

2024 Graduation Week Schedule



Tuesday, May 28 – Music/Speaking Part Rehearsal Only

- 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Rehearsal in sanctuary
Specific times will be assigned closer to the day of

Wednesday, May 29 – Entire Class Rehearsal

- 10:00 a.m. - Rehearsal in LW's sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. – Graduation attire handed out
(caps, gowns, tassels, cords, and stoles)
- Once finished, seniors will be released for the rest of the day.
Please note, lunch will **not** be provided.

Thursday, May 30 – Dress Rehearsal for Entire Class

Bring cap and gown, ladies bring shoes to be worn Friday night

- 9:30 a.m. – Report to sanctuary for Cap and Gown Parade with Kindergarteners
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Seniors and Kindergarteners in their caps and gowns walk through the covered walkway and end in the sanctuary for group photo.
- 10:30 a.m. – Rehearsal in sanctuary
- Once finished, seniors will be released for the rest of the day.
Please note, lunch will **not** be provided.

Friday, May 31 - Graduation Day

Seniors are expected to arrive **ready to go** with their cap, gown, tassel, and cords/stoles. Please pack supplies needed for the evening (makeup for touch ups, dental floss for after meal, comfortable shoes to change into, etc.).

- 2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – Professional photos (individual and group) in MCA's Gym
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Senior dinner with class & MCA staff (compliments of MCA) in MCA's cafeteria
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Open; opportunity for family/group photos on campus
- **After 5:30 p.m., the seniors will be unavailable for pictures until after the ceremony**
- 5:30 p.m. - Graduates meet for prayer in gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. - Commencement Ceremony

Following Ceremony:

- In order to receive their physical diploma, all graduates must check out prior to departing for the evening.
- Check-out location will be communicated closer to graduation week.
- Check-out process:
 - turn in gown and NHS stole
 - signed acknowledgement that a physical diploma was received
 - graduates keep their cap, tassel, cords, Val/Sal stoles, and flowers
 - pack belongings and clean-up dressing room spaces

*Note: All seniors should clear their work schedules to attend **all** required rehearsals. Seniors will not be permitted to leave rehearsals early or skip rehearsals due to their work schedule, doctor's appointments, hair appointments, etc. See Graduation Expectations on the following page. Please plan wisely!

Graduation Expectations

Seniors are expected to attend and be on time to all graduation practices. Maranatha's commencement ceremony is unlike any other, and we need all hands-on deck to make this event run as smooth as possible. Being late to (or missing) practices leads to unnecessary errors. The following rules are being put in place to make sure everyone realizes the seriousness of the event, attends all rehearsals, is attentive, and demonstrates good behavior at each rehearsal:

1. On-time attendance is mandatory for all students.
 - a. Every 5 minutes missed = 1 service hour to be served at the discretion of administration.
 - b. Missing an entire practice = Students will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
2. Student behavior at practice needs to be professional.
 - a. Continued misbehavior may result in additional service hours.
 - b. Continued misbehavior may result in removal from the graduation ceremony.
3. All assigned service hours need to be completed on assigned days.
 - a. Diploma's will not be given to students who have not served their assigned service hours.
 - b. Conflicts with assigned days should be discussed with administration prior to the assigned day.