

# 2019 GRADUATION INFORMATION

## FOR STUDENTS...

### Distribution of Caps and Gowns on Thursday, May 2, 2019

- Caps and gowns will be distributed in the athletic hallway during the lunch periods
- Caution must be taken in pressing the gowns (use a warm iron only).
- Only honor distinctions (cords or medal) are permitted to be worn on the cap or gown.

### Graduation Honors calculated on Friday, May 17, 2019

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all outstanding work is completed and submitted prior to this date. Graduation honors will be awarded based on the weighted cumulative GPA in the following categories:

Cum Laude:	GPA 4.0 to 4.39
Magna Cum Laude:	GPA 4.4 to 4.79
Summa Cum Laude:	GPA 4.8 and higher*

\*Students graduating with the Summa Cum Laude honor and having a weighted GPA of 5.0 or higher will be further recognized as PT Scholars.

### Final Exams for Seniors

Tuesday, May 28	Math/Social Studies/Electives
Wednesday, May 29	Math/Social Studies/Electives
Thursday, May 30	English/Science/Electives
Friday, May 31	English/Science/Electives
Monday, June 3	Final Exam Make-Up Day

### Commencement Practice & Senior Activities

Tuesday, June 4, 2018	Report at 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 5, 2018	Report at 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 6, 2018	Report at 8:00 a.m.

- Seniors are permitted to ride the bus or drive to school for commencement practice. Seniors without a regular parking pass must secure a special parking permit in advance from Mrs. Riberich in the main office by **Friday, May 31, 2019.**

- Seniors are required to attend all practices and be on time in order to participate in commencement. Dress for school on practice days is the same as any other school day. We highly recommend students wear sunscreen for all outdoor activities including graduation practice at the stadium.

### Commencement Day - June 7, 2019

5:45 p.m.\*

Report to assigned classroom

7:00 p.m.

Ceremony begins

*\*Keep in mind that traffic on McMurray Road will be heavily congested. Allow enough drive time to arrive on time.*

### Appearance and Conduct for Commencement

Commencement is a formal ceremony; all participating seniors agree to follow all dress, appearance, behavioral and procedural rules and regulations.

**GIRLS:** Required attire includes a white dress or slacks, a white blouse, and white dress shoes (spiked heels are not permitted on the turf).

**BOYS:** Required dress includes black trousers, a white dress shirt, black socks, and black dress shoes.

Student conduct during the commencement ceremony will be respectful and dignified. Each senior deserves to celebrate this accomplishment without disruption. Any behavior that causes or threatens to cause a disruption to the ceremony may lead to removal.

Students are advised to wear sunscreen in the event that commencement is held outdoors.

### Obligations - Handling of Debts and Fines

Student debts and fines accrued up to and including May 30, 2019 must be cleared by the end of the day on May 31, 2019. This includes the return of books, locks, athletic equipment, uniforms, etc. and payment of any debts or fines. See the appropriate teacher, coach, club sponsor, or Athletic Director to return items belonging to the school.

Only those seniors who have cleared all obligations will be permitted to participate in end of the year activities including commencement.

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## FOR PARENTS AND GUESTS...

### Commencement Ceremony – Friday, June 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**TICKETING & SEATING:** No tickets are necessary for PTHS stadium seating. Seating is not reserved and is available in the stands. The stadium will open for seating beginning at 5:45 p.m. If the ceremony is moved to the PTHS Gymnasium due to inclement weather, seating will be limited to two per family. Each family is given **two (2) admission tickets** with his/her cap and gown package.

Additional seating is available in the temperature-controlled PTHS auditorium and cafeteria with a live feed from the stadium or gymnasium. The ceremony will last approximately 80 minutes. For those in need of restroom facilities close at hand and more comfortable seating, these may provide good options.

### Special Accommodations

Special transportation is available to get to the field. Golf cart shuttles will be available at the entrance to the stadium.

### Special Seating

The District has provided seating at the stadium for individuals with physical disabilities and those unable to climb into the bleachers to view the outdoor graduation ceremony. Please note the following:

- Tickets must be reserved for this area (ground level on the track) by completing the online form that will be sent via email. If a reservation is not made, this seating cannot be guaranteed on the evening of graduation.
- Two tickets will be issued – one for the individual needing assistance and one for an accompanying family member.
- Following the reservation, tickets may be picked up at the High School Attendance Office between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. starting May 20, 2019. All tickets must be picked up before noon on June 6, 2019.
- Tickets cannot be issued to the entire family for this special seating area, as seating is limited.
- These tickets are for the outdoor commencement only. They cannot be used in addition to the two tickets given to each family should the event be held indoors.

### Field Access & Photography

Parents & guests are not permitted to come onto the field for any reason, including to take pictures, during the commencement ceremony. Immediately following commencement, families are welcome onto the field for photographs.

A professional photographer has been contracted to take photographs during the ceremony that will be made available to families for purchase following the event.

### Decision to Move Commencement Indoors

In case of threatening weather, a decision will be made on Friday afternoon about moving the commencement ceremonies indoors. Announcements will be placed on the District website and parents will be notified via the automated calling system if the ceremony is moved indoors. Please remember to bring the required admission ticket for gymnasium seating (two admission tickets per family). All other guests will be directed to the auditorium and cafeteria for the live streaming of the event. Individuals with reserved handicapped seating should report to the auditorium or cafeteria.

