

May 10, 2019

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for the last two weeks of your senior's high school career, you need to be aware of several important upcoming events.

Monday, May 13 – AP Biology Test (8 a.m.) and Spring Sports Banquet

Tuesday, May 14 – Band Spring Concert – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15 – Senior Directed Play – “Lockout” – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 16 – Academic Awards Ceremony – 7 p.m. – students receiving an award should have received an invitation thru the mail.

Monday, May 20 – Senior semester exams – administered in the library

8:15 – 9:25 a.m. – Electives (Spanish, Ag, Home Economics, Photo, AV Production)

9:30 – 10:45 – English (all seniors must be present – even if exempt from the exam)

10:50 – 12:05 – Math

12:10 - Seniors dismissed for the day

Tuesday, May 21 – Senior semester exams continue

8:15 – 9:25 a.m. – Science

9:30 – 10:45 a.m. – Government/Economics (all seniors must be present – even if exempt from the exam.)

10:50 – 12:05 p.m. – Electives (Speech/Technology/Band/Choir/Art)

12:10 – Seniors dismissed for the day

Seniors may be exempt from a semester exam if they meet the following criteria:

Semester average of 80-89 and two or less absences in the class

Semester average of 90-100 and three or less absences in the class

Students who have been assigned to ISS, DAEP, or suspended this semester automatically lose all exemptions. Exempt students must attend school during the second class period of each testing date or they will lose all exemptions, Senior Walk privileges, Senior Trip privileges, and graduation ceremony privileges. Only medical documentation and absences previously approved by the principal will be accepted.

Wednesday, May 23 – Seniors report to the high school by 9 a.m. with cap and gown. Seniors will view the senior slideshow followed by the annual Senior Walk at all Fisd campuses. This will start at Tatum, followed by the Intermediate School, Junior High, and then finishing at the High School. Following the completion of the Senior Walk, the seniors will be dismissed for the rest of the day.

Wednesday night, May 23 – Baccalaureate Service at First United Methodist Church of Farmersville – 6:30 p.m. This is an optional religious service honoring our graduating seniors. Seniors should wear their caps and gowns to this ceremony. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, May 23 – Seniors will report to the high school by 8:30 a.m. for the senior trip (Paintball.) The price of paintballing and lunch will be paid by the senior class fund. Seniors who do not wish to go on

the Paintball trip must report to school by 8:30 and stay until 12 noon for credit. Only medically documented absences will be approved. Failure to follow this policy will result in a loss of graduation ceremony privileges.

Friday, May 24 – Graduation practice – students will need to arrive at the high school by 8:30 a.m. We will leave from Farmersville and take the students by bus to Plano Event Center for practice. The practice will take approximately 2 hours. Following the graduation practice, seniors will be fed lunch at Plano Event Center. Seniors should return around 1:00-1:30 from practice.

Graduation – students need to arrive at Plano Event Center in cap and gown no later than 6:15 p.m. If students are not in proper dress attire (collared shirt, tie, dress pants or dress jeans for males; dresses, skirts, or dress slacks for the ladies) or if they do not have the proper cap and gown, they will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Caps and gowns should not have any markings or adornments on them. Photos will be taken by Lifetouch Photography during the ceremony as your student crosses the stage.

Important notes – Plano Event Center has 2000 seats in a large ballroom/auditorium but seating is not reserved (first come-first served.) The doors to Plano Event Center will open at 6 p.m. for parents and guests to be able to take their seats. There will also be a large screen where the ceremony can be seen on video by guests sitting near the back of the auditorium. We ask that everyone respect the solemn nature of this ceremony and act appropriately during the ceremony. Any graduate or audience member that disrupts the ceremony will be removed by security and may be issued a citation for disorderly conduct. Please do not cross the roped area to take photos since this will interfere with the official video/photography of the ceremony. After the ceremony is finished, students will be able to pick up their actual high school diploma at a table outside the auditorium. Any graduate that creates a disturbance during the ceremony will not be able to pick up their diploma or transcript until later in the summer.

Once again, we appreciate your cooperation with regard to the solemn nature of our graduation ceremony. We want this to be something that our students and parents remember with pride. Thank you for the privilege of being a part of educating your student for the last four years. I wish them the best in all of their future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Wayne Callaway
Farmersville High School Principal