

Senior Information

Spring semester of the high school senior's life can be very overwhelming for the student and the parent/guardian. As we prepare for the upcoming events to commemorate the Class of 2019 and their educational journey, there are several things we need to share and ask that you remember.

First, some dates:

- **Wednesday, April 10th--Cap/Gown Delivery** (Students will pick up during lunch. Total balance must be paid when the items are picked up. Students should have received an invoice in the mail from Herff Jones with their balance. This balance can be paid online or when students pick up their orders. Graduation announcements will be delivered at a later date)
- **Friday, April 26th--Senior Cap and Gown Pictures and MerleFest Day Beginning at 7:00 am** (All seniors should wear their cap/gown for the group picture, individual pictures will be made on a pre-pay basis, individual pictures are not required). Once pictures are completed, students will be dismissed from school to attend the Student Day of MerleFest. Students must be in good academic and behavior standing in order to attend.
- **Tuesday, May 7th--Graduation Announcements Delivery** (Students will pick up during lunch).
- **Wednesday, May 15th @ 10:30 am--** Required Senior Meeting in Cafeteria
- **Friday, May 17th Senior Picnic @ 11:00 am**
- **Tuesday, May 21st--Senior Awards Assembly in the new gym at 6:00pm--** Students should arrive and be lined up no later than 5:30pm. *See expected dress guidelines below.*
- **Sunday, May 26th--Baccalaureate Service @ Millers Creek Baptist Church @6pm)-** Students should arrive no later than 4:30pm to line up, practice, and get ready for the service. This is NOT a required event. *See expected dress guidelines below.*
- **Thursday, May 30th--Graduation Practice in the new gym @ 2:00pm--** Students are required to be present at practice. If seniors do not attend practice, they are not allowed to walk during the ceremony. Tickets will be given out after practice is over. Students must sign to receive their tickets.
- **Friday, May 31st--Graduation ceremony in the new gym at 6:00pm--** Students should arrive and be in the cafeteria by 5:15pm. Once ceremony is complete, graduates will need to pick up their diplomas in the old gym. *See expected dress guidelines below.*

Second, the *expected dress for events* (Senior Awards Ceremony, Baccalaureate service, Graduation ceremony)

Ladies: Dress or dress slacks with blouse, dark color or nude shoes, dress sandals. No tennis shoes or flip flops. If you need assistance with any of these, please do not hesitate to let us know and we will help you.

Gentlemen: Dress pants with a button down shirt (tie is optional). Dress shoes. No blue jeans, no tennis shoes. If you need assistance with any of these, please do not hesitate to let us know and we will help you.

Third, **tickets for graduation**. Seniors will be given **8 (eight) tickets** each at practice on May 30th. There are NO extra tickets. There is not a waiting list for extra tickets. Everyone that plans to attend the ceremony will need a ticket. If you anticipate needing more than 8 tickets, we ask that you/your student communicate with friends/fellow classmates who may not need all 8 of their tickets. Please do not call the school to request more tickets. Those requests will not be granted.

Additionally, **seniors have asked to be allowed to decorate their caps this year**. This will be allowed, but guidelines must be followed. These guidelines are listed below. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the removal of the cap at the ceremony. Students **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in the ceremony without a cap and gown.

Caps must not...

- Contain any advertisement, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches or pictures that: refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, weapons or be of a sexual nature.
- Denote an affiliation with gangs or groups which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.
- Be obscene, profane, vulgar or lewd.
- Include numbers other than the graduation year.
- Threaten the safety and/or welfare of any person.
- Make noise. No bells, horns or any noise making device.

*Only the flat, top area of the mortar board may be decorated. There may be nothing hanging down from any of the sides of the cap.

*Decorations must be **flat** on the surface of the cap. 3-D creations are not allowed.

It *is* appropriate to put the following on your cap...

- Thank you to a parent, grandparent, family member, teacher or friend
- Recognize the college/university you plan to attend
- Recognize the branch of the military you are joining
- Recognize the career field you are entering
- Your graduation year

Finally, if your senior owes money to the school, the cafeteria, any clubs/organizations, media center, he/she will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies until that is paid. We will notify students if they have an outstanding debt to the school in an upcoming homeroom session. The notice will just be a note letting them know that they need to check with the front office on the status of their account here at school (no detailed information will be shared on the notice).