

Senior GRADUATION INFORMATION DRILLERS - CLASS OF 2018

The graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a right. There are certain rules you must abide by before you are allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies.

College Academic Signing Day	Tuesday 5/22	Lunch 11:45
Senior Financial Awards Night	Tuesday 5/22	7pm
Senior Farewell Assembly	Friday 5/25	Periods 1 -3
BACCALAUREATE REHEARSAL	Friday 5/25	3 rd period
Grad Nite	Fri- Sat. 5/25-26	8:30 pm-6:30 am

BACCALAUREATE	Sunday 5/27	9am
Senior Sunset BBQ	Tuesday 5/29	6:30-9:00 pm
Senior Breakfast & Hypnotist Show	Wednesday 5/30	7:30-10:30 am
GRADUATION REHERSAL	Thursday 5/31	7:30 AM
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BEFORE GRADUATION

- DEBTS:** ALL DEBTS MUST BE CLEARED before a student will be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies. (lost books, equipment, etc.) **Once again, students will not walk across the stage and receive a diploma if their debt is not cleared.**
- SENIOR Clearance** - must have all clearance signatures including: Library, Textbook, Athletic and Finance offices. **Senior Clearance forms Due on or before May 25th.** If you have outstanding athletic equipment our Trainer Ms. Stephanie Smith will be available for signatures during 4th & 5th lunch in front of the flagpole by Administration every day from May 14th – May31st.
- All locks must remain on your locker. Do not remove.**

GRADUATION TICKETS

- TICKETS:** 10 per graduate will be given out at the end of rehearsal on **May 31st, 2018.** **IF there are extra tickets available they will be given after Graduation Rehearsal.** ALL DEBTS MUST BE CLEARED PRIOR TO RECEIVING TICKETS.
- EXTRA TICKET NEEDS:** Begin now asking your friends for any tickets they do not expect to use. Check with your parents and be certain of your commitment for tickets before giving them away to friends. Don't let someone else down. You can request an additional 5 tickets, on the school website or at the below link.
<https://goo.gl/forms/sSG3ybig8RFzcQ6F3>

REHEARSALS

- BACCALAUREATE REHEARSAL:** Friday May 25th, 2018 during 3rd period in Harvey Auditorium. You must attend the practice to participate in the **ceremony on Sunday, May 27th, 2018.** Caps and gowns must be worn to Baccalaureate. Ceremony begins at **9:00 A.M.** and lasts one hour. Baccalaureate is a wonderful event. Don't miss it.
- GRADUATION REHEARSAL:** All graduating seniors must attend graduation practice on **May 31st, 2018,** or you will not be allowed to participate in graduation that night. Your seat will be pulled if you do not attend the rehearsal. We suggest caps and sunscreen—it will be hot. We will provide iced down water.

GRADUATION NIGHT – FOR GRADUATES

1. **GRADUATION:** MAY 31st, 2018. Report to the gym by 6:00 P.M. Once a student has entered the gym, he or she will not be permitted to leave. Please leave all purses, coats, personal items, etc. with family or friends. Caps and gowns are to be worn with the tassel on the left side. Come with your graduation clothing on and gowns **off**. Each graduate will be inspected by his or her row monitor.
2. **GYM-REHEARSAL AND THE NIGHT OF GRADUATION:** No one but graduates and staff will be allowed inside the gym. Make this clear to all relatives and friends.
3. **DRESS:** **Boys**—trousers, shirts, dress shoes or boots—no jeans and no tennis shoes.
Girls—Dresses, pantsuits, dress shoes, boots, or sandals with straps—no tennis shoes or strapless sandals.
Girls may not wear high heels/stilettos—sensible dress shoes or boots will be required to participate. This is not a casual affair; thus, wear appropriate attire or you will be asked not to participate.
4. **CAPS AND GOWNS:** You must have a cap and gown in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** ONLY those tassels, stoles, etc. approved by **the administration** maybe worn at graduation.
5. **CELL PHONE USE:** Absolutely **NO** cell phone use during graduation! If you are caught using your cell phone, it will be confiscated and not returned.
6. **DIPLOMAS:** These will be handed out Friday, June 1st 2018 from 7:30 AM – 12 PM at the SAB. Any time after that you may pick diplomas up at the registrar's counter in the administration office. ID will be required to pick up Diploma.

GRADUATION NIGHT – FOR PARENTS & GUESTS

1. **THE STADIUM OPENS AT 5:30 P.M.** Those arriving first will have their choice of seats. There will only be 3 gates of entry for family and friends. 2 on North side and one on south side of California Ave. Graduates exit the gym at 6:45. Processional begins at 7:00. It will last approximately 1 ½ hours.
2. **HANDICAPPED SEATING:** Reserved seating available for approximately 100 people. Each handicapped individual may have one attendant seated with them. Thus, there will be seats for 50 handicapped individuals and 50 attendants. Those requesting handicapped parking and seating must call Rachel Long at 324-9841 ext. 33 to reserve a handicapped space. The name of the handicapped individual will be placed on a list. Handicapped individuals will be escorted by ROTC cadets and will enter in the main gates to the home side of the stadium.
3. **PHOTOS:** A professional photographer will capture each graduate receiving his or her diploma. Each graduate will be videotaped plus a picture is available for purchase. A list of graduates will be given to the photographer and he will contact you by mail after graduation regarding your interest in his work. **We ask that family and friends stay in their seats throughout the ceremony.**
4. **GUESTS WITH AIR HORNS/NOISEMAKERS:** Air horns, poppers, and other noisemakers are not permitted. Campus security and police will enforce this restriction. Please advise your guests.
5. **RECESSIONAL:** None. Family and friends are allowed onto the field to celebrate with the graduates immediately after the conclusion of the ceremony.