

2018 Graduation Information for Parents/Seniors

Things to take care of right away: *Check these off as soon as possible!*

1. Clear outstanding balances owed to the school district (bill included).
2. Have all of current text books ready to check in (list included with mailer). These **MUST** be turned in or cleared by 3:00 PM, Friday, June 1st to walk at graduation.
3. Save anything that the student has stored on the students google drive to a portable device. All seniors google space is deleted during the summer. Some students have resumes and other information stored there. It all goes away in July.
4. Check the deficiency list and the seating chart on the main office window **DAILY** as these change depending on issues being cleared or added.
5. **ALL LATE WORK** is due May 30th. Grades will be determined based on what you've completed and turned in by May 30th. We provide a couple of days (May 31 – June 1) for any last minute credit recovery that must be done, but your normal course work must be turned in by the end of the day on May 30th.
6. **MANDATORY** graduation practice is June 5th from 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Plan for work and family obligations to be cleared for **MANDATORY** graduation practice. This is not optional – every senior who plans to walk at graduation **MUST** attend practice. Speak directly with Mr. Belveal if you have questions. Part of practice time will be our annual “Honor Walk” at the local elementary/middle schools.
7. Check the calendar of events below and clear obligations to be able to fully participate in the senior activities.
8. Students – if there is any doubt of passing a class or you have any difficulty with required courses being taken at LBCC or other institution, **PLEASE** be in contact with your counselor. **DON'T** wait until the last second.
9. Credit Recovery: If you are working on credit recovery, **NOW** is the time to invest the time in getting this completed. All credit recovery is due by 3:00 PM on Friday, June 1st to walk at graduation. Please don't make everyone stress out by waiting until the last minute to complete all of your requirements.
10. **PASS YOUR CLASSES!** Senioritis can be a real thing – don't let the excitement of the end of high school distract you from your classes – attend every day, do the work, take care of passing your classes so that we can celebrate on June 5th!
11. Order your final transcripts as needed for college admission. Order forms are in the counseling office, and they are returned to Mrs. Chipman with the \$2 fee.
12. Graduation Attire: Gentlemen -- long pants and dress shoes – no exceptions.
Graduation Attire: Ladies – long pants, dress, or skirt – no exceptions.
Graduation Attire: All – no flip flops or sandals without securing straps.

CALENDAR for Graduation

May 29 - 30

Senior Finals

May 30

SENIORS LAST DAY OF CLASS

6:45 AM Senior Breakfast served for seniors by SAHS Staff members

All late work is due to teachers – grades computed at end of the day

Graduation Tickets will be issued at the Senior Breakfast **IF** you have cleared all deficiencies, paid all bills, fines, book fees, and are ready to graduate! Tickets are available from Mrs. Chipman in the counseling office after the Senior Breakfast **as soon as you have cleared** all deficiencies and are cleared for graduation.

** **Reserved Tickets**: Every student will receive 8 reserved section tickets. Reserved seating is in the front ½ of the hall, a reserved ticket will be required to enter this area. If your family does not need 8 seats, it would be **INCREDIBLY** helpful if you return any extras to Mrs. Chipman in the counseling office.*

** **General Admission Tickets**: Requests can be made in the front office beginning on May 14th through May 25th for additional general admission tickets. Every effort is made to meet your needs, but we cannot exceed 4,000 total tickets. We do ask you to be as realistic as possible and may have to limit large requests. (We have met all reasonable requests each of the last seven years.)*

Friday, June 1st

3:00 PM is the **absolute** deadline for any and all work to be completed and turned in, fees paid, and all details taken care of to walk at graduation. Any student who **has not met this deadline will not be allowed to walk** at graduation on Tuesday. This deadline is necessary for preparation for the ceremony.

GRADUATION DAY!

Tuesday, June 5: Graduation Practice (Mandatory): 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM @ Expo Center

***Honor Walk**: This is a tradition where our students either go back to their own grade school or go to the grade school of a friend in cap and gown. It is an effort to inspire our grade school students to “be like you” and graduate. Most graduates have found this to be an incredible experience. We provide busing as part of our graduation practice. We expect all to participate.*

5:45 PM

ALL Graduates need to be in the Santiam Room at the Expo Center – in your cap and gown. Expectations will be explained during practice. (Doors open for guests at 5:45 pm)

Graduation: Tuesday, **June 5**, 6:30 PM, Linn County Fair Expo Center

The graduation ceremony is one of the single most celebrated days in many people’s lives. It is exciting to be able to celebrate this accomplishment in a way that honors all students, families, and other contributors to this accomplishment. We do not allow noisemakers, balloons, or signs inside the facility by code. For safety, bags/purses/etc. will be searched at the gate much like any other large event you might attend.

