

# Seniors 2019 Information

**Seniors and their parents/guardians are to read these announcements very carefully and are responsible for understanding and following them completely.**

1. No student may take senior exams unless all debts/financial obligations (including laptops, chargers and bags, athletics, cafeteria, corps groups, library, clubs, etc.) are paid by 12 noon May 8. Ms. Pierre will have all debt lists.
2. All incomplete grades must be removed by 2:30 May 10. No student is permitted to graduate with an "I" grade on his/her permanent record.
3. Senior Exams will be given on the following days:  
Thursday, May 9 - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> blocks (full day of school)  
Friday, May 10 - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> blocks (After 2<sup>nd</sup> block, graduates must report to the football field visitor's side immediately. Wear a shirt that you don't mind getting full of color powder. You are to ride the bus home at 2:30 unless you drive or ride with someone.)

## **GRADUATION PRACTICE**

1. Graduation practice schedule: **ATTENDANCE AT BOTH PRACTICES IS MANDATORY.**
  - a. Tuesday, May 14, 7:20 a.m. - Roll call in auditorium (Class/Awards Night practice follows graduation practice.)
  - b. Wednesday, May 15, 7:20 a.m. - Roll call in auditorium
2. Note: Names will be clipped on a string in the back of the seats in the auditorium. Find your name and sit in that seat.
3. Every senior who intends to participate in the graduation ceremony **must attend both practices.** In case of an emergency, the student must be excused by Mr. Kennedy and **must have some other person over age 21 practice in his/her place. Do not make commitments for jobs, babysitting, appointments, etc. that will conflict with graduation practice. Reschedule any appointments or commitments already made.**
4. Roll call will begin promptly at 7:20 a.m. Once practice begins, all talking must stop. Be prepared to stay at practice for the length of time it takes to get the program exactly correct. This may be a few **HOURS.** **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE EARLY!!!!**
5. Uniform dress code (khaki shorts and white or black shirt or spirit shirt) and school policies apply at practice as on regular school days. A group picture will be taken. It is recommended that you wear the shoes that you will wear for graduation to practice. You will need practice going up and down stairs wearing them. No piercings (except ears) or visible tattoos.
6. Students will line up alphabetically. You will be seated by Advisory Class in the gym.

7. Seniors are to continue to park in the student section of the parking lot. No horn blowing, etc. please. You may ride the bus to school and bus transportation back home will be provided after practice, if needed. **NO LOITERING. All graduates must leave campus after practice. Inform Mrs. Shepard if transportation is needed. If, for some reason, you must stay on campus after practice on either day, you must get permission from Mr. Kennedy.**
8. Directions for both practices will be given by Mrs. Shepard and/or administration. Directions must be followed to the smallest detail. Any student who does not follow given directions or who presents any disciplinary problem will not be allowed to participate in the graduation exercises.
9. Report cards and transcripts will be issued after practice on Tuesday or Wednesday.

### GRADUATION

1. All students are to report to the auditorium at **5:00** on Friday, May 17.
2. Students should be in line in the auditorium on the night of graduation by **5:40** p.m. Parents/relatives/etc. should not enter the auditorium before or after the program.
3. **Dress check must take place in the auditorium prior to marching in the gym.** Girls are to wear black shoes (be careful with the size and type of heel worn - girls have tripped and fallen in the auditorium from wearing high heels) and a solid black or white dress under their gown. Boys are to wear black closed-in shoes (no tennis shoes), black socks, black trousers, white shirts, and a black tie/bow tie under their gown. (No designs, flowers, plaids, etc. please.) **Tassels are to be worn on the LEFT side of the cap until you have been proclaimed a graduate by Mr. Kennedy.**
4. **NO** piercings (except ears) or visible tattoos.
5. Caps are worn so that the mortarboard is flat on the top of your head, not on the back of your head. The "V" should be in the middle of your forehead. Caps are to worn as you received them from Josten's -- **NOT DECORATED IN ANY FORM OR FASHION.**
6. All students are reminded to try on both cap and gown prior to graduation night. **PLEASE IRON YOUR GOWN!!!!**
7. All seniors, their families and friends are invited to attend Class/Awards Night in the auditorium on Wednesday, May 15, at 6:00 p.m. Ladies' attire: Knee length dress, knee length skirt with dress shirt or dress pants with dress shirt, dress shoes. **NO JEANS, NO SHORTS, NO CAPRI PANTS, NO HALTER DRESSES, NO BACKLESS DRESSES/TOPS, NO STRAPLESS DRESSES, NO EXPOSURE (COMPLETELY COVERED), NO FLIP FLOP SHOES, NO LOW CUT DRESSES OR SHIRT, NO TIGHT CLOTHING.** Gentlemen's attire: Dress slacks (worn at waist), belt, button down shirt, tie, vest, polo shirt and dress shoes (no tennis shoes). **NO JEANS, NO CARGO PANTS, NO DENIM, NO TENNIS SHOES, NO EARRINGS, NO CROCS.** Again, no piercings (except ears) and visible tattoos. Line up in the hallway in front of the auditorium at 5:30.
8. No gum chewing, cell phones or other electronic devices during either ceremony.
9. Please remember to respect the men and women who fight for our freedom - stand up straight and place your right hand over your heart for both the pledge of alliance and the national anthem.

