



**F.A.I.T.H.  
FALCONS  
HOMESCHOOL**



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Dear Parents and Graduates of the Class of 2026,

Plans are under way, by F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool for our 22<sup>nd</sup> homeschool commencement for the Class of 2026! This letter is to provide you with information needed if you wish to participate. We have been averaging 25-30 graduates over the past several years.

Dress Rehearsal & Picture Date: Monday, May 18, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. (First Baptist Church of Lapeer)

Commencement Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Baptist Church of Lapeer, 1212 Knollwood Dr., Lapeer, MI 48446

Here is what to expect...diplomas, caps, gowns, tassels, and other optional items will be ordered and purchased on-line by each graduates' parents (approximate cost \$75). These items can be ordered from our "group page" at Homeschool Diploma. (The link to our group page will be provided once commitment and payment have been received.) The information you will require is listed on our group page for easy ordering. This will allow parents the opportunity to personalize their child's diploma and give you an opportunity to order additional graduation items, such as announcements, name cards, etc., at a discounted price (extra ordered items will be in addition to the approximate \$75). You will pay for these items at the time of purchase. All items will be shipped to you. In addition to these charges, there will be a \$75 fee to be paid to FAITH Homeschool (by 2/15) for additional necessary items for the ceremony and reception. After the 2/15 date, there will be a late fee of \$25.

On Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have a dress rehearsal and photo shoot. This is a MANDATORY rehearsal and photo shoot for the graduate and both parents. We will be taking senior group pictures in caps and gowns (and appropriate clothing and shoes under the gowns). These group pictures will also be used for the commencement ceremony, so it is imperative that the graduate attend this photo shoot and dress rehearsal. (It is NOT a dress rehearsal for the parents, so casual clothing is acceptable for this rehearsal.) Parents ARE required to attend this rehearsal.

If any of the seniors have a musical talent and would like to perform at the commencement, please let me know as soon as possible. If it becomes necessary to limit the number of performances due to time constraints, it will be at the board's discretion to determine what will best suit the program and time constraints. (All music is subject to church & FAITH Board approval.) The past several years, we have not had much interest in performing. We would like

to have 2-3 graduates, minimum, to perform. If we do not have any graduates, we would consider a parent or sibling to do something musical for the program.

Diplomas will be presented by the graduate's parents at the commencement ceremony. (This is why it is mandatory for parents to accompany their graduate to the rehearsal on May 18<sup>th</sup> – parents play a vital role in the ceremony and will need to know what to expect.) We will have an announcer read aloud the graduate information that is provided by the parents & graduates. Parents & graduates do not speak at the commencement ceremony.

Refreshments will follow the ceremony for all guests in attendance. All friends and family of the participating graduates are welcome to attend the graduation ceremony and the reception following. We do not anticipate the need to limit the number of guests currently.

FAITH will be issuing honor cords to students who have participated in FAITH Co-op Classes – gold honor cord (6 out of 8 semesters in high school) and/or Sports – white honor cord (4 seasons in high school, having finished with FAITH Falcons sports during your senior year). If your graduate has earned the right to wear an honor cord based on their academic accomplishments, they are welcome to wear them during the ceremony.

We will have an opportunity for you to purchase additional items for a fee. These items can be checked on the commitment form. These items include the photo link (with all professional photos taken during the ceremony, with rights to print), a graduate "Class of 2026" t-shirt (with all the participating graduate's names listed on the back of the tee), a graduation yard sign. These are not mandatory add-ons, but will be an additional fee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In His Service,

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Romans 15:17 "Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God."

