

2010 Senior and Parent Graduation Information Memo

DO NOT LOSE THIS SCHEDULE!!!

IMPORTANT dates to remember:

22 October 2009(Thursday): Senior Meeting in Thrower Gym-graduation requirements

5-6 November 2009: Order announcements in senior café. Cost varies with order...

27-28 January 2010: Order Caps and Gowns (\$50.00 buys cap, gown, stole, tassel and diploma cover). On 1 April the cost goes up to \$60.00-direct factory order/shipping. (Make-up day for ordering is Feb. 11th)

25 March 2010: Distribute Announcements during lunch in Senior café

April 21st: Thrower Gym Senior Assembly/caps&gown/picture

Caps and gowns will be issued during second block. **(To avoid wrinkles, keep the gown and stole on a hanger.)** When the announcement is made, students will report to the gym. Caps and gowns will be worn for the picture that will appear in *The Times Herald*.

TBA: Senior Picnic

Seniors' dues must have been paid (by May 1) in order to attend the picnic. Dues are \$30 prior to the Christmas/Holiday break, \$40 from that time on until 1 April, and \$50 after 1 April 2010. You will receive your picnic ticket at the same time that you pick up your yearbook. Report then to the stadium for lunch and yearbook signing. Those students attending the picnic are welcome to leave campus at its conclusion (you will be handed a pass to leave campus when you exit at the stadium gate).

May 3rd: Honors Night, Performing Arts Centre, Lower Fayetteville Road

May 23rd (Sunday): Baccalaureate-Performing Arts Centre

For the graduates, the baccalaureate service is a time for reflection. It is a service in which a meaningful message is given by a local speaker. Graduates should sit quietly and respectfully during the service.

Do not bring purses, etc. because those items get lost in the shuffle of dressing. Family members are invited to attend.

****Graduation and Baccalaureate Attire:**

Males should wear dark dress trousers (no jeans), dress shirt, and dress shoes (dark if possible). Females should wear lightweight, Sunday-like dresses and dress shoes. If possible, the dress shoes should be black or dark-colored. Low heels are recommended. Caps and gowns plus the stole are worn for baccalaureate and graduation. Tassels should be on the right side of the cap. Do not chew gum.

May 27th Practice #1: Seniors report to the gym at 9:00. Roll will be taken.

May 28th: Final practice and Checkout Sheets. Remember to clear all debts before Monday morning, May 24th. Checkout sheets will be issued to you that week. When all signatures have been gathered, the sheet is to be left with Mrs. Elder (last names A – L) or Mrs. Williams (last names M – Z).

The checkout sheet should be turned in before 9:00 on Friday, May 28th. Someone will pull you from practice if money is owed, books have not been returned, etc.

May 28th: Practice: Seniors report to Thrower Gym at 9:00 a.m.

Roll will be taken at both practices. **Seniors who do not attend these practices will be removed from the graduation line-up.** It is very important that you are prompt. Information about where you will be seated and the processional formation will be rehearsed. **When you are told practice is over, safely leave the campus. Do not remain on campus after practice is over.**

Remember that improper behavior from any senior means immediate removal from the campus, and you will not participate in graduation on Saturday.

Rain Tickets:

The rain tickets per graduate will be given out at practice. If it should rain, any person wishing to attend graduation **must** have a ticket. If someone is going to be late, write that person's name on a rain ticket and leave it with the official at the door. **If you do not attend practices, you will not receive rain tickets.**

May 29th: Breakfast and Ceremony

Breakfast: The breakfast is for seniors, faculty/staff, and board members only.

Meet in the cafeteria at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 29th, for breakfast and practice. This will be a good time to tell everyone goodbye. From there you will get into your caps, gowns, and stoles and line up for the graduation ceremony. (Specific details will be given during practice.)

Pictures:

With exceptions for disabled persons, parents and guests will not be permitted on the track or field during graduation to take pictures and/or to observe the ceremony. A professional photograph will be taken of you receiving your diploma. Information about purchasing this photograph will be mailed to you by Lifetouch.

Diploma Pick-up:

Diploma covers will be issued at the graduation ceremony. The actual diploma will be issued in the cafeteria after the ceremony. Graduates must have cleared all obligations to receive their diplomas. **If the check-out sheet has not been signed by the proper people and turned in on time, the student will not receive his/her diploma.**

If you need help with anything discussed above, please see Mr. Ingram (206), Mrs. Elder (Brantley classroom), or Mrs. Williams in Guidance.