



Class of 2016 Graduation/Prom Information PRACTICES

All practices are **MANDATORY!** No one is excused! Failure to attend practices may result in your not being able to participate in Baccalaureate and Graduation!

- **Monday, May 23rd** - 9:00 a.m.-**auditorium** - bring your **white graduation shoes** to practice walking.
- **Tuesday, May 24th** - Practice begins *promptly* at 10:00 a.m. at the **Shrine**. Be in the assembly hall in the Lower Shrine Church at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception no later than 9:45 a.m. (same level as the gift shop and bookstore- **directions** on back). Please be quiet and respectful as you enter and line up. Please dress in *church attire*. *Consider wearing your graduation shoes to practice*. A bus will be provided to and from school for those who so desire. Bus permission slips are due by Thursday, May 9th so we can order the correct number of buses.
- **Wednesday, May 25th** - 8:00 a.m. -**auditorium** – distributing all graduation gear at the end of practice!

CAPS, TASSELS, GOWNS AND WHITE SHOES **ARE WORN AT BOTH** BACCALAUREATE AND THE GRADUATION

PLEASE USE A COOL IRON or steam to press the wrinkles out of the graduation gown.

CORSAGES ARE NOT worn with the academic gown. A **plain white dress** (skirt and blouse works well) is appropriate under the *white* graduation gown (not too short, please, as it becomes embarrassingly obvious). White *dress* shoes/ sandals are mandatory. Only **medals/pins** given *at Seton* are worn with the gown.

Caps/Gowns and Tickets are distributed *after the last* Graduation Practice. Each senior must pick up her own gown and her own tickets. These items **ARE NOT RELEASED** to any other person.

Each family will receive **11 tickets** for general admission to the Shrine for Graduation. Additionally, you will receive **2 special (gray) tickets** for your parents/guardians. Parents are invited to move to the front of the Shrine where they will find reserved seating. Parents should **NOT** surrender their tickets at the door of the Shrine. They will give their tickets to the ushers in the Reserved Seating area. Children over the age of three must have a ticket. Do not listen to rumors that friends can get in without tickets!

We are sorry, but there are **NO EXTRA TICKETS** for distribution. Lost tickets **CANNOT BE REPLACED**. You can speak to friends who will not use all general seating tickets and use their extra tickets.



GRADUATION DAY

Baccalaureate

Please be in line by 9:15 a.m. (library or cafeteria). The ceremony will take approximately two hours, followed by a reception in the cafeteria.

Due to limited space, only parents and/or guardians are invited.

Graduation

Please be in the assembly hall in the Lower Shrine Church no later than 3:30 p.m. on graduation day. The entrance procession begins to form at 3:45 p.m. Do *not* bring your purse or cell phone with you. You should have nothing in your hands. Programs will be placed on your seat for you. Please do *not* go to the Upper Church for any reason, and please do *not* congregate on the front steps of the Shrine. All guests coming for Graduation must enter by the main entrance. All other doors are locked. There is an elevator in the Shrine for elderly or handicapped guests only.



Any student whose family/friends do not respect the dignity of the Shrine during the ceremony will complete 8 hours of service to the school before receiving her diploma!



DIRECTIONS TO THE SHRINE - 400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D.C. 20017

From Seton, take the BW Parkway toward Washington. Stay in the right lane. Follow signs for Washington (not Richmond). Keep in the right lane and exit onto South Dakota Avenue. Turn LEFT at the light onto Monroe Street NE (the light after Rhode Island Ave.). Stay on Monroe Street until you get to Michigan Avenue. Bear left at Michigan Avenue. The Shrine is on your right at the next light.

GRADUATION PICTURES



We have contracted with Victor O'Neill Studios (703) 532-0013 to take photos as seniors receive their diploma. This picture is taken at the exact moment you receive your diploma. *Approximately* three days after graduation, the proofs will be available on the Victor O'Neill website for purchase. All transactions are between you and the company. Please **DO NOT** call the school with questions regarding pictures.

To view images taken at graduation, please go to:

www.vosphoto.com

Enter site and select "Order Online" at the top of the page.

Select "Senior Graduation".

>**2016** Commencement.

Choose Elizabeth Seton High School.

Pictures are categorized by candid shots and commencement (multiple types of shots taken). The direct link is listed in the box to the right.

The images are posted in the order graduates walk across the altar.

Once you place your order successfully, you will receive an e-mail confirmation.

Your order will leave the lab in 5-10 business days.

**ESHS Graduation photos by
Victor O'Neill Studios
(direct link)**

www.vosphoto.com/grad/Seton

Photos will be available online
within 3 business days.

For questions call:

[\(703\) 532-0013](tel:7035320013)

PROM

Prom is from 8:00 p.m. until Midnight. Attendees must arrive by 9:00 p.m. and may begin departing at 11:30p.m.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PROM at **College Park Marriott Hotel and Conference Center (formerly the UMUC INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER by MARRIOTT)** 3501 University Blvd E, Hyattsville, Maryland 20783. Phone number to the Marriott: 301-985-7300. (Intersection of University Blvd and Adelphi Road)

Driving directions: I-95 South to exit 27(495 West/US 1). Stay left immediately after the split and follow signs to Rt. 1 College Park. Take Exit 25B to US 1 South, and travel .9 mi. Take ramp onto Rt. 193 West (University Blvd), and at the 3rd traffic light (Adelphi Road), make a U-Turn. Take an immediate right into UMUC Campus (parking garage entrance around front for those parking). Follow signs to the Marriott & Conference Center.

From the District: take Michigan Avenue to Queens Chapel Road, left on Adelphi and then right on Rt. 193 – University Blvd. to the parking garage on the right.