

LOYOLA ACADEMY

Your student's four years at Loyola are coming to a close. We look forward to celebrating with your senior all the events that precede graduation. Enclosed is a description of the upcoming events. If you have any specific questions about graduation, please direct them to Jo Candioto in the Principal's Office, at (847)920-2402 or jcandioto@loy.org.

Graduation Tuxedos: April 2 and 3

Senior men must wear a tuxedo for graduation. Measurements will be done in Room 100B from 10:15am - 1:15pm on April 2 and 3. See details under Men's Attire on page 2.

Graduation Rehearsal: Friday, May 8

All seniors must be present at Graduation Rehearsal on May 8th. On that day, seniors will attend their first five class periods as usual. During 6th period, all seniors will enjoy Taste of Loyola in the West Gym. Graduation Rehearsal will begin promptly at the beginning of 7th period in the East Gym.

Senior Prom: Saturday, May 9

The Senior Prom is being held on Saturday, May 9th at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 East North Water, Chicago. Bids are \$100 per ticket. Prom is from 7p.m. to Midnight.

Baccalaureate Mass and Reception: Sunday, May 17

You and your graduate are invited to attend the Baccalaureate Mass at 10am in the East Gym. A brunch reception will follow the mass in the West Gym. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for graduates and their parents to pray together and to socialize as the Loyola Academy Family.

Shirt Collection

Please bring gently used Loyola uniform shirts to the Baccalaureate Mass & Breakfast on Sunday, May 17th. Shirts will be cleaned by the Mothers' Club volunteers and redistributed to scholarship recipients. A table will be set up for drop off.

Tuxedo Pick-up and Yearbook Distribution: Wednesday, May 27

Between 3pm and 6pm on Wednesday, May 27, all senior men must pick up their graduation tuxedos in the Student Center. At the same time, the 2009 Yearbooks will be distributed. Senior Student Council will provide food and music for this event.

Graduation Ceremony: Saturday, May 30

In order to coordinate the Graduation Ceremony, all graduates must assemble on the 2nd floor of the Halas Sports Center at 1pm. The graduates must arrive promptly.

Loyola's Graduation Ceremony begins at the Joseph Gentile Center at Loyola University at 2pm. The ceremony is expected to be two hours long. Tickets are not required for this event. The Gentile Center is located on Loyola University's Lake Shore Campus, 6525 N. Sheridan Road. Parking on campus is available but limited. Maps of Loyola University's Lake Shore Campus are available at www.luc.edu/info/maps.

As this is a formal occasion, proper decorum and behavior is expected from graduates and their families. Excessive applause, air horns, or calling out is not an appropriate way to honor our students on this occasion. Anyone not observing proper decorum will be asked to leave.

Men's Attire

Senior men must wear a tuxedo for graduation and it must be rented through Loyola. The tuxedo consists of a white, single-breasted jacket, a black bow tie, a black cummerbund, black pants and black shoes. MW Tux, located in Edens Plaza (847.853.8200), provides the tuxedos.

- Cost for the tuxedo and rental shoes is \$70.
- Seniors can be measured in school on April 2 and April 3 from 10:15am–1:15pm in Room 100B.
- If you are not measured at Loyola Academy, you must go to the Edens Plaza store. MW Tux will charge a \$20 late fee for any student who has not been measured by May 1st.
- Checks for \$70 should be made payable to *Loyola Academy*. We prefer that this payment be made at time of measurements.
- To avoid any late fee, checks must be turned into the Principal's Office by Friday, April 24th.
- Tuxedos will be distributed at Loyola Academy on May 27th in the Student Center from 3pm-6pm.
- Students are responsible for returning the tuxedo to MW Tux. Tuxedos must be returned by Monday, June 1 to any MW Tux location. The MW Tux store in Edens Plaza will be open on Sunday, May 31 11am-6pm and Monday, June 1 from 10am-9pm. There is a \$20 late fee assessed to any tuxedo returned after June 1st.
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding tuxedos, please contact Mrs. Carol Alt, Student Life Office @ 847.920.2407 or calt@loy.org.

Women's Attire

Senior women must wear a dress for graduation:

- The dress color must be solid black or solid white.
- The dress style should be formal.
- The dress should be tea length, mid-calf, or longer.
- Your appearance should be modest. Girls are allowed to wear a strapless dress, however, it should be appropriate for the occasion.
- Backless dresses are not appropriate for Graduation.
- Shoes should be low-heeled or flat dress shoes; they should be the same color as the dress. Clogs or casual sandals should not be worn.
- Jewelry should be limited and simple.

Graduation Announcements

Each senior will be given 10 graduation announcements. Additional announcements and name cards can be purchased directly through Herff Jones by calling Jim Cranley at 708.425.0130.

Graduation Photos

Parents and guests are asked not to leave their seats to take photos during the graduation ceremony. A photographer from GradTrack/Chappell Studio will take photos during the graduation ceremony. Proofs will be available for viewing the following week.

Graduation Seating for Guests with Special Needs

Open seating is available for all guests. There are a limited number of seats on the main floor for guests with disabilities or guests who are unable to climb stairs. Please contact Jo Candioto by May 18th to reserve a seat for them and one other person.

Graduation Videos

A commemorative graduation video is available for purchase from Zaker Video Productions. Videos are available for both the Baccalaureate Mass and the Graduation Ceremony. The cost is \$25 for either the Mass or the ceremony or \$45 for both. For more information, call 708.423.8418 or look online at www.zakervideo.com.

Scholarship Information

Loyola Academy publishes scholarship information in the graduation program. Seniors should give a copy of all scholarship award letters including any athletic scholarships to Mrs. Suzanne McNamara in the Guidance Department by May 15.

Our policy is to publish only the scholarships given by the college or university that the student will attend, and by agencies and organizations not affiliated with a college or university. Awards given to students from colleges they will not attend will not be printed in the program.

Timeline of Events

- April 2, 3** Senior boys measured for Graduation tuxedos in Room 100B from 10:15am – 1:15pm.
- April 22-24** Prom tickets are on sale in the cafeteria during the lunch periods. Bids cost \$100 per ticket.
- April 23** “Letting Go,” a College Guidance Program for seniors and their parents, takes place at 7pm in the East Gym.
- April 24** Graduation tuxedo fee due in the Principal’s Office. (Final due date to avoid late fee)
- May 6** Honors Convocation begins at 7pm in the West Gym.
- May 8** Taste of Loyola and Graduation Rehearsal
- May 9** Senior Prom, Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 7pm-Midnight
- May 13,14,15** Senior Exams
- May 15** Deadline to notify Guidance Department of scholarships
- May 17** Baccalaureate Mass begins at 10am in the East Gym. A brunch reception will follow in the West Gym.
- May 27** 3pm-6pm: Tuxedo Pick-Up and Yearbook Distribution
- May 30** Graduation
- 1pm: Seniors arrive at LU’s Halas Center
 - 2pm – 4pm: Graduation ceremony
- May 31-June 1** Tuxedo must be returned to MW Tux at any MW Tux location. Edens Plaza store hours, call 847.853.8200.