

Panther Pounce Plan Graduation Process

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE: COA AUDITORIUM

- 1. The Elizabeth City Pasquotank Baccalaureate Service will be held **June 2 at 9:00 am** at the College of the Albemarle Auditorium. Family and friends are invited to attend. There are no tickets for this service. This will be a joint Baccalaureate Service with Northeastern High School graduates.
- 2. Seniors need to arrive no later than **8:00am** and see Mrs. Bowen for directions. You will be allowed to line up and sit with your PCHS friends for this service.
- 3. Attendance is voluntary but strongly encouraged.
- 4. Seniors wear their Caps and Gowns and march in at the beginning of the program. **Don't forget your tassel.** If you received an honor chord you may wear it with your gown.
- 5. Your dress code for this is the same as Graduation and printed below. Dress appropriately under your gowns!
- 6. Cell phone use is inappropriate during the Baccalaureate Service. Cell phones should not be seen.

COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL: R. L. VAUGHAN CENTER - ECSU

- 1. **REHEARSAL** will be **June 6 beginning at 1:30 pm**. **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY**, please arrive EARLY. You must arrange your own transportation to ECSU. Enter the Vaughan Center gym and sit in the bleachers until rehearsal begins. The sooner we start, the quicker we finish!
- 2. Food and Drinks are not allowed. Do not bring any food or drinks with you, if you do you will be asked to throw it away.
- 3. As you arrive in the gym, sit in the bleachers. Teachers and Junior Marshals will be there to give instructions and direct you to your hallway and sitting area.
- 4. Marshals will check attendance and verify that everyone is present. If you miss rehearsal, you will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. *<u>REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY!</u>*
- 5. You must pay ALL outstanding debts/obligations prior to **June 3**. Seniors who have not paid obligations will NOT be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Hopefully, no one will be removed because of **fines and obligations**. You will not receive your graduation tickets until all debts are taken care of . . . this includes your Jostens order.
- 6. **Please listen when instructions are given during practice.** Be sure to watch your Marshal for cues (i.e. when to stand, when to sit, etc). We will practice the processional first. When you practice walking across the stage, you will shake hands and receive your tickets. Please listen as your name is called so that you can make corrections to the pronunciation, if necessary.
- You will be given a total of 15 (fifteen) tickets. If you do not need all of your tickets, please turn them in to Ms. Townsend so that they can be given to students with large immediate families. Everyone, including children/infants, attending **must** have a ticket.
- 8. During rehearsal, you will be lined up in the gym and then in one of the hallways. It is important for you to **remember** who is in front you and who is behind you to make line-up go faster at graduation.
- 9. Rehearsal should be over by **4:30 pm**, at the latest. Do not make plans to leave early. **Plan your** schedule now. Remember, rehearsal is mandatory. Your total cooperation is necessary during practice so you will know what to do during the commencement exercises.



<u>COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY</u>: Class of 2019 Graduation

