

Lincoln High School

A Student and Parent's Guide to Graduation

Class of 2019

Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations on being a parent or guardian of a graduating senior. What a proud time for you! This newsletter provides us the opportunity to make each parent or guardian of our seniors, as well as the seniors themselves, aware of our expectations of each individual who will participate in this year's graduation ceremony or who will attend as a spectator. This year's ceremony, as usual, will be a traditional, formal graduation ceremony. I greatly appreciate the manner by which you will actively support our efforts to make this year's graduation dignified and memorable.

The LHS Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, June 2, at 2:00 p.m. in the LHS field house. Each year, our graduation ceremony draws a tremendous crowd. Because of this, we ask you and your family to consider and observe the following:

- ◇ There is no reserved seating. Seating for people with disabilities will be available, but is limited to the person with the disability and one other person.
- ◇ The Performing Arts Center will be open and a live feed of the ceremony will be available to our senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and for our overflow crowd.
- ◇ Parking will be at a premium on the campus of Lincoln High School, along with the spots for people with disabilities in the south parking lot.
- ◇ All guests will be held to the same expectations and school code as students. Please dress appropriately for a formal ceremony. Also, no air horns, silly string or beach balls will be permitted as they disrupt the ceremony.
- ◇ Applause or any sign of individual recognition (such as cheering, whooping, etc.) is not only inappropriate, but also rude to others, as it will drown out the name of the next student being read.

I look forward to seeing you at our ceremony. Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2019!

Ronald A. Rasmussen, Principal

All Seniors

All seniors who plan to participate in this year's graduation ceremony will be attending an informational meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 8:50 a.m. in the PAC. *It is mandatory that seniors allowed to walk in graduation attend this meeting.*

Scholarship Night

If your child has received any scholarships outside of what we offer at LHS either through the college they are attending, a parent employer, an insurance group, etc., please have your child bring a copy of the scholarship award to Student Services. We want to make sure all students are recognized at Senior Scholarship Night on Wednesday, May 22. Please contact Mrs. Halbur in Student Services with any questions.

School Responsibilities

It is the students' responsibility to make sure that all books and other equipment have been turned in to the respective teacher before graduation. Any fines, library books, lunch fees or other academic responsibilities must be taken care of by Friday, May 10. Any textbooks that students are still using must be turned in to the respective teacher by the end of the day on Thursday, May 30.

Transcripts

Most seniors will be required to submit a copy of their final transcript to the institution they plan to attend in the fall. Students need to go to www.parchment.com and order their final transcripts for college by selecting "Next Grading Period." This should be done during your third trimester. Please contact Mrs. Halbur in Student Services with any questions.

If there are any obligations not taken care of by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10, your student will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Last Day For Seniors

Thursday, May 30, is the last day of school for seniors. Senior skip days are inappropriate, so parents please don't authorize this type of absence. Seniors will be held accountable for their attendance in school through their last scheduled day.

Lunch Accounts

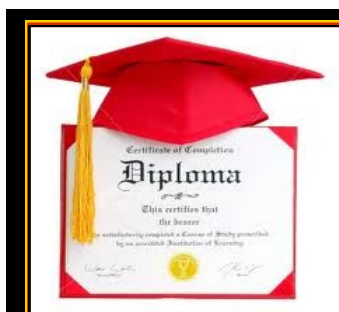
Please be sure that any money in your child's lunch account is used by the end of the school year. If there is a balance left in the account, a refund check will be issued for the remaining amount. A form to request this refund may be picked up from the breakfast cashier and must be returned by Thursday, May 30.

Student Volunteers

If your student was a volunteer, please remind them to have their volunteer hours updated in Career Cruising by Friday, May 3. Students who have 100 or more hours of service will receive recognition in the graduation program.

Calendar for Seniors

- Senior Scholarship Night at 6:30 p.m. . . May 22
- Memorial Day - No School..... May 27
- Seniors' Last Day of School May 30
- Graduation Rehearsal at 8:00 a.m. May 31
Seniors are required to attend
- Class Reunion Zero at 7:00 p.m..... May 31
- Graduation Day..... June 2
- Senior Line Up at 1:30 p.m.
- Commencement at 2:00 p.m.



Diploma covers will be presented during the graduation ceremony. The actual diploma will be handed out after the graduation ceremony in various classrooms.

Failing Classes

All teachers must report seniors who are in danger of failing their classes by Friday, May 17. If a student cannot prove that they are passing the course, *and it is a course required for them to graduate*, by the end of the day on Thursday, May 30 at 4:00 p.m., the student will not be allowed to participate in graduation practice or the ceremony. If a teacher indicates on Friday, May 17 that a student will fail the required course for graduation, the student will not be allowed to participate in the graduation practice or ceremony. The student will then be offered an opportunity to attend summer school to complete credits for their diploma.

