



# FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL

March 18, 2019

Dear Senior Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This letter is to serve as a reminder to you and to your son/daughter of guidelines for graduation. Graduation is a very special event and we want to ensure that it is a rewarding experience for you, your son/daughter, and the Fenwick faculty and staff. Please review the following guidelines with your child prior to commencement on Friday, May 24, 2019. **Students will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony if any of these guidelines are not met.**

**Attire:**

Women – Dresses or skirts with blouses, dress shoes, graduation gown and Fenwick stole (no extra decorations on the gown or stole) must be worn. Facial jewelry is not allowed (nose rings, eyebrow rings, lip rings, etc.). No bizarre or extreme hairstyles or hair color will be allowed. Refer to handbook.

Men – Solid-colored dress pants (see student handbook for colors), dress shirt, tie, dress shoes, graduation gown and Fenwick stole (no extra decorations on the gown or stole) must be worn. Facial jewelry is not allowed (earrings, nose rings, eyebrow rings, lip rings, etc.). No facial hair, including long sideburns, or bizarre/extreme hairstyles or hair color will be allowed. Refer to handbook.

**The following articles of clothing are not acceptable for graduation:**

- Casual sandals (for example: Birkenstocks, athletic sandals, rubber/beach flip-flops, clogs or anything else other than dress shoes);
- Boots of any style;
- Midriff baring shirts;
- Shorts.

A professional photographer will photograph every student as they receive their diploma. Please be considerate of the people around you if you attempt to photograph your son/daughter. Do not crowd around the first rows of the Forum; this will make it difficult for others to view the graduates. Seating charts will be posted at the entrances in order to determine which side your child will sit. Attempt to sit on the same side of the Forum as your son/daughter in order to have a better view of them.

**We strongly recommend that photographs of graduates in their gowns be taken before the ceremony on the concourse (street level).** Parents will not have access to the stage, student seating, or the student staging area before, during, or after the ceremony due to UIC insurance stipulations. Food, drink, balloons, and strollers will not be allowed inside the Forum. Forum ushers and security, as well as Fenwick faculty, will strictly enforce these policies.

Graduation is a dignified event; **refrain from yelling, cheering, whistling, using a bull horn, etc.** after the announcement of your child's name. We welcome applause once all of the graduates' names have been read and they have received their diplomas.

**Everyone attending the commencement ceremony must have a ticket to gain admission to the Forum. No one will be admitted without a ticket. Tickets are limited to eight (8) per graduate and will be distributed at graduation practice on Thursday, May 23, 2019.**

Sincerely,

Mr. Raymond Moland  
Dean of Students

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Dean of Students