- 1. All seniors will meet in the Vaughan Center hall by **6:00 pm** to line up for the commencement ceremony. **Carpooling or drop-off is recommended** due to limited parking.
- 2. Arrive by **6:00 pm** for check-in and attendance check. Marshals and staff will check you in as you arrive. Staff will wand all students everytime you enter the hall area and **you will turn in all loose items (cell phone, keys, purses, bags, etc.)**. Your items will be returned after graduation.
- 3. Be sure to check in. If you fail to check in you will be marked absent and your name will be marked off the call list.
- Bring your cap, gown, stole, tassel and any honor cords you received. Also bring/use safety pins and hair pins to help secure your cap, stole, and gown. There are no extras so don't forget yours.
 BE ON TIME to avoid the risk of not participating in your graduation ceremony.
- 5. CAPS: You may decorate the top (flat surface) of your cap only! The picture and messages must be school appropriate as determined by PCHS staff. No 3-D objects on top of the cap. Nothing hanging from the cap other than the tassel.
- 6. Cost of Replacement Cap and Gown items-Cap \$5, Tassel \$8, Custom Stole \$15, Gown \$10
- 7. DRESS CODE:
 - a. NO GUM, SUNGLASSES, EXTERIOR DECORATIONS ON GOWNS; NOTHING CONCEALED UNDER THE GOWN. Proper attire will be checked prior to the processional. If not appropriately dressed, you will be removed from the processional.
 - b. You are able to decorate the top of your cap only (not the edges, not around the hat or underneath the cap) and it has to be school appropriate. If it is not allowed to say or do at school it is not appropriate for your cap. If your cap is not approved as school appropriate by the staff members checking students in you will not be eligible to participate in graduation unless you buy a new cap (the decorated one will be conficasted).
 - c. Boys should wear white or light-colored **collared** shirt with, **a tie**, long trousers/ pants(preferably dark), socks, and closed toe shoes(preferably dark). NO SANDALS OR TENNIS SHOES/SNEAKERS/Flip flops.
 - d. Girls should wear preferably dark shoes, a dress or a skirt/dress pants and blouse, and natural colored hose (if any). **NO TENNIS SHOES/SNEAKERS/Flip flops**.
- 8. Student(s) failing to observe proper dress requirements **WILL NOT be allowed to participate in commencement.**
- 9. The processional begins at 7:00 pm. Step forward with the same foot as the graduate in front of you, walk slowly at arms length, and watch for cues from your Marshal.
- 10. Remind your guests that the processional begins at 7:00 pm and they should be in their seats at that time. All guests need to be on time. No one will be allowed to enter the venue once the processional begins and until the graduates are all in place. Also, tell your guests to stay in their seats until ALL graduates exit the gym at the end of the ceremony.
- 11. Upon entering the gym, march to your seat, and face forward. **REMAIN STANDING**. The JROTC will Post the Colors and the Student Body President will ask everyone to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. REMAIN STANDING UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD THAT YOU MAY SIT.
- 12. Marshals will lead you by row to receive your diploma. Be sure to watch the Marshals at each end of the row for your cue to stand up. When your name is called, step forward to shake hands with Mrs. James-Davis using your right hand. Proceed across the stage, shake hands with Mrs. Crutch, and receive your diploma. Pause before leaving the stage to have your picture taken. Return to your chair and sit down. WATCH YOUR MARSHALS FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

- 13. When all seniors have received their diplomas, Mrs. Crutch will come to the podium to declare you graduates.
- 14. The Senior Class President will come to the podium to thank Interim Superintendent Rhonda James Davis, stage guests, school board members, parents, etc. They will ask you to stand, and then to turn your tassel from the left side to the right. Do this in unison with them.
- 15. The band will begin the recessional. A Marshal will lead the stage seniors off and out of the gym first. Marshals will lead the seniors out March slowly-at arms length-do not hesitate along the way, as you will have many other seniors behind you!
- 16. Keep marching back to the hallway you were assigned so all seniors can clear the gymnasium. A staff member will be at the far end of the hall with your belongings. You will exit the back of the hall and walk around to the front of the building to meet your guests.

IMPORTANT NOTES AND REMINDERS

- 1. Everyone attending graduation will be required to have a ticket including infants/children.
- 2. There will be **limited seating available on the bottom row of the bleachers for the handicapped guests and their caregiver**. If you have a guest that needs handicapped seating please sign up in the main office by May 31st. The guest with the physical handicap (that makes it difficult or impossible to climb stairs/bleachers) will be able to sit on the bottom row with 1 caregiver. We ask that everyone be considerate in allowing people who need this seating to be given the opportunity to sit in this reserved area. Marshals will help seat guests so the seating can be maximized.
- 3. *Tell your guests: The processional begins at 7:00 pm. Please ask them to arrive early so they can be seated prior to the processional.* Balloons, posters, or other items that might obstruct the view of guests will **NOT** be permitted in the Vaughan Center. Staff taking tickets will have the make final decision on questionable items.
- 4. Verify the pronunciation of your name with the assistant principal calling your name.
- 5. **Do not bring personal belongings** to any of the events with the expectations of someone holding on to them. There will not be any place to put them for security reasons.
- 6. This is a distinguished event. Our expectation is for you to be respectful and compliant with all rules and regulations. Your parents will be very disappointed if they are not to be able to see you march across the stage because of inappropriate behavior.
- 7. Please take out your cap and gown before graduation day and get the wrinkles out. It looks tacky to be able to see the folds in it. Remember it is a lightweight material. Use a steamer or if you iron, do so on the appropriate setting. You don't want to burn or damage your gown.
- 8. **Jostens Orders**: Only order what you are able to pay for. Students are responsible for all items and must pay for them prior to by the deadline set by Jostens or they become an obligation and may prevent you from walking at graduation.
- 9. Check with counselors to **ensure you are on the track for graduation, NOW**! If you need any assistance regarding grades, attendance, etc. see a counselor or assistant principal.
- 10. You will receive 15 tickets. All guests must have a ticket to enter. Please remind family members to be on time or they will be asked to wait in the lobby where they may not be able to see you.
- **11.** ALL GUESTS MUST REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE LAST SENIOR HAS EXITED THE GYM.
- 12. If you or your parents have any questions, please have them call the school (252) 337-6880.



