

## 2024 GRADUATION INFORMATION

### **Baccalaureate Service, sponsored by PTO**

- Sunday, May 19th 6:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Belmont
- Seniors arrive at 6:15 p.m. and meet in the fellowship hall \* optional ceremony/not mandatory
- Wear cap and gown
- Reception in fellowship hall following service
- Families are invited to attend

### **Graduation Information**

- Fees (or items due) must be paid or turned in by Wednesday, May 15. This includes: textbooks, library books, cafeteria money, uniforms, AP exam fees, etc.
- Chromebooks must be turned in after last exam
- Any graduate that does not want to participate in the Friday evening graduation ceremony should submit a letter written by a parent to Dr. Allen no later than Friday, May 17.
- Any senior that does not meet graduation standards will be notified no later than 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23.
- Mandatory Practice: On May 24 all seniors will report to the cafeteria between 8:15 – 8:30 and locate their school counselor. Breakfast will be provided by the PTO before practice. Do not bring cap/gown to practice.
- Students must be present for practice in order to participate in the graduation ceremony Friday evening.
- Graduation is Friday, May 24 at 6:00 pm. All students must report by **4:44 p.m.** in order to participate.
- The gates open at 4:30 pm for guests.
- In case of rain, the ceremony will take place in the South Point auditorium. The decision to have an indoor ceremony will be made two hours prior. Students will still arrive at 4:44 pm.
- Parking is limited and carpooling is recommended for graduates and families.
- All guests must have tickets. Tickets will be given out after graduation practice on Friday. There is no cost for graduation tickets. Graduates will receive 3 tickets for the auditorium. In case of rain those holding these tickets will be the only ones admitted to the ceremony in the auditorium. Others will view the streaming ceremony in the school building. Seniors will receive 10 tickets for the stadium.
- For any guest needing assistance: we will have chairs in front of the home section. There will be space for one person needing assistance and one person to assist them. The remainder of the guests must sit in the stands.
- Stadium gates close 5 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.
- All graduates will be searched and metal detected. Leave all cell phones, air pods, cameras, etc. at home or in the car. Nothing is allowed with graduates in the stadium (this includes phones, gum, and sunglasses).
- Guests will be searched. **There is a no bag policy for graduation.**
- No umbrellas, balloons, air horns or coolers are allowed.
- No tobacco products may be used on school grounds.
- After the ceremony students have 30 minutes to come back into the building to pick up diplomas, any personal items, and return their honor stoles. If items are not picked up within the time allowed they will be locked in the school safe until the following week. Parents are not allowed in the buildings before or after the ceremony.

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## **Dress Code for Graduation**

- All students must appear in cap and gown to participate. Tassels are on the right front side of the mortarboard (cap) before the diploma is conferred and graduates will move tassels to the left as a group at the end of the ceremony.
- No decorations on mortarboards or on the interior/exterior of the robe.

### ***Males:***

- Must wear a solid white shirt and tie (bowties are fine)
- Dress pants should be worn and any color of pants is fine (no denim). Students should be in dress shoes (no tennis shoes, casual sandals/flip flops, or boots)

### ***Females:***

- Dress or dress pants (all visible clothing should be dark)
- Dress shoes (no tennis shoes, casual sandals/flip flops, or boots)
- High heels are discouraged, we have had students fall on the field

### ***All***

- Students needing assistance with clothing should see their school counselor or advisory teacher.
- Any apparel deemed inappropriate for a dignified ceremony is prohibited.
- Cords and stoles are worn on top of the robe. Honor stoles and tassels will be given out Friday during practice after all grades have been calculated. Students will keep the tassels, stoles must be returned. There is a \$10 charge for honor tassels. Please have correct change. See your group/club advisor for cords. No medals or non-school sponsored cords are allowed (with the exception for South Point seniors who have committed to the United States Armed Forces, they may wear the regalia designated by their branch).

**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!  
WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!**

### **SPRING SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE AND IMPORTANT DATES**

**Sunday, May 19 6:15 pm:** Baccalaureate Ceremony, First Presbyterian Church Belmont

**Thursday, May 16:** 1<sup>st</sup> Period Exam

**Friday, May 17:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Exam

**Monday, May 20:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Period Exam

**Tuesday, May 21:** 4<sup>th</sup> Period Exam

**Wednesday, May 22:** Make-up Exams

**Friday, May 24:** Graduation Practice, report between 8:15 - 8:30 am to the cafeteria (cap/gown not needed for practice)

**Friday, May 24:** Graduation, report by 4:44 pm in full graduation dress code, cap/tassel, gown