

# HOW TO BEST PREPARE FOR COMMENCEMENT

## EVERYTHING GRADUATES NEED TO KNOW

### Where do I go?

- Jimmy John's Field is located at 7171 Auburn Rd., Utica, MI 48317.
- Gates open at 9:00 am.
- Graduates should arrive one hour prior to the processional.
- Graduates must be in line by 10:15 AM EST. Late arrivals may not be able to participate in the ceremony.
- Parking is free and available in Parking Lot A.
- A map is available at <https://uspbl.com/jimmy-johns-field/parking>.
- Follow signs and report to the **Left Field Pavilion at 9:30 am**.

### What do I do?

- Proceed to the alpha breakdown boards (by last name) for your reader card.
- Undergraduate students who achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or higher will receive an honor cord.
- Pre-verified U.S. active duty and veterans will receive a military cord.
- Staff members will direct you to your degree section after you have checked in and will be available to assist with master hoods.
- It is important that you stay with your degree program.
- Leave purses, keys, cell phones, coats, suit jackets, etc. with family members. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.



### What do I wear?

- It is a requirement to wear a Walsh College approved cap, gown, master's hood, honor cords (if applicable), and stole (if applicable) are required attire for all commencement ceremony participants. Please make sure your gown is pressed, and dress in business attire, and wear your tassel on the right.
- Please leave your belongings with family and friends. You will not be able to carry anything with you during the procession.
- Graduates will be standing for a significant amount of time and will be walking on a baseball field.



# WHAT DO I TELL MY GUESTS?

## Guest Arrival Time & Location

- Gates open at 9:00 am.
- Ceremony begins at 10:30 am.
- The ceremony will last approximately 2 1/2 - 3 hours.
- Those with a wheelchair or difficulty walking should use the main gate at the corner of Auburn Road and Moscone Drive.
- Restrooms are located throughout the stadium.
- Limited concessions will be available.
- Umbrellas are permitted only when if opened, it does not interfere with other guest's enjoyment of the event. Large and/or golf umbrellas are not permitted in the stadium.

## Tickets (Required For Guests)

- Seating is general admission and limited.
- Children ages 3 and under do not need a ticket as long as they are small enough to sit on a parent's lap.
- The ceremony will be live streamed for guests who are unable to attend in person.
- If extra tickets become available, additional information will be provided by the end of May.

## Special Needs

If you or a guest needs a hearing impaired signer or seating to accommodate a wheelchair and have not already contacted us, e-mail [records@walshcollege.edu](mailto:records@walshcollege.edu) with subject line "Special Accommodations." Indicate your name, accommodation needed, and for whom.



## Photos

- *Grad Images* is our official photographer, but is not sponsored, endorsed by, or financially associated with Walsh College.
- Within 5-7 days, graduates will receive color proofs and order forms directly from *Grad Images*.
- There is no obligation to buy; this is a supplemental service.
- Additional prints can be ordered online at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com) or call 800-424-3686.
- Cameras and video cameras are permitted. However, guests should plan to take pictures from their seats as access to the field is strictly for those involved in the ceremony.

