



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



November 29, 2023

Dear Parents and Graduates of the Class of 2024,

Plans are under way, by F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool for our 20<sup>th</sup> homeschool commencement for the Class of 2024! This letter is to provide you with information needed if you wish to participate. We have been averaging 25-30 graduates over the past couple years.

Dress Rehearsal & Picture Date: Monday, May 13, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. (First Baptist Church of Lapeer)

Commencement Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024 – 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 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 has 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.

On Monday, May 13<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; although, you may want to get a photo with your graduate in their cap and gown and our photographer will be happy to take this photo.) 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.) 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 13<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). While your graduate may have earned the right to wear an honor cord, based on their academic accomplishments, it is our policy to only allow FAITH issued honor cords to be worn in the ceremony. You are welcome to wear any additional honor cords following the ceremony, during the reception. Thank you for your understanding.

We will have an opportunity for you to purchase graduate “Class of 2024” t-shirts with all the participating graduate’s names listed on the back of the tee.

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.”

