



# Graduation News

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Class of 2011

## Graduation Important Dates

Dear Seniors and Parents,

Enclosed is important information regarding Baccalaureate and Graduation. Please read this information carefully, keeping in mind the stated deadlines.

### Baccalaureate Mass:

- Celebrated at St. Michael the Archangel Parish on Monday, June 6th @ 7 pm
- All graduates must attend; failure to attend = failure to walk at Graduation
- Admission by ticket only
- Two (2) tickets per graduate
- There are no extra tickets available.
- If you have any relatives or family friends who are priests and they would like to celebrate this Liturgy, please have them contact our school minister Father Christopher Lucas at 215-945-7390 by May 13th.

### Commencement Exercises:

- Seniors are expected to attend all practices at CEC and Holy Family.
- Held at Holy Family University in Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 7th @ 10:30 am
- All seniors who were given final graduation clearance are expected to attend this ceremony.
- Arrive between 9 and 10 am to ensure a parking space and a seat
- Admission by ticket only
- 6 tickets per graduate (general seating)
- There are no extra tickets available at this point.
- Call the Student Affairs Office at ext. 251 for the following:

**By May 6th:** to inform us that you do not need all 6 of your tickets

**Between May 8th & 20th:** to request extra tickets - if they become available they will be distributed on a first requested, first distributed basis

**Between May 8th & 20th:** to request handicapped seating, these tickets count towards your 6 tickets

### Distribution of Caps, Gowns, and Announcements:

- Seniors who have fulfilled all of their financial obligations will receive their caps, gowns, and announcements during the week of **May 23rd**.
- Students with unfulfilled financial obligations will receive these items after they prove they have fulfilled their obligations.

### Ticket Distribution:

- To receive tickets for both the Baccalaureate Mass & the Commencement Ceremony all financial, academic, conduct and attendance requirements must be completed, this includes returning textbooks to the teachers.
- Students who have been given final clearance for graduation will receive their tickets on **June 6th during the practice at Holy Family University.**

### General Pointers:

- All graduates must ensure that they have secured "time off" from work in order to attend the Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies and the rehearsals.
- We at Conwell-Egan Catholic work very hard to provide our graduates with meaningful religious and academic ceremonies. We expect that all students and their guests will behave in a manner appropriate to the occasion.
- If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Student Affairs.

Sincerely,

Kelly O'Connor

Assistant Principal for Student Affairs

WELCOME, 2011



June 7, 2011

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## Senior Memory Night

Senior Memory Night will take place on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, from 6 to 8 pm. Dinner will be served in the cafeteria at 6:15 pm. This event is a very special occasion and all seniors should try to attend. Admission is free. Yearbooks will be distributed on this night!



May 31, 2011  
6:00 pm

### Dress Code For Baccalaureate and Graduation

**Ladies:** White gown, blue and white stole, white cap with tassels, white shoes with backs, and white or beige stockings. Under the gown a white dress or white skirt and top should be worn. No shorts, no strapless tops. Small earrings.

**Gentlemen:** Blue graduation gown, blue and white stole, blue cap with tassel, black dress shoes. Under the gown: Powder blue dress shirt, school tie, and regulation gray pants. Gentlemen must be clean shaven, with neat haircuts!

Please press your graduation gowns. Do not wear them in the rain!

No pins, flowers, ornaments, etc. on the cap or gown.

#### NOTES FROM GUIDANCE

- **April 29th:** Last day to submit Final Transcript Requests to Guidance
- **May 4th:** Deadline for submitting scholarship information for inclusion in the Graduation Program. Information received after this date will not be included in the program.

### Pictures / Videos

There will be a professional photographer from Legacy Studios taking pictures as each graduate receives his/her diploma. Proofs will be sent to you during the summer. You may purchase pictures directly from Legacy Studios. Information and prices will be sent with the proofs.

Video recording and picture taking are permitted during the graduation, however, no one is permitted in the area where the graduates are sitting.



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## Graduation / Baccalaureate Practice Schedule

Graduation practice will begin promptly at the times stated. The ending times are dependent upon the cooperation of the students. Cooperation means **SHORTER** practice time.

Uniforms are to be worn during assessments and practice times; males must be clean-shaven. All aspects of the dress code will be enforced. All rehearsals are **MANDATORY!** Failure to attend practice equates to failure to walk at graduation. These practices are set up to ensure a memorable and dignified graduation.

