

GRADUATION 2010 FAQ'S

1) How many tickets does each senior receive?

Each graduating senior will receive **SEVEN** graduation tickets for bleacher seating. Valedictorians and salutatorians each receive an additional seven tickets. *ALL guests attending Bishop Montgomery's graduation ceremony, REGARDLESS OF AGE, must present a ticket at the gate for admission.*

2) When do the seniors receive their graduation tickets?

Graduation tickets will be distributed at the graduation practice on May 19. Lost tickets will not be replaced.

3) When do the seniors receive their caps and gowns?

Caps and gowns will be distributed at the graduation practice on May 19. (All graduation fees must have been paid by this time for a senior to receive his/her cap and gown.)

4) Where can I get extra tickets?

Extra tickets must be obtained from other graduates who do not need them. **NO SCHOOL OFFICES OR SCHOOL PERSONNEL HAVE ADDITIONAL TICKETS.**

5) What are the options available for disabled or elderly guests who cannot sit in the bleachers?

A canopy tent with seating will be available in the north end zone of the field (side view of ceremony) for guests who are in wheelchairs, who may have difficulty climbing stairs, or who need shade during the ceremony. Faculty members will be available at the tent to assist guests before, after, and during the ceremony. To obtain a ticket for tent seating, seniors may exchange one or more bleacher tickets in the front office after graduation practice on May 19. *Seating will be limited under the canopy and we request that only guests requiring this special seating utilize this service.* Tickets will be available for exchange on a first come, first served basis.

6) What time do the bleachers/field open for seating?

The bleachers and field will open for seating at 11:30am.

7) What time do seniors need to be on campus on graduation day?

All seniors need to report to their designated practice rooms no later than 12:00 noon with their cap and gown. The ceremony will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.

8) How long will the ceremony last?

The graduation ceremony should last approximately 1 ½ hours.

9) Will handicapped parking be available?

Handicapped parking spaces will be available on a first-come, first served basis at the rear of the school by the gymnasium. Only cars displaying a DMV-issued handicapped placard will be permitted to park in these spaces.

10) What is the dress code for seniors for the graduation ceremony?

The dress code for graduation is the same as Senior Dress-up Day (please reference pages 30-31 of the Parent/Student Handbook). Seniors may **NOT** make alterations to their caps and gowns nor wear anything over or on the cap and gown, with exception of school-issued honor cords, pins and/or medals. Students who choose not to comply with this policy will be prohibited from participating in the graduation ceremony. Tennis shoes are neither

appropriate nor acceptable for the occasion. Also, because the ceremony will take place on the football field, and because the graduates will use stairs when crossing the stage to get their diplomas, graduates should choose appropriate shoes for the ceremony. For safety reasons, ladies are urged not to wear stiletto-style heels to the ceremony. Please note that it is often windy on the field during the ceremony. It is recommended that the graduates use bobby pins to ensure their caps remain in place.

11) How do the seniors pick up their diplomas after the ceremony?

At the conclusion of the ceremony, seniors must report immediately back to their rooms to obtain their diplomas and pick up any belongings left behind. Seniors may keep their caps and gowns. Any diplomas or other items not picked up within 10 minutes after the ceremony ends will be taken to the front office and made available beginning Tuesday, June 1.

12) Can I get extra announcements?

Additional announcements (1 pack of ten = \$20) are available in the Main Office.

13) When is graduation practice?

Graduation practice will be on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:15 a.m., and is mandatory. All seniors must be in full uniform and report to assigned practice rooms in the third building by this time. Students who choose not to attend this practice may not receive their graduation tickets nor will they be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.