

Senior Calendar

Please note the following dates on your calendar.

- ◆ March 10 – College Funding Night at 7:00pm (Cafeteria)
- ◆ March 30 - Mr. Sherwood Contest (Ertzman Theater)
- ◆ April 4 - 8 – HSAs (for Seniors only)
- ◆ April 6 – Senior Parent Night (Ertzman Theater)
- ◆ April 8 – Deadline for Second Semester SSL hours (Ms. Coutts room K280)
- ◆ April 16 - 25 - Spring Break
- ◆ May 2 - 13 - AP Exams
- ◆ May 13 – Car & Truck Show / Yearbook Distribution
- ◆ May 19 – Senior Exam Review Day
- ◆ May 21 – Junior/Senior Prom at Hyatt Regency in Bethesda
- ◆ May 22 – After Prom Party Longwood Recreation Center (12am-5am)
- ◆ May 24 – Awards Night 7pm (Ertzman Theater)
- ◆ May 20 – 25 Senior Exams:
 - May 20 Periods 6 & 7
 - May 23 Periods 4 & 5
 - May 24 Periods 2 & 3
 - May 25 Period 1 & make up exams
- ◆ May 26 – Senior Banquet – More information will be forthcoming
- ◆ May 27 – Graduation Rehearsal 9:15am (Ertzman Theater) Attendance is mandatory. You must attend or you will not participate in the graduation ceremony. Distribution of cap & gown / graduation tickets
- ◆ June 6 – GRADUATION!! 2:30PM DAR CONSTITUTION HALL
(Washington,DC) Graduates must arrive no later than 1:30pm.

All students must comply with all school regulations and policies at school sponsored events in order to participate in the graduation activities.

PARENT CHECKLIST

A guide to determine if your son/daughter is on target

- _____ Class Dues paid (\$75) – includes 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grades
- _____ Clear obligations with financial assistant
- _____ SSL Hours (total 60)
- _____ HSA exam requirements fulfilled
- _____ Credit declaration page reviewed (with counselor)
- _____ SAT/ACT taken (take as often as you would like)
- _____ FAFSA forms completed
- _____ College applications submitted
- _____ Career opportunities researched
- _____ Cap and gown ordered (completed at senior breakfast)
- _____ Invitations ordered
- _____ Mandatory graduation rehearsal
- _____ Graduation expectation packet reviewed
- _____ Exam schedule reviewed
- _____ Enjoy these last few months with your child as a high school student.

If you could check all of these, you are ready for the big day, June 6, 2011.

Questions or concerns:

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GRADUATION REHEARSAL:

Rehearsal will be held May 27, 2011 promptly at 9:15 AM at Sherwood HS. ALL students must attend graduation rehearsal. **Students who do not attend graduation rehearsal WILL NOT be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

- Seniors will get their caps & gowns at the end of rehearsal if all obligations are cleared.
- Seniors will be allowed **5** tickets each. Each graduate can request up to 3 more tickets. Please see the ticket request form in the back of the packet. Students will receive the tickets at the end of rehearsal in the bag with caps and gowns.

GRADUATION DETAILS:

1. **Time and Place:** Graduation will be held at DAR Constitution Hall, 18th & D streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. Doors close at 2:15pm.
2. **Graduates Time of Arrival:** No later than 1:30 pm. Seniors do not need a ticket. They are admitted by their cap and gown. Seniors must be in the processional line in order to participate in the ceremony. No purses or any type of handbag will be carried during the processional; please leave these items with a family member.
3. **Parents/Guests Time of Arrival:** Doors will open at 1:30pm. Only those individuals with a ticket will be permitted.
4. **Directions:** Suggested driving routes (see attached handout for details). Metro directions can be obtained by calling 202-637-7000 or going to www.metroopensdoors.com.
5. **Parking:** Daytime parking on the street during the week is difficult. Parking is metered. Arrangements have been made with George Washington University to permit us to use their parking facilities on space-available basis. The two visitor locations are at the Marvin Center Garage on H St. N.W., between 21st and 22nd Streets; and the University Parking Garage, entrance on Eye Street between 22nd and 23rd streets (PARKING IS NOT FREE).
 - a. Marvin Center Garage and University Parking Garage = \$17 per day
 - b. Elliott School Garage (19th St. between E and F) = \$18 per day
 - c. For more information: 202-994-7275 or George Washington University Website
6. Facility:
 - a. **Graduates:** Proceed from the parking facility to the C street entrance (**for females**) and D street entrance (**for males**). No parents will be permitted in these locations prior to the ceremony. Graduates will not join their families again until diplomas have been distributed following graduation. Therefore, please set a meeting place for your family/guests following the ceremonies.
 - b. **Parents/Guests:** Doors open at 1:30pm and close at 2:15pm. Doors will reopen after the processional. Everyone entering graduation at DAR Constitution Hall must have a ticket. Admittance at the 18th St. Entrance only, unless handicapped access required (D Street entrance)