10. Please use these guidelines when receiving your diploma and receiving congratulations: Use eye contact, have a firm handshake, say "thank you" - for EVERY person, which means it will be numerous times (at least 11) but do this for every person - show respect and dignity.
11. Please inform your parents/guardians/relatives/friends that pictures and videos can be taken from the stands.
12. Any senior who misbehaves during the graduation program will be escorted from the area. The student will receive his/her diploma at a later date to be determined by the principal and the student during an official conference to be scheduled the following day.
13. Please remember that each individual comprises the 2019 Senior Class. A student should avoid misbehaving or "acting a fool" before, during and after the program in respect to the 2019 Senior Class as a whole.
14. Diplomas will be issued by advisory teachers in the auditorium immediately following the graduation ceremony. No parents or visitors are allowed in the auditorium. Report immediately after graduation - do not tarry!!!
15. Any senior who reports for the program on a "high" due to influences such as alcohol, drugs, etc. will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.
16. If a senior plans to purchase a corsage or a boutonniere for his/her mother and father, please make your own arrangements with the florist.
17. This is only a partial list of rules. Remember that all school and school board rules apply.

**Remember the following:**

**The principal has the authority to withhold diplomas from students for 365 days for any violation of any of the above rules and/or other rules.**

# **Seniors 2019**

## **Important Dates, Times and Deadlines**

### **April 23 – 24**

- Nomination phase for Class Favorites on Moodle, Student Laptop Resources

### **April 26 – 27 (Yes, Saturday)**

- Voting for Class Favorites
- Acceptance letter due to Mr. Kennedy (TODAY) for Academic Signing Day

### **April 30**

- Baby photo texted to Kayley Noel (225) 624-9913

### **May 2 - 3**

- Second round for Class Favorites, if needed

### **May 3**

- Academic Signing Day (about 1 or 1:30 p.m.)

### **May 8**

- Announcement information SIGNED to Mrs. Shepard
- All debts paid – see Ms. Pierre
- FAFSA or waiver completed

### **May 9**

- Exams – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> blocks

### **May 10**

- Exams – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> blocks
- Remove any “I” grades
- Report to the football field after 2<sup>nd</sup> block. Must leave campus after crawfish boil and color party.

### **May 13**

- Scholarships/Award letters to Mrs. Shepard by 2:30 p.m.

### **May 14**

- Graduation practice 7:20 a.m. until..... (meet in auditorium)
- Class/Awards Night practice after graduation practice
- Senior Group picture (wear school uniform)

### **May 15**

- Graduation practice 7:20 a.m. until..... (meet in auditorium)
- Class/Awards Night 5:30 p.m. line up in the hallway between the gym and the auditorium (see dress guidelines on attached announcement sheet)

### **May 17**

- Graduation 5:00 p.m. in auditorium (see dress guidelines on attached announcement sheet)

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*We have read the attached information, announcements and rules, and we understand that these must be followed in order to participate in both the Class/Awards Night and Graduation ceremonies. I have also read attached sheet entitled "Important Dates, Times and Deadlines." (There are two sheets of paper, printed on the front and back.)*

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*Date*

**Return this page only to Mrs. C. Shepard by Wednesday, May 8, 2019**