



GRADUATION 2019

March 18, 2019

Dear Parents and Graduating Seniors,

It has been an exciting and challenging academic school year. You have overcome and met each adventure with a new set of jaguar footprints. You are now awaiting new milestones for the upcoming year. You have endured twelve years of schooling, wrapping up the intensity of academics and preparing for college via applications, scholarships, and financial aid. Now we would like to honor you. The intent of this lengthy letter is to assist you with your planning by outlining events, offering explanations, and describing expectations.

SENIOR FINALS

Senior EOC and NCFE Testing will begin May 17-31, 2019. This exam will count 20% of your final grade.

SCHOLAR FEES

Seniors must be cleared of all debt by April 15, 2019. Please see Mrs. Cauble for further assistance.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Senior Luncheon will be held on May 30, 2019 at the Dunn Center from 11:00am- 2:00pm. The attire for this event is business attire. Seniors will be able to eat at no cost. Students will be able to invite two guest. Guest tickets will be \$10.00 each. You must have a ticket to enter.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

We have scheduled a practice session for graduation so everyone will know the procedures. We must insist that graduation practice is **mandatory**. Graduation practice information is as follow:

Thursday May 30, 2019

8:00am- 4:00pm-(break for Senior Luncheon 11-2pm)

Dunn Center

3400 N. Wesleyan Blvd.

Rocky Mount NC 27804

CAP AND GOWN

Cap and gowns will be distributed on April 1, 2019. All cap and gown orders must be paid in full by March 29, 2019. This attire is required in order to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. Please follow-up with Josten's for payment information and any additional questions or concerns.

GRADUATION TICKETS

Tickets are required for entrance into Graduation. Seniors will receive a total of **10** tickets. **10** tickets may be used for entrance into the graduation ceremony. A ticket admits one person into the facility - please note this includes babies and small children. You must have a ticket to enter. Tickets will be distributed on Tuesday May 7, 2019. Students that will not use all tickets entrusted to him/her please return to Mrs. Anderson.

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Friday May 31, 2019

4:30 P.M.- Graduates will arrive and meet in the dressing hall at the Dunn Center. Seniors who arrive after 4:30pm will not be allowed to participate in the processional. Doors will open for all guest at 5:00pm.

6:00 P.M. Graduation Ceremony Begins.

CEREMONY

Guests are asked to treat the ceremony with appropriate dignity. **Balloons will be prohibited inside the auditorium.** The attention should be on the graduates and not on the people in the audience. Applause is appropriate, but common courtesy needs to be displayed so **every** graduate's name is heard. Noisemakers are both distracting and disrespectful. Spectators are expected to be seated throughout the ceremony.

GUIDELINES FOR DRESS

- **YOUNG MEN** should wear black dress slacks, a collared shirt (tie not required but recommended), dress shoes, and socks. No tennis shoes, flip-flops, slides or shorts will be allowed.
- **YOUNG LADIES** should wear a dress (or blouse and skirt) that do not hang below their graduation gowns, dress shoes. No tennis shoes, flip-flops, slides or shorts will be allowed.
- Flowers and jewelry should not be worn on the academic gown.
- Caps and gowns can be accessorized with specific regalia like stoles and honor cords in keeping with the traditions of the school.
- Caps and gowns should always be worn in a dignified way. Be sure the gowns are neatly pressed. (use a cool iron – the gowns will melt!) If you purchase or borrow a cap and gown from someone other than RMPS, you must bring it in to Mrs. Anderson/Palmer to check and make sure it is the same shade of blue as our gowns. Gowns that do not match will not be allowed.
- Both men and women always wear caps straight on the head, parallel to the floor. A teacher supervisor will adjust this for you if you are not wearing the cap correctly. Tassels (school colors only) are to be worn on the right and will be turned left at the end of the ceremony when you are a high school graduate!

GRADUATES WHO DO NOT WEAR APPROPRIATE ATTIRE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LINES AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES.

With every ending there is a brand new beginning.