

# CLASS OF 2018 SENIOR NOTES

## FINAL EXAMS FOR SENIORS

As arranged by teachers. If you are in a mixed-grade class, ask your teacher when you can take your final. Do this SOON!

## THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF BEFORE YOUR LAST DAY

- Turn in ALL TEXTBOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS (but not before your finals are done!)
- Complete ALL WORK
- Clean out LOCKERS and clear your Z Drive. There is a \$5 inconvenience fee for all books found in lockers.
- Pay FINES & FEES (after returning all books to the Library staff.)
- Turn in Senior Lot Parking Permit - \$5 fine if it's not turned in - do this right away! You will get a temporary permit to use for the month of May.
- Check to see if there is money on your lunch account.

## RECORDS OFFICE

Transcripts will not be available until AFTER school has concluded for everyone and grades can be stored. Transcripts will not be available before June 6. Mrs. Breuer will send your transcripts to the college you specified on your senior exit form. If you need a transcript sent to the NCAA or the NAIA, please indicate that on your senior exit form!

Immunization Records: You will receive your BLUE immunization record with your diploma. The record you receive IS THE ORIGINAL. We will no longer have a copy of your immunization records. Store them in a safe place with documents like your passport and your diploma! It is your responsibility to get your immunization records to your college, we do not send them.

Diplomas: Your first one is on us... if you lose it, you can get a duplicate, but it will cost you \$35 and a wait of 6-8 weeks. Please hang on to it!

## FINANCE OFFICE

### MANDATORY PAYMENTS

- In order to pick up your packet of **graduation tickets**, you need to pay **ALL FEES AND FINES**.
- Each graduate is issued six tickets to the ceremony - additional tickets may be requested at the finance office.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 23: SENIORS LAST DAY

### THE SENIOR CELEBRATION

The Senior Celebration, celebrating the last hour of the last day, will start at approximately 1:15 pm in the CMR Fieldhouse.

### BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate is a nondenominational ecumenical (religious) service held in honor of graduating seniors. Baccalaureate will be held in Bill Will at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 23. This is an optional activity, but everyone is invited to attend. **Meet in the cafeteria at 7:00pm IN YOUR CAP AND GOWN to assemble for the procession.** You will not be lined up alphabetically, so you may sit with your friends. Parents, friends, and family members of the graduates will be seated in the auditorium; seniors will walk from the cafeteria to the auditorium at the beginning of the service. There is a reception following the service.

## THURSDAY, MAY 24: GRADUATION REHEARSAL

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Rehearsal will begin at 11 am SHARP. Graduation rehearsal will take place in the Pacific Steel and Recycling Arena and is MANDATORY. **If you do not attend rehearsal, you may not participate in the evening graduation ceremony.** The only exceptions are for school-related activities or for verified medical situations with a doctor's note (communicate with your AP.)

**APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE EXCEPTIONS – PLEASE SCHEDULE THEM AT A DIFFERENT TIME!**

You will begin in the staging area behind the bleachers. Caps and gowns are required attire for rehearsal; if you arrive without your cap and gown, you will need to go and get it immediately or risk not participating in the rehearsal and the commencement exercises. Please **try on your cap and gown** soon - definitely before the week of graduation! If there is a problem with the fit, see Mrs. Huston in the CMR Finance Office.

Please steam your gown to get out the wrinkles and creases (DO NOT USE AN IRON ON A HOT SETTING – YOU WILL SCORCH/MELT IT!)... At the very least, pull it out of the package a week in advance, put it on a hanger, and hang it in the bathroom so it gets steam each time the shower is used!

Great Falls Public School District does allow beading on mortarboards (graduation caps) of our American Indian students. Beading of the cap will be done in a traditional manner by an older family or community member. Our CMR Academic Achievement Coach, Jordann Lankford can provide more detailed information on the beading. If you are planning on beading your cap, you or a family member should notify the Principal or Associate Principal as soon as possible. Any student who has received an Eagle Feather during a Ceremony is welcome to wear it on their cap or robe.

### HONOR CORDS AND SASHES

At rehearsal, **Mrs. Lowry will distribute honor cords and sashes to those who have earned them.** If you know you cannot be at rehearsal for a school-related absence, please see Mrs. Lowry PRIOR to leaving for your school-related absence to get your cord or sash. GPA for Honor cords and sashes is calculated through the 7<sup>th</sup> semester.

- Honor Cords (for students with cumulative GPAs of 3.5-3.749) are free to wear, but \$5 to keep.
- Honor Stoles (for students with cumulative GPAs of 3.75-4.0) are free to wear, but \$10 to keep.

### SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Senior Luncheon will immediately follow rehearsal at approximately 12:30 pm in the lobby of the Arena. There is no charge. Lunch will be catered by Jimmy John's. You will need to RSVP. Check for a table during both lunches the last week of school.

## SUNDAY, MAY 27 - GRADUATION DAY

### SCHEDULE FOR GRADUATION EVENING

- 6:30 pm** Report to the Arena and take your assigned seat. Give purses, sunglasses, cell phones, etc. to family or friends for safe-keeping.
- 6:31 pm** **Everyone** is seated because **everyone** will be on time.
- 7:00 pm** Procession begins.

### PHOTOS

We plan to have a professional photographer take a photo of you as you receive your diploma jacket and shake hands with school officials. You should receive a "proof" of the photo in the mail with instructions and costs for ordering copies.

### DIPLOMAS

You will pick up your diploma in the staging area immediately following graduation ceremonies. Remember – if you still have fines, your diploma will be held until they are paid. **NO FINES WILL BE COLLECTED THE NIGHT OF GRADUATION.** Any student who wears an honor stole or cord will pick up his or her diploma at a special table. Stoles or cords that are NOT paid for will be collected at this time (you may pay for your stole or cord that night when you pick up your diploma if you have exact change or a check). *You may wish to have a pre-determined place to meet your family as there will be 6,000 people milling around after the ceremony!*