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| Thursday, May 26th  | 7:30 am    | Senior Exams   |
|                     | 9:40 am    | Graduation Practice in Auditorium  |
|                     | Afterwards | Practice for Flag Bearers in Auditorium  |
| Friday, May 27th    | 7:30 am    | Senior Exams   |
|                     | 9:40 am    | Graduation Practice in the Auditorium  |
|                     | Afterwards | Practice for Stage Students in Auditorium  |
| Wednesday, June 1st | 9:30 am    | Baccalaureate Mass Practice in the Auditorium  |
|                     | Afterwards | Practice for Lectors, Gift Bearers, Altar Servers, Flag Bearers in Auditorium  |
| Monday, June 6th    | 9:00 am    | Graduation Practice for all Seniors at Holy Family University<br><b>Students should arrive at Holy Family no later than 8:45 am</b><br>Report to the cafeteria in the Campus Center Building |
|                     | 7:00 pm    | Baccalaureate Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church<br><b>Seniors report to hall under the church by 6:00 pm</b>  |
| Tuesday, June 7th   | 10:30 am   | Commencement Exercises at Holy Family University Gymnasium in the Campus Center Building— <b>Seniors report to cafeteria by 9:15 am</b>  |

### REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**FIRST SEMESTER FAILURES:** If a senior has a first semester failure, the parent or guardian is required to contact the teacher. Even if a student has a first semester grade of 80 he/she can still fail for the year and not graduate. A teacher may petition the principal to count the **ACTUAL** average of a student if the second semester grade is below 60, which could result in a final grade below 70.

### PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.

Only those students who have completed all the requirements for a diploma may participate in the Commencement Exercises. Students shall be excluded from participation in the Commencement Exercises for:

- a scholastic failure in any subject
- disciplinary problems or a major breach of the school's disciplinary code
- a failure to fulfill financial requirements (which include tuition, senior fees, any school fee, athletic fees, library fines, book fees, fund raising fees and smoking fines, uniforms, etc.)
- excessive absences.

**Students who have not fulfilled their requirements will not receive the academic attire, graduation announcements, diploma or any other items relating to the Commencement Exercises.**

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**Directions to Holy Family University  
FROM CONWELL-EGAN**

Turn LEFT out of the school driveway

Turn RIGHT onto New Falls Rd.

Turn LEFT onto Veterans Highway/PA 413

Take I-95 South (towards Philadelphia) to  
Exit 35

Merge onto Woodhaven Road/PA 63 West

Take the Bristol Pike/US 13 Exit

Turn Right onto Bristol Pike/US 13

Follow US 13 – it will become Frankford Avenue

The Campus Center building & parking lot will be  
on your LEFT. Follow the campus signs.

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**Directions to St. Michael the Archangel Church**

**FROM CONWELL-EGAN**

Make a LEFT as you leave the CEC parking lot

Turn LEFT onto New Falls Road

At the first traffic light, turn RIGHT onto Levittown Parkway

Follow Levittown Pkwy for approximately 2 miles

St. Michael's on the LEFT hand side of the street

**SENIOR  
PROM  
MAY  
20<sup>TH</sup>  
2011**

**www.conwell-  
egan.org**

**The Senior Prom for the Class of 2011 will be held on Friday, May 20th, 2011, from 7 pm to 11:30 pm, at the Southampton Room.**

**The Southampton Room is located at 2980 Southampton Rd., Philadelphia, PA. Driving directions will be made available with the Prom Tickets, but also are available on their website, *pandpcaterers.com*.**

**Tickets for the Prom will cost \$160 per couple. Prom packets will be available beginning on April 11, 2011. The deadline for purchasing tickets will be Friday, May 6th. All tuition and fees must be paid in full before a Senior Prom ticket can be purchased. Tickets must be purchased in the Finance Office.**

**When planning for the prom, students and parents are asked to consider modesty in the purchasing of dresses and the rental of tuxedos. Full guidelines for the prom will be included in the prom packet.**

**BACCALAUREATE LITURGY June 6th, 2011 at 7:00 pm, St. Michael's  
GRADUATION CEREMONY June 7th, 2011 at 10:30 am, Holy Family University**

All students will wear full academic attire for both ceremonies; the students **will not wear their caps at the Baccalaureate Mass**. They are to assemble in St. Michael's hall, located in the church basement by 6:00 p.m. Attendance will be taken and the students will be asked to line up as instructed during practice. The procession to church will begin at 6:55 p.m. Students are not to carry anything in their hands.

Please remember that the **Baccalaureate Mass** is a prayer of praise and thanks to God from the graduates and their relatives and friends. It is a dignified religious service and everyone's behavior must reflect this. A student may NOT receive flowers, balloons or gifts while in procession.

**Graduation:** All students should report to Holy Family University, in their assigned lines, by 9:15 a.m. The procession will begin at 10:15 a.m. Students are not to carry anything in their hands. Graduation is a celebration of growth and accomplishment and is meant to be a respectful ceremony—therefore, everyone's behavior must reflect this. A student may NOT receive flowers, balloons or gifts while in procession.



**Congratulations!!!**