



May 21, 2008

Dear Seniors and Parents

We are now in the homestretch and graduation will be here before we know it. To help you plan and make sure you have the information you need for all the Senior activities, we have included this guide. Please read over it together and mark important dates and times. We have also tried to answer any questions you might have about dress and etiquette.

If you have further questions, call Becky Shive at 704 528-4536 or e-mail at [rshive@iss.k12.nc.us](mailto:rshive@iss.k12.nc.us).

Sincerely,  
Becky Shive  
Senior Sponsor

## Senior Graduation Guide

### **I. Awards Ceremony Friday, May 30, 2008 8:30 – 11:00a.m. Auditorium**

Seniors will report to 1<sup>st</sup> period for attendance check and then line up alphabetically (according to homeroom) in single file on the sidewalk outside of the Student Center. The line should extend toward the cafeteria and there will be teachers and Junior Marshals to help you organize. **You will wear your gowns and stoles**, but not your caps. You can wear your shorts for Luau under the robe. **DO NOT** bring bookbags, sunglasses, or large purses. You may **NOT** have gum, candy, or drinks. Please allow room for visitors to walk from A-building to the auditorium. **BE QUIET AND RESPECTFUL!!**

When you march into the auditorium, remain standing until all seniors are in place. Mr. Dixon will give you directions to be seated.

### **II. Senior Luau Friday, May 30, 2008 11:30a.m. – 2:30p.m.**

The Luau will be held this year at Carrigan Farms in Mooresville. Seniors must have paid \$5 and turned in a permission slip signed by a parent in order to go. Buses will leave school right after the Senior Awards Ceremony. Seniors should take bookbags, robes and stoles to their cars before boarding buses. You may bring bathing suits (remember, girls, one-piece!), caps, sunblock, and IPODs. Do **NOT** bring lawn chairs, bookbags, or beach towels, food, or water bottles. Food and drinks and beach towels will be provided. There will be music, activities, great food, swimming, and prizes. You can join in the games or just enjoy visiting with your friends and soaking up the sun.

You will not be allowed to drive your car. All students must ride buses to and from Carrigan Farms.

### III. Before leaving school after exams.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean out your locker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Return all library books and textbooks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Settle all debts **in cash**, including those to Herff- Jones, library, and the school office (Ms. Cawthon).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be sure to sign for your last transcript to be mailed to your college.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have a complete graduation outfit that fits (cap, gown, stole, tassel. See Mrs. Shive if you have any problems. We have a few extras.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Write thank you notes or letters for all awards, honors, or scholarships.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Let Mrs. Lawrence know name and amount of all scholarships received.

### IV. Baccalaureate Sunday, June 1, 2008 3:00p.m Troutman Baptist

Please report to the Fellowship Hall of the church **by 2:15p.m.** Sunday afternoon. There will be two Junior Marshals at the doors.

Get an index card from Mrs. Bonnie Estes when you arrive. The card will have your name and a number on it. The number is the order in which you will line up for the processional. Line up in the order numbered (alphabetically).

Family and friends are invited to the Baccalaureate. No ticket or admission is required.

Graduates are to wear full cap and gown outfit, including all honor cords, stoles, and tassels.

**Ladies:** dress or skirt and blouse, dark dress shoes, navy or black, stole/mortar board/tassel (blue or Honors gold) on the left. **NO TENNIS SHOES OR FLIP FLOPS!**

**Gentlemen:** White dress shirt (short or long sleeves) navy, black, or tan dress pants (long, NO SHORTS), dark tie, dress shoes, mortar board/stole/tassel (blue or Honors gold) on the left side. **NO TENNIS SHOES OR FLIP FLOPS!**

There may be NO writing, designs, appliquéés, attachments, etc., added to the traditional graduation attire.

DO NOT bring pocketbooks, purses, keys, sunglasses, cameras, or other objects with you to the line-up. Leave them with a friend or family member. **NO GUM OR CANDY!**

You will receive a Baccalaureate program in the Fellowship Hall and we will briefly go through the program agenda.

Remain standing as you march into the church. Mr. Dixon will ask you to please be seated. Gentlemen, please remove your hats for the opening and closing prayers. Do not talk, giggle, or otherwise act immaturely during the service or at the reception which follows.

