

Class of 2026,

We are excited to celebrate graduation with you in just a few short days. In order to make this experience as special and memorable as possible for you and your families, we want to make you aware of all procedures and policies regarding the Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation Ceremony.

Thursday, May 14 at 11:00 a.m. - Cap & Gown Pick-up

Graduates should report to the main gym after the last final exam in the morning. Please enter by the boys' locker room and exit by the cafeteria side of the gym.

- Caps and gowns cannot be picked up early.
- If you are having problems with your cap and gown (sizing/fit), stop in the main office on Friday, May 15th.

Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. - Baccalaureate Mass - Church of the Immaculate Conception (2300 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton)

Attendance for Mass is MANDATORY - any graduate not attending Baccalaureate Mass will NOT walk during the graduation ceremony.

- Graduates' immediate family is strongly encouraged to attend Baccalaureate Mass. There is limited seating for Mass. Please keep the guest list to 8 family members. If you need to increase that number, please reach out to Mr. Sableski at msableski@carrollhs.org by May 15th regarding the need for additional seating at Mass.

- Gowns, NOT caps, are worn at Baccalaureate Mass.
- Graduates must report by 6:30 p.m. to their Family Room teacher in the church basement. Graduates will be lined up for procession after attendance.
- We encourage full participation at Mass in celebration of our graduates.
- Dress Code:
 - Boys: MUST wear a shirt, tie, and dress pants. No jeans or shorts. Socks and dress shoes are required. No athletic-style shoes of any kind. *(You must also be clean-shaven and have hair off the collar per handbook policy.)*
 - Girls: Wear a dress, dress pants, or skirt and shirt with appropriate shoes. No athletic-style shoes of any kind.

Friday, May 22 at 8:00 a.m. - Senior Awards Ceremony at Carroll

All graduates must be in the gym by 8:00 a.m. – Attendance is mandatory.

- 4-6 family members may attend the Assembly
- The Ceremony is followed by breakfast in the cafeteria for graduates only.
- Dress Code:
 - Do NOT wear your cap and gown to the Senior Awards Ceremony.
 - Boys: MUST wear dress slacks, a collared shirt, and dress shoes. Ties are optional for this event. No athletic-style shoes of any kind. No jeans or shorts. You must be clean-shaven and have hair off the collar per handbook policy.
 - Girls: A dress, dress pants, or skirt. No revealing tops. No bare midriffs. No shorts or jeans! No athletic-style shoes of any kind. Skirts and dresses must be no shorter than 4" above the knee. Be mindful of the shoes worn. Take note of heel height, you will be walking up and down stairs for both awards and graduation.

Friday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. - Graduation Rehearsal in the main gym after the Senior Breakfast (Graduates Only)

- Attendance is mandatory.
- Take assigned seats on the floor for practice as soon as you arrive. (Seating assignment forthcoming). Mr. Ramsey, Ms. Kilby, and Mr. Sableski will assist you.
- Do not change places. This is the name order you will be called at graduation.
- Note your ROW and NUMBER. Also, familiarize yourself with the person who is next to you on both sides.
- Do NOT wear your cap and gown to rehearsal.

Friday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. - Graduation at Trent Arena (3301 Shroyer Rd., Kettering)

You may park in any of the areas by the school, however, please be sure NOT to park in spaces reserved for the Fitness/Wellness Center – Thank You!

- All graduates must report by 6:30 p.m.
 - **Graduates who have parts in graduation should arrive at 5:30 p.m. to practice those parts.**
- Graduates will assemble in the assigned Athletic Center Gym of Fairmont High School and check-in.

- Graduates will be presented with the cover for their diplomas during the graduation ceremony and will receive their diplomas after the ceremony.
- Graduates will wear their caps and gowns to graduation.
 - Dress Code under the gown is the same as at Baccalaureate (see above).
- Wear the tassel on the right side of the cap. After conference of diplomas, Mr. Sableski will signal you to turn your tassel to the left side of the cap.
- After the recessional, graduates will immediately return to their assigned staging area. Captains must return their stole and will receive a cord. Graduates will receive their diplomas at that time. Graduates keep their caps and gowns.
- Seating for graduation is unlimited. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be limited handicapped seating. Trent Arena is wheelchair accessible, and there is an elevator. Wheelchair seating is on the track level of the arena.

Other Important Information

- Easterling Studios will take individual pictures of students as they receive their diplomas. Proofs will be mailed from Easterling along with purchase information. There is no obligation to purchase a graduation picture from Easterling. Parents/Guests should not approach the stage to take pictures during graduation as Easterling Studios will be taking photos.
- There are to be no air horns, noisemakers, or other items that distract during the graduation ceremony. These items will be confiscated by the Trent Arena security, and you may be asked to leave. Trent Arena prohibits silly string and confetti.
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK WILL BE ALLOWED IN TRENT ARENA AT ANY TIME. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO RESPECT THE RULES OF OUR HOST FACILITY.**