

Congratulations Class of 2018!!

Class Motto – “Nothing we do changes the past. Everything we do changes the future.”

Spring has finally sprung 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.

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CAPS AND GOWNS – By now, your cap and gown order should be completed. If you have not ordered yet, or if you are not sure, call Jostens at 952-974-0800 with questions. Caps and gowns will be distributed to students on Tuesday, May 15th. 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 15th, the following must be completed:

- **Students must complete the Senior Survey sent by email.**
 - [Click here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_nIh10_9tjv28pNYKLTGkrFt2Z5e6ADAEGW6XNGCaz71TO/viewform) to complete the survey
(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_nIh10_9tjv28pNYKLTGkrFt2Z5e6ADAEGW6XNGCaz71TO/viewform)
 - If you have any questions, come to the Career Center for help.
- **All student fees and obligations must be met.**
 - Letters were sent home to students who still have fees to pay for missing school materials. This information can also be found via Campus Portal. 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 need to be completed/served.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT— ***Wednesday, May 23rd. Senior Award recipients and honorees will be recognized and accomplishments celebrated starting at 6pm in the High School Auditorium.*** Scholarship recognition will be based on information provided by students in their senior survey. Invitations will be mailed home soon for those students being recognized.

TURNING IN YOUR MACBOOK – Seniors will be required to turn in their MacBook, carrying case and charging cord by the last day of school. Technology staff will be available in the Lower Commons to collect devices on Thursday, May 24th and Friday, May 25th from 1:00 – 4:00pm. Seniors will want to make sure that MacBook data is backed up and transferred to a personal device or account. Google accounts will be deactivated by the start of next year. Fees will be entered into Infinite Campus for uncollected equipment and must be paid before graduation. Replacement Apple brand chargers and carrying cases can be purchased in the Main Office with checks made out to Shakopee High school (\$80.00 Apple charging block, \$25 carrying case).

Note: PSEO students can turn in their MacBook, carrying case and charging cord to the Tech office located in the Learning Commons during normal school hours 8:00am – 3:00pm or on the scheduled senior roll-in times: Thursday, May 24th and Friday, May 25th from 1:00 – 4:00pm.

LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR SENIORS – ***Friday, May 25th.*** Final exams will be taken within the regular school day/class period by May 25th for seniors.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS - Your college needs your final transcript to verify your high school graduation! At the end of the Senior Survey you will input where you would like your final transcript sent. Your final transcript will be sent automatically when final grades are posted.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL – Wednesday, May 30th. *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 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 back to the high school at approximately 1:30pm.

TICKETS- New this year, graduation is a ticketed event. **Everyone must have a ticket to be admitted into the Grace Church Auditorium for the ceremony (excluding the seniors participating in the ceremony). Each senior will be given 6 tickets at rehearsal. Student and Staff IDs do not grant access to graduation. Every guest must have a ticket.** There is no fee for the tickets. Networking with other members of the Class of 2018 is encouraged if you need additional tickets. The ceremony will be live streamed. Handicapped seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

GRADUATION CEREMONY– Saturday, June 2nd, 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-served basis. Handicapped seating is also available on a first-come, first-served basis. **Diplomas will not be handed out at graduation. They will be available for pick-up in the SHS Main Office starting Monday, June 4th, 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 23rd at 6pm 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 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-served basis.

SHAKOPEE SENIOR GRADUATION PARTY – The annual Shakopee Senior 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.