

Congratulations Class of 2017!!

Class Motto – “The best way to predict the future is to create it”

Spring has sprung, Prom is almost here, and that can only mean that Graduation is not too far behind. Below is information regarding this year’s graduation celebration, as well as important dates to keep in mind as the big day approaches. Much success to you and your graduate, and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the high school.

Jeff Pawlicki, Executive Principal

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CAPS AND GOWNS – By now, your cap and gown order should be completed. If you’ve not ordered yet, or if you are not sure, call Josten’s at 952-974-0800 with questions. Caps and gowns will be distributed to students on Friday, May 12. Graduation is a formal celebration of our students’ success. We ask that students do not modify the cap or gown, outside of school-issued cords. Please do not decorate the cap or mortarboard.

Prior to students receiving their caps and gowns on May 12, the following must be completed:

- **Students must complete the Senior Survey through Naviance Family Connection.**
 - To log in to Family Connection visit: <http://www.shakopee.k12.mn.us/Page/2945>
 - Once in Family Connection click ‘About Me’
 - Look for the ‘Senior Exit Survey’ in the upper left-hand corner under ‘Surveys to Take’
 - Complete the survey, if you have any trouble please come to the Career Center for help.
- **All student fees and obligations must be met.**
 - Letters will be sent home to students who still have fines to pay for missing school materials. This information can also be found via Campus Family Web Access. See an administrator or Ms. Janke with questions about fees.
- **School consequences must be fulfilled.**
 - Students should talk with their Assistant Principal regarding questions about any consequences that still to be completed/served.

VOTE FOR NAME READERS – Seniors, go to the link below to vote for teachers to read names at the graduation ceremony. <https://goo.gl/forms/DEXaWbcUEVezAH4P2>

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT— Wednesday, May 17th. Senior Award recipients and honorees will be recognized and accomplishments celebrated, starting at 7pm in the High School Auditorium. Invitations will be mailed home soon for those students receiving an award. Prior to the Awards ceremony will be our Saber Showcase from 5:30-7:00pm. The Saber Showcase highlights and exhibits work of all grade levels of Shakopee High School students. We invite you to join us prior to the Awards Ceremony.

TURNING IN YOUR MACBOOK – Student MacBooks must be turned in prior to graduation. Technology staff will be available during the school day 5/17-5/19 for seniors to turn in their devices. Devices must be clean, in good working order and with all pieces included (MacBook, case, extension cord and charging cord). All personalization should be removed. Student google accounts will be deactivated 5/26.

LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR SENIORS – Friday, May 19th. Final exams will be taken within the regular school day/class period by May 19th for Seniors.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS - Your College needs your final transcript to verify your high school graduation! Order it today through Family Connection. To place your order go to <https://connection.naviance.com/shakopeehs> and click ‘Colleges’ then Transcripts on the left side of the page. Your final transcript will be sent automatically when final grades are posted. If you need help please come to the Career Center or email Mr. Jensen at mjensen@shakopee.k12.mn.us.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL – Wednesday, May 24th. Graduates must report to the High School at 9:00 a.m. We will have some final activities at the High School, and then we will bus students to Grace Church in Eden Prairie for rehearsal. Students may not drive their own car to rehearsal. Students should bring only their gowns, not caps or tassels to rehearsal. **Students not attending rehearsal risk not being allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

Following rehearsal, students will be bussed to one of the district elementary schools to participate in the Graduate Parade and then bussed backed to the high school at approximately 1:00pm.

GRADUATION CEREMONY– *Saturday, May 27th, at Grace Church in Eden Prairie (9301 Eden Prairie Road).* The ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm. Doors will open at 5:15. Seniors must be in their assigned room by 5:30 with their cap and gown. Seating will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Handicapped seating is also available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Diplomas will not be handed out at graduation. They will be available for pick-up in the SHS Main Office starting Tuesday, May 30th, at 8:00am.

HONOR CORDS

High Honors Graduates with a Cumulative GPA
of 3.8 or above: (9th through 12th grades)

Gold Honor Cords

Honors Graduates with a Cumulative GPA
between 3.6 and 3.79: (9th through 12th grades)

Silver Honor Cords

Commended Graduates with a Cumulative GPA
between 3.3 and 3.59: (9th through 12th grades)

White Honor Cords

Cumulative grade point averages are not rounded up, and are calculated at the end of 1st Semester. Students will receive honor cords as a part of the recognition on Senior Awards Night, May 17th at 7pm in the SHS Auditorium.

Participation in Commencement Ceremony - All seniors who are eligible to take part in the commencement ceremony are encouraged to participate. It should be noted that participation in the commencement ceremony is not mandatory nor a condition for the completion of graduation requirements and/or receiving a diploma.

Commencement is the most formal ceremony of a student's high school years and it is the school district's public acknowledgement of high school completion. The cap and gown are formal educational attire. With this in mind, we REQUIRE that all seniors choosing to participate in the commencement ceremony dress appropriately. We ask that students do not modify the cap or gown, outside of school-issued honor cords. **Please do not decorate the cap or mortarboard.** The attire to be worn under the commencement gown is as follows: dress slacks or skirt, dress shirt, dress shoes, (no recreational shoes, tennis shoes or flip flops). ***NO SHORTS or SUNGLASSES***

Students not adhering to the dress code may be asked to change or may not be able to participate in the ceremony. Students should not bring purses, bags, etc. to the ceremony as we do not have a secure location to store them.

Conduct at Commencement Ceremony - Commencement is regarded as the most formal of scholastic ceremonies. Seniors are celebrating the completion of 13 years of education. Friends and relatives are coming to honor their achievement. We encourage parents and guests to participate in the ceremony in a very dignified manner. Whispering and other signs of inattentiveness are inappropriate. We would also ask that friends and family not bring whistles, aerosol horns or other noisemakers to the ceremony. Grace Church does not allow balloons in the Main Auditorium. Please leave these items at home or in your vehicle. The use of these items distracts from the dignity of the ceremony and the ability of all graduates and their families to see their graduate walk across the stage, and hear his/her name clearly spoken.

- **ALCOHOL AND DRUGS** — Students who appear for graduation rehearsal or commencement with any indication that they have used alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- **SMOKING** — Grace Church is smoke free. Students and spectators are not permitted to smoke on the premises.
- **DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR** — Is defined as including, but not limited to, loud and abusive verbal language — whether solicited or otherwise — or the unwillingness to respond directly or appropriately to directions. Actions such as these will be considered evidence of unruly behavior. Such conduct will be the basis for removal from the ceremony.
- **SEATING** — Guests are urged to be on time for the commencement ceremony and to come early enough to avoid traffic problems.
- **HANDICAP SEATING** — Grace Church is handicap accessible and seating is available on a first come, first serve basis.

ALL-NIGHT GRADUATION PARTY – The annual All Night Graduation Party will be held at West Junior High immediately following the graduation. Students who are attending the party will be bussed from the ceremony back to the school. Sign up today at www.shakopeeseniorgraduationparty.com.