last day of classes, and seniors will see all of their teachers that day. Textbooks should be returned to classroom teachers at the conclusion of the last class meeting if the student is not taking an exam for that class. If taking an exam, the student should return the book at the exam.

Wednesday, May 16 & Thursday, May 17

EXAMS

Students taking exams should report to their classroom at the appointed time. Students are not required to be here until the period of their first exam and may leave after their last exam for that day. If students have a class period between exams, they must sit in the Café and Student Union for quiet study. Do not miss or be late for an exam! Being late may result in penalties and missing an exam will be a zero. **Senior exams will be given during block day class periods.** Once students have completed their exams, they are to leave the building and the parking lot **quietly**. *Please help with this and try to remember that underclassmen are still in classes. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.*

Locker Clean-out: Students are responsible for cleaning out their lockers by 1:00 p.m., May 17, 2018. All signs, tape etc. must be removed along with all personal belongings.

All the following events are mandatory for members of the Class of 2018.

Friday, May 18

GRADUATION REHEARSAL – 9:00 a.m. at McNicholas

Seniors will assemble at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Gym. Girls need to bring the shoes they will be wearing to Mass and Graduation to practice walking. The senior video will be shown in the gym.

Senior Failures: This is the date teachers will notify parents and students of any failures for the year, or in the case of religion class, for the semester.

Sunday, May 20

BACCALAUREATE MASS -- 4 p.m. at Guardian Angels

Students need to arrive no later than 3:15 p.m. and report to the Café and Student Union with their caps and gowns for the Baccalaureate Mass. Graduates will process from the Main Gym lobby to church in the same order that they will walk in graduation. The Baccalaureate Mass will conclude about 5:15-5:30 p.m. As in the past, McNicholas asks that only parents and immediate family attend the Baccalaureate Mass because of the limited space at Guardian Angels.

TRANSITION –5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Graduates—The Class of 2018 will process out of Guardian Angels and on to the McNicholas campus where they will have their class photo taken, rest, and enjoy some light refreshments in the Auxiliary Gym.

Graduation Guests—The gates will open at 5:30 p.m. for seating in Penn Station Stadium for the Graduation. Graduates will be seated on the field and receive their diplomas as they process across a stage set up for the ceremony. Parents only will be seated on the track. Handicapped accessible seats will be along the track and at the foot of the stands. All other guests will be in the stands.

Light refreshments and water will be available on the Penn Station Plaza. Guests will not be permitted to “tailgate” in the parking lot between Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation. Guests should be seated by 6:15 p.m. The Class of 2018 will process into Penn Station Stadium to the bagpipes before the traditional music begins.

GRADUATION—6:30 p.m. at Archbishop McNicholas High School, Penn Station Stadium

The Archbishop McNicholas Graduation is a formal ceremony. To preserve the dignity of the occasion and to proceed at an appropriate pace, any and all applause will be cued from the podium. All guests at the Graduation are required to maintain a respectful silence throughout the ceremony. Any guest who disrupts the ceremony will be asked to leave. The ceremony will be live-streamed in the McNicholas Café and Student Union for guests who choose not to be in the stadium. Thank you for your cooperation.

RECEPTION—following Graduation in the Courtyard

Please celebrate the Class of 2018 with a reception and light refreshments in the Courtyard hosted by the Alumni Association. The reception following graduation in the Courtyard will be a great opportunity to take photos. Graduates can wear their gowns for the photos and then return them to the library where they will receive their diplomas.

Please remember that both McNicholas High School and Guardian Angels are non-smoking campuses.

Proper attire

Young Women: Light colored or white dress or blouse and skirt, and dress shoes or sandals are to be worn under your graduation gown. Dresses should not hang below the gown. Flip-flops or soccer sandals are NOT appropriate. Please consider the terrain and duration of day when selecting shoes. Girls will not be permitted to remove shoes during processions, Mass, or graduation.

Young Men: Clean shaven and no earrings. Dress slacks, dress shirt, tie, dark socks and dress shoes are to be worn under your graduation gown.

Parking

Parking for family and guests of McNicholas graduates will be available in the following locations:

- McNicholas Upper Parking Lot (*Enter at normal point off Beechmont Avenue*)
- Guardian Angels Parking Lots (*Enter in the lower eastern lot and park in that lot or lot behind church; exit via Brachmann Avenue*)
- Designated portions of the Mt. Washington Presbyterian Lot when the McNicholas Upper Lot is full (*Enter at normal point off Beechmont Avenue and watch for direction to the Mt. Washington Presbyterian lot*)
- Penn Station/Paradise Lot—primarily for guests who need special assistance and requested special parking by the March 23 deadline (*Enter at normal point off Beechmont Avenue and proceed to the Paradise lot*)

Shuttle: McNicholas will run a shuttle between Guardian Angels and Penn Station Stadium after the Baccalaureate Mass until 6:15 p.m. for those who require assistance.

- **Paradise Lane will remain an Exit Only throughout the day.**
- **Cars should not be moved between Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation.**
- **Graduates should ride to Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation with family when possible.**
- **Please follow the directions of Cincinnati Police Department officers and the designated parking volunteers while on campus.**

Rain Plan

The rain location for graduation will be the Main Gym. McNicholas will utilize the One Call emergency system to alert all families of a venue change via text, phone call, and email. In the event of a change to the Main Gym, parents (green tickets) will be seated in chairs on the gym floor, gold ticket holders will be in the bleachers, and white ticket holders will be in the Café where the ceremony will be live-streamed.