



Dear Parents of the Senior Class of 2022: (second correspondence/updated 4/29/2022)

Welcome to one of the most exciting times in your child's educational history –

SENIOR YEAR and GRADUATION!

Senior year is a time of many emotions for both the parent and the student. In a blink of an eye your baby is now an adult, and soon they will be going out into the real world on their own. While parents will be going through some emotions about this milestone in your child's life – the student will also be going through some anxiety as they process this leap from being a child to becoming an adult. Seniors and families, please take time to cherish, appreciate, and enjoy your last semester on campus. You will always be a RedHawk and we cannot wait to see you fly into your future endeavors.

This note is an attempt to give you some information about important dates and events for your planning purposes. Please understand that we are planning for these senior events but must remain flexible and responsive to State and local COVID response.

Graduation

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. South Albany's graduation is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00pm at RedHawk Stadium.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS:

FLIGHT Class: During seniors Wednesday FLIGHT, they will receive post-high school planning information. This includes the *FAFSA, which needs to be completed in order to receive the Oregon Promise (up to 90 credits free at a community college after graduation) or to be considered for the Post Graduate Scholars Program.* Seniors will also learn about career and college information. We also encourage you to contact Katelyn Sawyer in the College and Career Center katelyn.sawyer@albany.k12.or.us.

Career Credit

All seniors will need .50 career credit in order to graduate. They earned this credit through the experiences in their FLIGHT class as well as by attending Career Day. The activities need to be completed in FLIGHT through Naviance.

9-Week Quarter Dates:

1st 9 weeks/Semester 2 - February 2-April 7

No School April 8 for Grading

2nd 9 weeks/Semester 2 - April 11-June 2

June 1 and 2: Senior Finals

June 2: Senior Breakfast 6:45am in Commons. Thank you Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Musch for coordinating this event.

June 3: Deadline for walking at graduation 3:00--all missing work, books and school equipment due

There is **NO SENIOR SKIP DAY**. Please do not let your student convince you that there is somehow approval for seniors to miss a day of school. Across the nation, this activity has proven to be very dangerous as students sometimes take risks they would not normally be involved with.

Student Graduation Speakers: Our valedictorian and salutatorian speak at the graduation ceremony.

Monday, May 9 **SENIOR DEFICIENCY** Make sure you are checking in with your counselor, administrator and main office team to ensure you have all requirements met to graduate.

Friday, May 27 **ALTERNATE CREDITS:** Students earning credit through any institution other than South Albany High School must verify that grades and credits for graduation have been received in Counseling and have been verified by the student's counselor.

Tuesday, June 2 **GRADUATION TICKETS & CAPS AND GOWNS:**
8 tickets will be issued at the Senior Breakfast **IF** you have cleared all deficiencies and are ready to graduate! Tickets will also be available from Ms. Gonzales in the main office after the Senior Breakfast **WHEN** all deficiencies are cleared. Caps and Gowns will also be distributed at the breakfast. *If you choose to decorate your cap please be reminded this must be school appropriate AND will be checked on the night of graduation. If it is not appropriate you will not be allowed to wear it.*

Tuesday, May 31 **6:30 COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**
This event will be by invitation only.

Friday, June 3 **3:00 PM** is the **absolute** deadline for any and all work to have been completed and turned in, fees paid, and all the details taken care of. 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.

Monday, June 6 **SENIOR HONOR WALK:** This will occur in the morning. Mrs. Ayers will create a schedule of times that these will begin at each school. You will arrive at that time and be joined by a SAHS staff member to facilitate this walk. Due to bus shortages buses will not be provided. Students will meet at their designated schools. More details to come.

Monday, June 6 **1:30PM GRADUATION PRACTICE:** This is a **mandatory** practice. All course work, extended application work – ***everything*** MUST BE DONE to participate in practice. ***Failure to participate in practice will result in not being able to walk at graduation.*** Please plan for students to be released from work/etc.

Tuesday, June 7 **7:00PM GRADUATION:** More information to come on what the graduation ceremony will be. All seniors will meet with caps and gowns. Specific procedures and requirements will be covered during graduation practice.

Admittance to graduation is by ticket only. Updated information will come out on this when we have updated safety requirements for graduation.

SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY: Parents of seniors sponsor this event.
Note: *South Albany High School provides this information as a service to our parents and students. The Senior All-Night Parties are not school sponsored events and publication here does not imply any liability on the part of South Albany High School or the Greater Albany Public School District.*