- c. **Handicapped Info:** Individuals who need sign language interpretation or any other special assistance to participate in the graduation exercises should **contact the Office of Interpreter Requesting Services at 301-517-5539**. Please give as much advance notice as possible to enable staff to provide accommodation requested. **Deadline provided by this program for requests is April 30th**. During all events a doorman/ticket taker and security officer will be stationed at the **D street entrance** for the convenience of all patrons with disabilities who arrive by vehicle or use the drive to avoid the front steps.

Students requiring handicapped seating for parents/guests should contact Katie Jaffe, CLASS SPONSOR (301) 924-3121 by April 30th in order to guarantee seating in the reserved area for that person + 1 guest. No wheelchairs are permitted in the aisles. Seeing Eye dogs are permitted to accompany the owner and will be permitted under the seat or at the owner's feet. You can also send an email to: Katherine_A_Jaffe@mcpsmd.org.

- d. **Interpretation Services:** The Language Assistance Services Unit (LASU) is providing language interpretation headsets for use during the ceremony free of charge. You **MUST** bring ID in order to receive/use the headset while at DAR.

Please contact Ms. Laura Bernard-Sanchez (ESOL resource teacher) to reserve a headset. You can call the ESOL office at: 301-924-3221 or email her at: Laura_R_Bernard-Sanchez@mcpsmd.org no later than April 7, 2010.

7. **Videotaping/photography:** Parents may take pictures at home before the ceremony or after the ceremony. To accommodate parents/friends who desire to film the graduation ceremony, all seats are removed from Boxes 1 through 12, and standing is permitted in this location for video/film photography. No tripods will be permitted. No filming will be permitted from the aisles, in front of the stage, or on the stage. Segall-Majestic Studios will take a picture of each graduate shaking hands with the principal. The photographer will contact you directly by mail after graduation. Cost of these pictures depends on the package you choose. For those wishing to order a Graduation Video, please see the order form at the end of the packet.
8. **General Information:** Doors to the public will be closed by 2:15pm, and lobby cleared to permit graduates to move into entry way for processional. Parents and guests must be out of the lobby and seated at this time or they will miss the processional. The ceremony should end by 4:30. We will need to vacate the premises to accommodate another graduation. Do not to congregate immediately outside the exit doors as everyone will need to vacate the building. Designate a meeting place for your graduate and family.
9. **Building restrictions:**
 - a. Smoking is not permitted
 - b. NO book bags or back packs will be allowed in the building
 - c. All bags/purses will be subject to search
 - d. Security personnel may use a wand to screen visitors
 - e. Everyone is subject to being stopped by uniformed officers. **Bring some form of ID.**
 - f. All restrictions in the area are subject to change at any time

Security personnel have the authority to remove individuals who are not in compliance with established ceremonial guidelines. Remember: this is an orderly and solemn occasion. **All individuals should conduct themselves with dignity and decorum.**

ATTIRE FOR GRADUATES:

BOYS:

- A wrinkle-free royal blue academic robe
- Mortarboard (use bobby pins for secure attachment) with tassel on left
- Long dress pants
- Dress shoes with socks
- White shirt with collar and tie
- Jewelry should not be worn on outside of academic robe
- No flip-flops or sandals will be permitted.

GIRLS:

- A wrinkle-free white academic robe
- Mortarboard (use bobby pins for secure attachment) with tassel on left
- Dress or skirt/blouse (dressy pants are ok too) in white or light color that will not show through robe
- Appropriate dress shoes and hosiery
- Clothing, jewelry, and accessories should not be visible on outside of robes
- Avoid large drop earrings
- No purses, cosmetics, hairbrushes, etc., can be taken into the graduation ceremony. Wear clothing with a pocket if necessary or leave these items with family / friends.
- No flip-flops will be permitted.

BOYS AND GIRLS

- Honor Societies Members will be receiving their honor cords from their appropriate sponsor. Please see individual honor society sponsor for more information.
- The mortarboard should be worn so that it is parallel to the floor, flat on your head. During the processional and throughout the awarding of the diplomas, the tassel is worn on the left side. On signal from the stage and after all graduates have been awarded diplomas, tassels will be shifted to the right side.
- Chewing gum, sunglasses, signs, decorations, beach balls, etc. **are not permitted.**