ALL NIGHT DRUG/ALCOHOL-FREE PARTY- includes: dinner hosted by Elmer’s Restaurant, transportation to & from Dixon Center at OSU, fun activities such as Bubble Soccer, Laser Tag, Camo Obstacle, Big Baller, Segway Riding, Henna Tattoos, Hypnotist Show, Rock Wall Climbing, Swimming, Food, Beverages & many Prizes (tv, fridge, jewelry, tools, trips, shopping sprees, luggage, etc).....Grand Prize is \$300 cash!!! **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. Pick up forms in SAHS office if you still need to register.

New for 2018 – as a trial for future classes

The Class of 2018 has been a ground breaking class in all areas of our school for the last four years. Academically, athletically, activities, and in all areas – this class has been incredible!

With that, our seniors have requested that we change from our **very long standing** tradition and allow them to decorate their mortar boards (graduation hats) as a way for them to celebrate this step in their lives. **I trust this senior class to handle this adjustment appropriately and with class.** We have decided to allow this ground breaking class to decorate mortar boards if they wish and as long as they can follow the expectations so that it doesn't impact other students or the overall experience of graduation.

Expectations

1. The administrators at graduation will be the **final** authority on whether the hat decoration is appropriate and OK to wear to the ceremony. If you have any thoughts that it might not be OK, please don't do it. **We will not have discussion or negotiations about a hat on graduation night.** We will have extras available and if the hat, in the opinion of the administrator, is not appropriate we will simply trade you with a new hat.
2. You will have from 1:00 PM on June 5th to 5:45 PM on June 5th to decorate your mortar board. You receive your graduation gown and mortar board at graduation practice and can gather or do whatever you would like to decorate. PLEASE be careful about supplies you use – make sure you have fast drying glue/etc. so that it has time to dry and will stay together during the 3 hour ceremony.

YES!

3. Suggestions for appropriate decorations:
 - a. Decorations must be 2 dimensional – flat on the top.
 - b. Thank You's – parents, others would be great
 - c. Special people recognition (grandparent, teacher, etc.)
 - d. A special memory, sports or activity symbols or images
 - e. Appropriate pictures/images
 - f. "Rebels" is fine – please keep it positive
 - g. Special family or cultural references or celebrations



YES!



4. Inappropriate decorations are NOT limited to but include anything similar or representing:
 - a. Derogatory or negative statements, references, or pictures/images
 - b. Any sexual reference or innuendo or images or pictures
 - c. Any reference to drugs, alcohol, tobacco or other similar items
 - d. Any element rising from the hat or hanging from the hat including lights/etc.

NO...



NOPE



NO WAY!



5. **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** understand that emotions will be involved on the night of graduation for the graduates, families, and staff. This really **IS NOT** a time when you want to push the issue. Again – if you have to wonder if your decoration idea is OK, just say NO! If any of the administrators determine that there is anything that is not appropriate for the occasion, we will not spend time in debate or negotiations – we will simply give you a blank mortar board to wear. We want this to be fun but within appropriate parameters and expectations.

SENIOR and ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY – MAY 18, 2018 – SAHS Gymnasium

Our annual Academic Awards Assembly combines community awards of scholarship and recognition with our school staff recognition of our students. We schedule this event in the morning after feedback from parents that it was easier for them to attend in the morning than in the afternoon.

NEW This Year!

As a school, we have worked hard to help students visualize a future for themselves. This includes having a plan for post high school education of some kind. Research tells us that the careers of the future will require more than a high school education. We want to recognize all seniors who have developed a plan for their next steps that involve continued education. This would include but not necessarily be limited to those that have been accepted to a university, college, community college, trades/apprenticeship program, or the military.

As you will see on the schedule below, the morning of May 18th from 7:56 – 8:20, we will ask seniors – and families if you wish – to “trade” a photocopy of the students acceptance notification to whatever program they are involved with – for a t-shirt indicating next steps.

One of our goals is to collect evidence of students post high school plans as one of our school improvement goals. Please plan to have a photocopy of acceptance letters, emails, letters, whatever may have been received as verification of acceptance – even if the student hasn’t decided for sure about their plans. If students have multiple acceptance documents, we would love to have all that we can collect.

We hope to offer this as a photo opportunity for parents as their children are recognized for not only past accomplishments but for creating a plan for their future. During the assembly, we will ask seniors with a shirt or that have met the criteria to stand and be recognized.

Academic and Senior Community Awards Assembly – Friday, May 18th

7:56 – 8:20 1st Period (Include expectations) (24 minutes)

(All Award recipients to gym)

Qualified Seniors to Commons for #acceptedtocollege t-shirts

8:25 – 9:50 Awards Assembly (85 minutes)