At the end of the service, please march out to the Recessional and proceed to the Fellowship Hall where a reception in your honor will be held for you and your guests (FREE FOOD). Enjoy yourselves and remember to thank the Junior parents/hostesses. The reception is an excellent photo opportunity.

**V. Graduation Practice (REQUIRED FOR ALL GRADUATES)**  
**Friday, June 6, 2008 1:30p.m. – 4:00p.m. Dress: casual**  
**Auditorium** (Do not go into classroom buildings.)

You must pay all fees owed before you will be allowed to practice or to graduate. Come prepared to pay if you owe and it must be **in cash**. You may NOT go back into teacher's classrooms to look for books. Ms. Cawthon will be on stage in the auditorium from 1:30 – 2:30p.m. the afternoon of graduation practice to collect fees and fines.

As you cross the stage during graduation practice, you will receive 5 tickets for graduation. They will be required **only if it rains** and the graduation ceremony is held inside. It is your responsibility to give these tickets to family or friends **BEFORE** graduation begins. There are **NO EXTRA** tickets.

Let Mr. Matthews know at the graduation practice if any of your guests will need handicapped or special seating for graduation.

Inform the assistant principals at practice if your name is mispronounced so they can correct it before the graduation exercises.

We will practice until you “get it right.” Do not make plans to leave before 4:00p.m. on June 6. If you want to be dismissed early, then keep quiet and follow directions.

**VIII. Graduation Exercises June 7, 2008 Viking Stadium**  
Be present and **SEATED** in your assigned seat in the auditorium by **8:30a.m.**

Make sure to use the bathroom before you are seated. Again, do NOT bring purses, bookbags, cell phones, sunglasses, cameras, etc., to the auditorium. Leave cell phones with parents or **TURN THEM OFF**. WE are not responsible for items left in the auditorium. **NO GUM OR CANDY OR DRINKS!** Parents and friends may NOT come into the auditorium for pictures or visits! Make sure that your guests have in their hands the tickets for an inside graduation.

**If it should rain, graduation will be moved to the gym. (See Rain Plan)** Only those with tickets will be admitted to the gym. Other guests may sit in the auditorium, where a closed-circuit TV will broadcast the exercises. Guests may go into the auditorium only after the graduates have left, at 9:15a.m. or so.

Dress for graduation is the same as for Baccalaureate. Again, tassels are worn into the graduation on the left side. No blue and gold souvenir tassels will be permitted. Graduates are to wear full cap and gown outfit, including all honor cords, stoles, or tassels.

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Please ask your parents and guests to respect the dignity of the graduation ceremony. They should bring NO food, drinks, coolers, or noisemakers to the graduation. They may need a pillow for comfort or an umbrella in case of rain. Guests should NOT yell, shout, call out names, or make noises as graduates' names are called. Help us to make sure that all understand and accept your wishes for a dignified, special graduation. **GRADUATES SHOULD ALSO NOT YELL OR CALL OUT AS THEIR FRIENDS' NAMES ARE CALLED.**

You will receive your diploma cover on stage. After graduation, march in your lines to the cafeteria. There, your homeroom teacher will give you an envelope containing your diploma and miniature diploma. You will then be official graduates!

### **RAIN PLAN**

1. Each graduate will receive 5 tickets to graduation. **These will only be needed if it should rain and graduation is moved inside to the gym.**
2. Ticket holders, one per ticket, will be admitted to the gym only through the main gym doors starting at 7:00a.m.
3. All others who do not have tickets and want to watch the graduation on a large screen in the auditorium may report to the cafeteria starting at 8:30a.m. They will wait here until the graduates clear the auditorium (around 9:15a.m.) at which time guests may make their way to the auditorium.
4. No one will be permitted into the gym seating without valid, professionally printed admission tickets.
5. No smoking is allowed anywhere on campus. No food or drink is allowed in the gym, auditorium, or lobby areas.
6. Lobby areas must remain clear of guests both before and during graduation ceremony and after the graduation exercises until graduates have recessed through the lobby.
7. There are NO EXTRA TICKETS. Graduates must decide who will get their 5 admission tickets and must give the tickets out before coming to the auditorium to line up before graduation.

We make every effort to hold graduation in the stadium. The last time we had to move inside was 2001! A little shower will not necessarily mean we have relocated to the gym so bring umbrellas and seat cushions, just in case.

