

April 16, 2018

**GRADUATION INFORMATION
PRACTICE--BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS--OBLIGATIONS**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and with that comes Commencement! This letter is to inform you of our expectations for student behavior at the end-of-year activities leading up to the commencement ceremony on June 1, 2018 and to provide you with details of your son/daughter's last few weeks at Red Lion Area Senior High School.

This is an exciting time for seniors, so it is very important that they meet all of their obligations, i.e., those outlined in this letter, those outlined by their class advisors, those outlined by their teachers, and any financial obligations. All obligations, including financial obligations, must be fulfilled before May 25, 2018.

The Senior Awards Ceremony will be held during the evening of Wednesday, May 23rd beginning at 7 pm. In past years, this event has recognized many seniors for their accomplishments including department awards, athletic achievement awards, and recognition of scholarships that have awarded close to two million dollars. We ask that you keep this evening open in case your son/daughter is on the list of recognized seniors. Within a week of the ceremony, students being recognized will be given information to bring home should they and their family plan to attend. Any clarifying questions should be directed to Mr. Grant Gouker, Assistant Principal.

SENIOR END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Tuesday	May 15		Academic Awards Banquet, 6:00 pm
Friday	May 11		Senior Class Trip to Hersheypark (If students do not participate in the trip, they are expected to attend school)
Wednesday	May 23		Final Exams Senior Awards Ceremony, 7:00 pm
Thursday	May 24		Final Exams
Friday	May 25		Final Exams and Make-up Exams in the afternoon
Friday	May 25		Last Day for Seniors
Tuesday	May 29	9:00 am	Baccalaureate Practice, report to the auditorium Cap and Gown distribution after practice
Wednesday	May 30	9:00 am	Commencement Practice, report to Horn Field
Thursday	May 31	9:00 am	Commencement Practice, report to Horn Field
		7:00 pm	Baccalaureate Service, seniors are to be in the commons by 6:20 pm
Friday	June 1	9:00 am	Commencement Practice, report to Horn Field
		6:45 pm	Commencement, seniors are to be in the commons by 5:30 pm

We earnestly request your son or daughter be made fully aware that no arrangements or commitments should be made that conflict with this pre-announced schedule.

All Commencement practices are mandatory. All seniors must be **present and on time for all practices** (Baccalaureate and Commencement) **-no exceptions!** If a student is unable to attend due to a medical emergency, a physician's note will be required. If a senior is late to a scheduled practice, he/she will be required to serve a one-hour detention that day. If detention is not served, the student will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony. If a student misses a commencement practice, the student will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony. We do not have a lot of time to prepare for the ceremony, so it is vital that everyone is at practice and on time each day. If you are able to assist us during these scheduled practices and are an approved volunteer, please call Mrs. Kathie Dherit.

Students should make arrangements with their job in advance -NO ONE WILL BE PERMITTED TO ARRIVE LATE AND/OR LEAVE EARLY!

Additionally, during their final days at Red Lion Area Senior High, we expect the seniors to continue to adhere to the student code of conduct. Students who violate the code, dependent upon the severity of the infraction, may not be permitted to commence with their classmates. The commencement ceremony is a privilege and honor for students, not a right!

Commencement will be June 1, 2018, at 6:45 pm at Horn Field. Gates will open at 5:00 pm. If the ceremony is held indoors, the doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Seniors must arrive by 5:30 p.m. Seniors will enter the high school through the commons entrance. All gentlemen who are graduating must wear a dress shirt, a tie, socks, dress shoes (no sneakers), and dress pants (no jeans). All ladies who are graduating must wear a skirt, dress or dress pants (no jeans) and dress shoes (stay conscious of heels to protect our turf). Commencement is a momentous occasion. Please help us remind our students that this activity should be treated with solemnity rather than frivolity. Students should remain dignified and respectful throughout commencement. Any student who disrupts the ceremony with beach balls, noise makers, silly string or any other item or actions which draw undue attention, may be removed from the ceremony and escorted out of the ceremony by an administrator. If a student is removed from the ceremony, he/she must call the high school office and make an appointment to meet with Mr. Shue to receive his/her diploma.

There are a few things to keep in mind about our commencement ceremony.

- All spectator seating will be restricted to the stadium seating area. Following the commencement ceremony, parents and guests may join the graduates on Horn Field for picture taking. If you choose to leave the stadium before the conclusion of commencement, you must leave through the top gate behind the concession stand.
- No handicapped seating will be on the field level. Handicap seating and parking will be at the top of Horn Field.
- If you have special needs as addressed by the American with Disabilities Act (Example: blindness, hearing-impaired, physically challenged, etc.) and need assistance with this event, please make your needs known as soon as possible. **Please contact the building secretary, Mrs. Kathie Dherit or the principal, Mr. Shue at 246-1611 ext. 10001. Reasonable efforts will be made for accommodations.**
- There will be no reserving of seats before the commencement ceremony.
- After 6:35 pm, all admissions to the ceremony will be through the gate areas at the TOP of the stadium (press box level).
- It is important that every graduate's name be heard when it is announced. To assure that each name is heard, no horns, whistles, or artificial noisemakers will be permitted.
- Professional photographs will be taken of each graduating senior. Each graduate will be given an order form. Additional forms may be obtained the evening of graduation. A videotape of the ceremony will also be available for purchase. Order forms are enclosed.
- In the event of inclement weather, graduation will be held in the Fitzkee Center. A decision will be made by **noon** on the day of graduation and will be broadcast over the local radio & TV stations. Each senior will be given five (5) tickets for a possible indoor graduation ceremony. Others may watch graduation on closed circuit TV in the auditorium.
- For your convenience, our commencement ceremony will be streamed live at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAZmUni54lse0JcU7W7Q7hg>

In addition, local churches will sponsor a Baccalaureate Service to honor graduating seniors. This service for our seniors will be held in the auditorium at the Senior High at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 31, 2018. Seniors are invited to attend this service, but it is not mandatory. Cap and gowns should be worn. Seniors should report to the commons area by 6:20 pm.

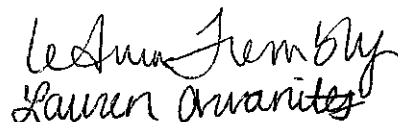
Sincerely,



Mark E. Shue
Principal



Nicole Ludwig
Senior Class Advisor



Lauren Arvanites & LeAnn Trembly
Senior Class Co-Advisors