



# BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

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## Graduation Week Details

**Sunday, July 19, 5-7 p.m.**

Front Lawn of BCHS

### **Senior Block Party**

Join us for games and food at our Student Council-sponsored celebration of the senior class. This celebration is exclusively for the BCHS Class of 2020 and no outside guests will be admitted. Because this celebration is outdoors, masks are not required *but are strongly encouraged. Social distancing guidelines are expected.* As with Prom, the expectation is that graduates will follow all of the rules and security will be present to ensure everyone's safety. Students are asked to park in the back parking lot. Please [RSVP HERE](#) by July 12.

**Wednesday, July 22, 7 p.m.**

BCHS Athletic Stadium

### **Senior Mass**

Parents and graduating seniors are cordially invited to attend. In an effort to increase social distancing, we are requesting that you please do not invite any additional guests or family members. Tickets for the Senior Mass are not needed; however, **tickets for Graduation and achievement cords** will be distributed this evening. Parking is available on site at BCHS with additional parking available at Christ the King. Seniors will sit on the field with their parents in alphabetical order. Each seat will be labeled with the graduate's name. Students do not need to wear their graduation gown for Mass but are requested to follow the dress code defined below. Please do not bring your cell phone with you to Mass. Masks are *strongly* encouraged. Please be respectful of social distancing guidelines.

**Please be seated by 6:45 p.m.**

**Dress Code:** See below.

### **Senior Video**

A large flat screen display has been rented for the viewing of the senior video and graduation exercises. Graduates and parents are asked to remain seated following Mass for a showing of the senior video.

**Wednesday, July 22, after Mass**

### **Graduation Practice**

BCHS Athletic Stadium     **Mandatory for all seniors.**

All parents will be requested to leave the Athletic Stadium after the senior video. Graduates will stay in their seats to practice for the graduation ceremony.

**Thursday, July 23, 7:00 p.m.**  
BCHS Athletic Stadium

### **Commencement**

**Seniors need to arrive at school by 6:15 p.m and go directly to the Auxiliary gym. Please wear graduation cap, gown and tassel and follow dress code guidelines.** Seniors are requested to not bring keys, cell phones, purses, etc. to the ceremony as there will be no place for them to be stored. Parents, please go directly to your assigned seat on the field when you arrive at Bishop Chatard. If bringing additional guests, the other three guests will be provided open seating in the bleachers. Guests are requested to sit 6 feet apart in the bleachers. Family members may sit in groups. In consideration of the health and safety of others, masks are *strongly* encouraged. We anticipate high temperatures and hydration is important. Graduates will be provided with bottled water and we ask that all others bring their own.

**Dress Code:** See below.

There will be handicapped seating available on the first row of the bleachers.

### **Graduation Attendance**

We understand that there may be some families that will not be able to attend graduation due to prior commitments. Please fill out this [GRADUATION ATTENDANCE FORM](#) if your senior will NOT be at graduation.

### **Student dress code for Senior Mass and Commencement**

**Boys:** Collared shirt and dress pants with a belt, dark colored socks, and dress leather shoes. Boys should be groomed and clean-shaven; no facial jewelry. No shorts allowed.

**Girls:** Dress Pants - only solid colors, no denim, jeans or skinny pants; Skirts and Dresses - length must be no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee, must not be tight or form-fitting, no more than 3-inch slit; Shirts - no low-cut shirts, no sheer/transparent tops, no form-fitting tops; No shorts allowed. **Shoes - flats or low heeled required, please no spiked heels as it can damage the football field;** no facial jewelry.

### **Graduation Tickets**

**Admission is by ticket only.** At graduation practice each senior will be given **five** tickets for admission to Commencement. Tickets will be distributed at Mass and will be placed on each graduate's assigned seat.

**No additional tickets are available, and it is up to the family to decide how tickets are to be dispersed. A reminder, two seats are provided for parents to sit on the field with their graduate. The other three guests have open seating in the bleachers. Please be respectful of social distancing. In consideration of the health and safety of others, masks are *strongly* encouraged.** Parking is available on BCHS property with additional parking at Christ the King Church.

## **Graduation Gowns**

The gowns are made especially for Bishop Chatard. Please follow the instructions for preparation of the gown. **Gowns will be collected after the ceremony outside of the Athletic Stadium immediately following the ceremony. There is a \$250 charge for any gown that is not returned after the ceremony. Yearbooks will be distributed to each graduate when the gown has been collected.**