

Dear Senior parents,

I am writing to you to let you know what is expected of your senior with regard to attire under their graduation gown. The graduation ceremony is a formal occasion and we would like everyone to be appropriately dressed. You should have enough notice to find something to wear. Please communicate these guidelines to your senior.

Guys should wear a solid color dress shirt, preferably white, and a tie. Bow ties are fine. Dress pants and dress shoes should be dark, preferably black. Please avoid khaki pants and casual brown shoes.

Girls should wear a dress shorter than their gown or a black dress if longer. Plain black dress pants are acceptable, if necessary. Hose are not required but should be plain black or tan. Shoes should be a basic color, preferably black, white or silver. I would not wear too high heels or flip flops as they will need to go up and down stairs and across the stage. We do not want anyone to trip and fall. Girls will not wear the white collar that comes with the gown but it would be best if the dress did not show at the top of the gown. Please avoid excessive jewelry and consider the cap when deciding on a hairstyle.

If your senior must decorate their cap, decorations should only be on the top of the mortar board and not hanging off or under the mortar board. And of course, they should reflect the Christian character of your senior.

Remind them that they can always change shoes, and clothes if they want, for the graduation reception. It does not matter if the shoes and dress don't match since they will be wearing a robe :-). And comfortable vs formal shoes may be the order for the rest of their evening! The ceremony is less than an hour so please encourage them to follow these guidelines for this short but important event in their lives.

Please refer to YouTube for the proper placement of the graduation cap.

Seniors are expected to be in their cap and gown in Room 110 of the Evangel Sanctuary building NLT 30 minutes before the graduation ceremony is scheduled to begin.

Thanks for helping me with this!

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