PASQUOTANK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE

Subject to change. Updated 5.16.2019

May 31, 2018

• 8:30-11:43 NCVPS Online Courses (NC Math 1, Adv Functions & Modeling, and OCS Online)

June 3, 2019

- CTE EXAMS/TEACHER-MADE EXAMS/SENIOR SPECIAL SESSIONS
- Regular Schedule for ALL students except special sessions.
- Lunch Change:

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- 11:48-12:12 1st Lunch: Students taking English IV or 3rd Block CTE Exams
 - 12:35-12:59 2nd Lunch: Students NOT TAKING EXAMS
- 1:27-1:51 3rd Lunch: Students taking 3rd block Teacher-made Exams
- 8:30-11:43 SPECIAL SESSION Senior ONLY Science: Earth/Env Sci, Physical Science, Chemistry
- 12:12-3:30 SPECIAL SESSION Senior ONLY English IV (does not include AP)
- SENIORS SEE LANE TO RESOLVE SCHEDULE CONFLICTS prior to May 24

June 4, 2019

- 8:30-12:30 MATH EXAMS (except AFM, Foundations of Math & SREB): Math I EOC, Math II
 - NCFE, Math III EOC, Precalculus NCFE, CTE/Teacher-made Make-ups
- 12:30-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-3:30
 SOCIAL STUDIES EXAMS: World History NCFE, American History I NCFE, American History II NCFE, American History: The Founding Principles, Civics, & Economics NCFE, CTE/Teacher-made Make-ups

June 5, 2019

- 8:30-12:30
 ENGLISH EXAMS: English I NCFE, English II EOC, English III NCFE (Seniors test on Monday)
- 12:30-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-3:30 SCIENCE EXAMS: Earth/Environmental NCFE, Physical Science NCFE, Chemistry NCFE (Seniors test on Monday); BIOLOGY REVIEW SESSION

June 6, 2019

- 8:30-12:30 BIOLOGY EOC EOC Make-up; NCFE Make-up (by appointment only, see Lane)
 12:30-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-3:30 NCFE Make-up (by appointment only, see Lane)

June 7, 2019

Three Hour Early Release

- 8:30-12:00 EOC Make-up; NCFE Make-up (by appointment only, see Lane)
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch

NOTES:

- NO CELL PHONE OR ELECTRONIC USE DURING EXAM TIMES 8:30-12:30 & 1:00-3:30
- See Teacher for Exam Location
- Students NOT testing Tuesday and Wednesday report to Gym (no cell phone or electronic use in gym)

 Students may NOT sign-out during ANY exam session; however, with proper documentation, students may sign-out when they are not in an exam session (during lunch or from the gym ONLY)

DATE	<u>EVENT</u>	LOCATION	TIME	<u>Attire</u>
May 16	Academic Senior Awards	PCHS Gym	(Seniors participating and/or getting an award arrive by 6:15) 7pm	Dress/Business Casual No jeans.
May 20-24	Senior Week	PCHS	All Week	School Appropriate
May 24	Senior Picnic	Grassy Area next to concession stand.	1:00 pm - 3:30pm	Comfortable for outside. School Appropriate.
May 31 - June 3-5	Senior Exams	PCHS	All Day	School Appropriate
June 2	Baccalaureate Service	COA Auditorium	Arrive by 8:00 am Program begins at 9:00 am	Dress/Busines. Cap and Gown event.
June 6	Graduation Practice	ECSU Vaughan Center	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Arrive by 1:15pm	School Appropriate.
June 7	Commencement Ceremony	ECSU Vaughan Center	Arrive by 6:00 pm! Program begins at 7:00 pm	Cap and Gown event. Dress clothes and shoes.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS

