

# **2018 Graduation Dates, Information & Expectations**

CEREMONY: Commencement is the most formal of the Southridge graduation activities and is the last recognition for the class of 2018.

## **CAPS AND GOWNS MAY NOT BE DECORATED**

We want parents and relatives to be able to see and appreciate their son's and daughter's achievements. To assure that happening, "silly string," beach balls, noisemakers, and such distracters that interfere with the ceremony are not permitted.

HONOR STUDENTS: At graduation we will honor our valedictorians and salutatorian. National Honor Society members who have completed their service requirement and have been notified by Mr. Hamaker-Teals may wear honor cords. If you have not ordered your chord yet, please see Mr. Hamaker-Teals ASAP.

CAP/GOWN ORDERS: Jostens has already delivered most of the senior graduation items. If you have not already picked up your order, please stop by the main office. If you have not ordered a cap/gown, please contact Mark Stevens of Jostens at 586-1621 immediately.

DRESS: In order to take part in our ceremony, seniors are asked to dress in a dignified manner - the young men wear collared shirts, slacks, and dress shoes, and the young women wear skirts, dresses, or dress slacks and blouses, and dress shoes. We expect that seniors dress and act in a manner commensurate with the importance and dignity of our ceremony. **Do not iron your gown, simply hang it, preferably in area that steam will take out the wrinkles.**

REQUIREMENTS: The majority of you are now enrolled in classes that you must pass in order to graduate. **School district policy states that in order to participate in the graduation ceremony, students must complete all requirements, including paying your fees and fines by June 8th.** The counselors are monitoring your progress carefully. You and your parents are responsible for checking your progress. Please talk to your counselor if you have questions.

BACCALAUREATE: Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Crossview Community Church (540 N. Colorado St) at 7:00 PM

FINAL EXAMS: Senior finals are scheduled for Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> (Periods 0, 1, 3 5) and Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> (Periods 2, 4, 6). These are full school days with finals during those periods on the regular school schedule.

SENIOR BANQUET: Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Southridge High School at 6:30 PM

REHEARSAL: On Friday **June 8th at 10:00 AM**, we will have graduation practice. **Be there by 9:45.** Do not be late; do not miss practice. Be prepared to move quickly through the practice; it will require your attention. We will establish the groups we walk in with; we enter in groups of four (4). You are welcome to choose your group or we can assist you with that during rehearsal; but, in the end, we will need to have groups of four (4).

**Attendance at rehearsal is REQUIRED  
in order for the student to participate in the  
graduation ceremony.**

PICNIC: The Senior Barbecue/Picnic is set for Friday, June 8th, at 12:30 at the Southridge Complex Gazebo and is for **seniors only**. Food is provided FREE by the senior class.

GRADUATION: 3 PM, Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the Toyota Center. Be there at 2:30 PM. Doors open at 2 PM. Open seating.

ALL-NIGHT PARTY: A great group of parents are planning the all-night party after graduation. If you have not been contacted but would like to help, please call one of them right away. This is an excellent way to support your graduate's celebration in a safe environment. The party takes place at the Southridge gymnasiums and runs from 9 PM – 3 AM.

DIPLOMAS: Students do not receive diplomas at the graduation ceremony; you receive your diploma cover. Violations of the rules outlined in this expectation document, including disruptive behaviors during the ceremony will lead to the imposition of community service hours prior to being issued your diploma.

You may pick up your diplomas beginning at 10 AM on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> in the Main Office.

ALCOHOL/TOBACCO: Any student caught under the influence of alcohol or other illegal substances at school or at any school function, including the senior banquet, baccalaureate, the senior picnic, graduation practice or graduation, will be disciplined according to school policy, which will include denial of participation at the graduation ceremony.

Sincerely,

Molly Hamaker-Teals, Principal