



# Perkiomen School

## **Commencement Weekend – May 24 and 25, 2019** **Commencement 2019 Information for Family and Friends**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Baccalaureate – Friday, May 24, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.**

##### **Where is Baccalaureate?**

Baccalaureate is held at St. Philip Neri Church, 1325 Klinerd Road, Pennsburg.

##### **What is Baccalaureate?**

Each year the senior class puts together a program for the Baccalaureate Service. This includes music, poetry, and other readings that celebrate their time together at Perkiomen School. The service also includes both a student and faculty speaker selected by the class.

##### **Do I need tickets? How long is the service?**

No tickets are necessary. The service generally lasts one hour.

##### **How should I dress?**

Often guests ask what is appropriate to wear to the service. The following are simply suggestions for parents and guests. We suggest that men and women wear business casual.

**Is transportation provided?**

The school will provide a bus that will shuttle students and family from Parents Hall (dining hall) to St. Philip Neri Church. It will begin taking students and their guests at 3:15 p.m. and will return them to Parents Hall immediately after the ceremony.

**Class of 2019 Celebration Banquet immediately following Baccalaureate Service under the tent at Zeller Field (next to Parents Hall) (approximately 5:30 p.m.)****Who should attend the dinner?**

Seniors are welcome to bring their parents and any other family members to join them for this dinner.

**Are reservations needed?**

Yes, students will need to inform Trish Manferdini (tmanferdini@perkiomen.org) of the number of guests attending by May 14, 2019. The dinner is a seated meal with assigned tables for the graduates and their families. Please e-mail the numbers for your reservation or visit the website ([www.perkiomen.org/campus-life/commencement](http://www.perkiomen.org/campus-life/commencement)) to complete the registration form.

**How long will the dinner last?**

The dinner generally lasts approximately 2 hours. There are some awards and special recognitions presented that evening as well.

**Commencement – Saturday, May 25, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.****Where is commencement?**

On the campus sward, the front of Kriebel Hall.

**How many tickets do I need?**

No tickets are necessary. Perkiomen sets up two tents with seating for approximately 700 people. All family and friends are welcome.

**Is there reserved seating?**

The tent seating is first-come, first-served. There are seats set up outside of the tents as well. All seating is on a grass surface.

Any guests with mobility issues will be assisted by our staff. There will be seating available in an area nearest the road. Our intent is to allow for convenient seating for our guests who may have trouble on the grass surface.

**What happens if there is inclement weather?**

The ceremony will be held in the Hollenbach Athletic Center. Updates will be posted on the website.

**Can I take pictures?**

Perkiomen hires professionals to video tape and take photos of the students receiving their diploma as well as other photos throughout the morning. Please do not interfere or block the photographers before, during, or after the ceremony. All photos will be available for viewing on the school website. Each graduate will receive a class photo and a photo receiving their diploma.

**What time do people usually arrive?**

It is up to you to decide when to arrive, however, Seminary Street in front of Kriebel Hall, will be closed at approximately 8:30 a.m.

**Where do we park?**

You can park behind Kriebel Hall, in the Schumo Academic Center parking lot, the Hollenbach Athletic Center lot, and Hollenbach Middle School lot.

Anyone with handicapped parking may park in the handicap parking areas behind Kriebel Hall or in the Schumo Academic Center. There is wheelchair access from both locations. If your guest needs special accommodations, please contact Trish Manferdini (tmanferdini@perkiomen.org) for assistance with any special arrangements. There will also be golf carts for assistance.

### **How should I dress?**

Often guests ask what to wear to Commencement. The following are only suggestions to help our guests:

Parents, family and friends are recommended to wear business attire. For men, dress slacks and a button down shirt and tie. Women may wear either dress slacks and a blouse or a dress.

**Perkiomen School has a long tradition of a student receiving line with the faculty members of the school. The students process from commencement to the Schulz Plaza where the faculty walk through the student line to congratulate the graduates. We ask that families and guests do not break or join this line and instead wait for their student after the faculty have said good-bye to the graduates.**