Honor Cords

Honor cords will be distributed on Tuesday, April 18. Honor cords will be worn by seniors who qualify according to their cumulative grade point through the second trimester of their senior year. Silver cords for 3.00 to 3.49 GPA students and Gold Cords for 3.50 and above GPA students. If your student did not receive a cord, please contact Mrs. Wefel in the main office.

Graduation Practice

This is **mandatory, no excuses**. Students allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony **MUST** practice or they cannot participate in the ceremony. Practice will be held on Friday, May 31 at 8:00 a.m. in the field house. Students must arrive on time or they will not be able to practice or be in the graduation ceremony. Report directly to the field house and stay there...no one in the halls. Practice usually ends around noon, depending on how smoothly it goes.

Student Behavior Expectations

Mature, adult behavior from students will be expected during all of the graduation events. Evidence of drinking or use of illegal substances before any of these events will eliminate participation in said event. Students who exhibit improper behavior at rehearsal, during the last few weeks of school, or during the ceremony will be removed from participation, and the awarding of their diploma will be delayed until such discipline as assigned is completed.

Spectators

The doors to the gymnasium will open at 1:00 p.m. Seats may not be reserved ahead of time. Spectators will be required to remain seated. Standing in aisles/passageways will not be allowed for safety reasons so that everyone can enjoy the program without their views being obstructed. Spectator photographs may only be taken from the seats, thus no one will be allowed to leave his or her seat in order to approach the stage for the purpose of taking photos. Be sure to charge those batteries!

Not Participating?

If your student is not participating in the graduation ceremony, they must have a form signed by a parent/guardian and filed with Mr. Rasmussen by Tuesday, May 28. The [form](#) is available on our website under Graduation Information.

Graduation Day

Sunday, June 2, 2019, all students need to report to the Auxiliary Gym by 1:30 p.m. **Students should not roam the building.** Parents, please take pictures before 1:15 p.m. or after the ceremony.

What to Wear

Lincoln has a tradition of having dignified graduation ceremonies. Graduates should be well groomed and neatly dressed. This means wear heels the same size you measured for when trying on your gown. Do **NOT** wear high collars or corsages because the gown won't fit properly. Be comfortable so that you do not trip walking. Keep earrings simple. Boys should wear a light weight button down dress shirt and a tie. Also, make sure to wear dress shoes with dark socks, not white tennis shoes and white socks!

Caps & Gowns

Caps and gowns will be distributed on Tuesday, April 18 in the PAC. If your student did not receive their cap and gown, please contact Jostens directly at 608-526-2100. Students are responsible for having the cap, gown, and tassel in good condition for Commencement. If they do not have all three, they will not be able to participate. If your student bought a status (bling) tassel, they should wear the regular 2019 tassel for graduation. Because the gowns are made of fragile material, be especially careful with them. Please do not leave the gown folded in the package until right before the ceremony. It is recommended that you hang them in the shower room to steam out wrinkles or iron them on the backside with a lukewarm iron. This is the only gown students will receive.

What NOT to Wear

- ⇒ The cap and gown is **NOT** to have any additional adornment. This includes, but is not limited to, wearing of messages, signs, markings, stringers, and ribbons.
- ⇒ No pins or medals may worn by graduates unless they are recognized graduation medals approved by Lincoln High School administration. This includes, but is not limited to awards, athletics, clubs etc.
- ⇒ No cords are to be worn by graduates other than the academic honor cords that are distributed on April 18, 2019 or the Art Honor Society cords that are approved by LHS administration.

Inability to comply with these simple requests will remove the student from participation in the ceremony.

Keeping The Celebrations Safe

During graduation season, prevention efforts can help ensure safe, fun and memorable celebrations. Parents who talk to their teens and model appropriate behavior are critical. Pay attention in the local media to the "Parents Who Host Lose the Most" community campaign during the months of April and May to educate yourself and teens about the consequences of underage drinking. For more information about how to talk to your youth about the danger of alcohol and drugs, refer to www.drugfree.org. Here are some helpful party tips for parents: <http://goo.gl/9WkZbD>



CRZ is a safe, supervised environment for graduating seniors from LHS to enjoy a night together before they go their separate ways. The party will be held **Friday, May 31 from 7:00 p.m. to Midnight in the LHS auxiliary gym**. We have a night planned with lots of prizes donated by area businesses, a hypnotist, music/karaoke, casino games, other games, and of course lots of food and drinks. Tickets will be sold during the lunch periods on May 28 - May 30 for \$12. We are looking for parents to volunteer to help out that night or donate sweet treats. If you would like

to support this event with a prize or small monetary donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations will be used for prizes such as a laptop, TV, dorm sized refrigerator, Walmart/Shopko gift cards as well as for food and entertainment. Checks can be made out to LHS Class Reunion Zero and dropped off at the office. Questions? Please contact Sherri Abbrederis at 920-659-2863 or sherri.abbrederis@gmail.com. Check out our Facebook page at: [WR Class Reunion Zero 2019](#)