

# Graduation 2019

## Graduation Rehearsal

Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal is Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:15am at Bellevue Baptist Church on Appling Rd. Transportation is not provided. You will enter Bellevue through a door on the north side (closest to interstate) and the entrance will be clearly marked "Graduates Only". You must be there by 7:15am in order to find your seat (seating chart will be on the wall inside of the entrance). The rehearsal should be finished by 8:30am. Please wear your senior shirt, Bolton shirt or shirt with school colors. ALSO please do not wear short shorts/short skirts, etc. You may pick up your graduation tickets at rehearsal if you have not received them. You may also pay for transcripts and/or make final transcript changes.

## Graduation

Graduation is Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, but **graduates must be in the Fellowship Hall by 8:00AM in your cap and gown. You will not participate in graduation if you alter any part of your cap and gown.** ONLY three cords are allowed at graduation and you may only have the Beta Club gold tassel or the Bolton issued tassel. NHS and IB students have additional collar and/or stole that are permitted. You will be checked before entering Fellowship Hall. Leave all purses, bags, cell phones locked in a car or with family/friends. You will not be able to carry these items into the sanctuary. You should only have a car key with you.

## Graduation Traffic

Approx. 4,500 people will be coming to graduation and the traffic will be horrendous! Make sure that you allow for unseen construction, wrecks, car problems, etc. because you must be in the Fellowship Hall by 8:00am. The graduates will march into the sanctuary at 9:00am.

## Graduation Gown

After trying on your gown, leave the gown on a hanger so the wrinkles will fall out. You may want to iron it but put the iron on the lowest heat setting. If the iron is too hot, it will melt the gown! ☹ If you need a larger gown, see Mrs. Warren at rehearsal or **BEFORE**. The caps only come in one size.

## Graduation Dress Code

\*All graduation gowns are Bolton blue and you may keep the gown, cap and tassel.

*Seniors may not alter any part of the cap, gown, stole or tassel. Students who are not dressed properly will NOT participate.* Dress pants, socks and dress shoes **NO TENNIS SHOES**, collared shirt and tie, no heels higher than 4", dress or shirt/skirt within school dress code requirements. **NO CELL PHONES!** Leave purse with parents/friend. Please do not wear heels over 4 inches.

## Graduation Tickets

Seniors who did not receive their graduation tickets may pick them up at graduation rehearsal. You may pay transcript fees at rehearsal. You may pay other fees or return books to Bolton before rehearsal in the main office.

## Graduation Audience

1. Everyone attending graduation must have a ticket, regardless of age.
2. The doors will open one hour before the ceremony.
3. Seats may not be saved. Families and groups should be in the lobby and enter together.
4. Bags will be checked at each entrance and the following are not allowed in the building:
  - a. Backpacks (including diaper backpacks), large purses and large bags.
  - b. No Food or drink, flowers bouquets, balloons, signs (any size), noisemakers of any type, alcohol, tobacco, weapons. Any item that may distract or disturb others.

## **Senior Graduation Packet**

After the graduation ceremony, you will receive your **Senior Packet** in the Fellowship Hall. **Your high school diploma will be in this packet!** The packet contains your school cumulative file including shot records (that your college will need), birth certificate, FAFSA/TSAC info from the College Center (M212). PLEASE be careful with this packet because it cannot be replaced and you will need this information in the future, especially your shot record.

## **After the Ceremony**

After the ceremony, graduates will meet parents in the West (Appling Road) parking lot near the Northwest (or graduates) entrance. No one will be allowed back into the facility once you exit. Please make plans ahead of time with your family where you will meet since you will not have your cell phone.

## **Graduation DVD and photo**

A DVD of the graduation ceremony will be available online at Bellevue.org for a nominal fee. Also, Alford studio will take two photos of the graduating senior, one receiving the diploma (cover) from Mrs. Gnintedem and the other an individual picture taken with the diploma. These will be available for viewing online and may be purchased online through Alford Studios. The photos will be taken of all graduates and parents have the option to buy a week or so after graduation.

DVD: <https://www.bellevue.org/graduations/>

Graduation Picture: Go to Alford website: <http://www.alfordstudios.net>

## **Graduation Streaming**

Bolton Graduation 2019 will be streamed online through the Shelby County Schools website and the Bellevue website:

Live Streaming: <https://www.bellevue.org/graduations/>

## **Final Transcript**

The final transcripts will be mailed on May 23-24 if you made this request outside of your English class with Mrs. Warren. The transcripts to Southwest and Univ. of Memphis will be hand delivered on these days. It will take approximately two weeks for a college to process your transcript, **so please be patient**. Colleges will send out automated reminders for you to send your transcript even after it has been mailed, so again, please be patient. You will receive an unofficial final transcript mailed to your home along with your final report card. These will be mailed to your home by the first week of June. **If you have any holds your transcript will not be mailed and you will not receive your Senior Packet, so please make sure that you have cleared all holds.**

## **HOPE Lottery and GAM info**

Students who will receive the HOPE Lottery based on a final unweighted GPA of a 3.0GPA or who will receive the General Assembly Merit- 3.75 weighted and a 29 ACT) will have your GPA verified through the state in mid- June. Check your TSAC portal by mid-June to see if SCS has verified your GPA.

## **Senior Hold List**

The Senior Hold List will be posted at rehearsal so if you are on the Hold List (unpaid fees during the school year-library books, textbooks, transcripts), you **MUST** clear your hold in order to get your Senior Packet (diploma) and your final transcript. If you need to clear a hold, go to the main office at Bolton after rehearsal with cash or money order only. **If your Hold is not cleared by Friday by noon, you will have to clear it the Monday after graduation and then you will receive your Senior Packet.**