Class Song: “Congratulations” by Post Malone

Class Flower: Sunflower

Class Motto: “You do not find the happy life. You make it.”
Graduation
Class of 2020

This packet has been prepared to answer questions that you and your parents may have regarding senior information and closing-activities. Read the packet carefully and retain this for further reference. If you have questions regarding senior activities, check with a counselor or an administrator.

- Pictures for the Senior Slide Show must be submitted to Mrs. Dunbar no later than May 2nd. Send electronic pictures to http://dunbar_jennifer@svvsd.org. You may submit one baby and one senior picture.
- Caps and gowns will be distributed May 19, 2020 at 8:00 AM in Vance Brand Civic Auditorium. Caps and gowns will not be distributed if you owe any fees and fines. Please clear up your fees either online or in the main office by Wednesday, May 1st.
- Fees and fines can be paid with cash in the main office or using a credit card online at https://stvrain.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=2_Skyline_HS
- Graduates are asked to leave coats, purses, etc. at home or in their car during Senior Night and the Graduation ceremony. Therefore, NO purses, bags, or backpacks are allowed into the gym or on to the field.
- Senior Night and Graduation ceremonies will begin on time. The Senior Night ceremony will begin at 6:30 PM and the Graduation ceremony will begin at 9:00 AM. Both ceremonies are formal events and appropriate dress is expected.
- Parents, family members or guests in need of handicap seating should contact Greg Stephens by May 1, 2020 to arrange seating. There is limited handicap seating during the ceremony so communication around these needs is paramount.
- The use of drones, air horns, beach balls, noisemakers, cowbells, whistles, etc. during the ceremony is not allowed. Please respect the decorum of the event and allow all families the opportunity to hear their child’s name announced.
- During the ceremony, students will be handed a red diploma cover. The diploma will not be inside the cover at that time. Diplomas will be distributed in the Commons immediately following the ceremony. The Commons will be open for 30 minutes following the ceremony to pick up diplomas. If you do not pick up your diploma at this time, you may do so by going to the office during business hours.
- Once you have graduated from Skyline High School, you cannot return to the school during school hours unless you check in at the front office and state your reason for being on campus. This must be approved by administration. You cannot come to SHS to ‘hang out.’

Thank you for understanding and your cooperation in making your graduation a very special day.
Graduation Apparel
Important Information and Helpful Tips

Caps
1. All caps are red.
2. The caps are delivered in a plastic bag along with the gown and tassel.
3. Caps should be placed on the head so that the mortarboard is level, with the long point of the crown to the back. The front point should be well down on the forehead. Do not tilt the cap backward or forward. Some students may need bobby pins to hold the cap in place.
4. Caps may be decorated as long as the decoration is flat on the cap (no 3D designs). Caps will be checked in the graduation staging area (large gym) prior to going out to the ceremony. Any inappropriate caps will be removed and replaced with a plain red cap. Gowns CANNOT be decorated or altered for any reason.
5. Male graduates are expected to remove their caps during the National Anthem.

Gowns
1. Graduation gowns are all red.
2. Gowns will be delivered, folded up in a plastic bag along with the cap and tassel. There will be noticeable wrinkles and creases in the gowns. Hanging the gown in a steaming room (the bathroom when the shower is running) often removes small wrinkles. You can also steam the gowns, but we highly recommend NOT using an iron on them as they burn easily.

The Tassel
1. The tassels are red and gold.
2. The tassel is to be worn over the right temple.
3. Tassels should never be pinned or sewn; they should be permitted to hang naturally. After the closing remarks students will be instructed to move their tassel from the right to left. Wait for the announcement so that everyone is moving his or her tassel at the same time.

Honor Cords and Tassels
1. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian medals will be presented to students in the graduation staging area prior to the Graduation ceremony.
2. Cords will be distributed to students during the cap/gown distribution who qualify to wear them during the Graduation ceremony. STEM cords are teal/gold, VPA cords are purple/gold, Honors and AP Capstone Certificate cords are red/gold twist, National Honor Society cords are gold, National Art Honor Society cords are rainbow twist and P-TECH stoles are light blue.
3. Only district approved caps, gowns and cords may be worn at the Graduation ceremony. Cords may not be shared.

What to wear under the gown
1. The expectation is that all students will dress appropriately for this formal, dignified event.
2. Clothing under the gown should be a full-length dress pants/casual dress pant, or females often wear a dress. T-shirts, shorts, and casual footwear including flip-flops and slippers are inappropriate attire for graduates.
Students dressed inappropriately may be denied the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Tradition and Participation

High School Commencement exercise is the culminating experience of a student’s K-12 education. The Skyline community deserves a meaningful and dignified ceremony to commemorate this event.

While nearly all seniors are aware of the seriousness of graduation exercises, each of you should be equally aware that the graduation ceremony is optional. No one is obligated to participate. However, participation does imply acceptance of the standards set for behavior, appearance, and general decorum related to the particular activity. These standards then become an additional requirement for participation in the graduation ceremony. Any deviation from these standards may cause you to be denied participation in the graduation activities.

For parents, guardians and guests:

We look forward to sharing in this long-awaited day with you and your student. The faculty and staff have prepared a dignified and meaningful ceremony in honor of this occasion and therefore ask you not to bring air horns, drones, noise makers, beach balls, bells, whistles, etc. Excessive noise and celebrating for one student can make it impossible for guests to hear the names of other students as they receive their diplomas. We ask your understanding of the decorum of the occasion and the rights of all students to a dignified recognition.

Important Dates to Remember

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Inclement Weather Plans

In the event of inclement weather, graduation will be moved to Vance Brand Civic Auditorium. Each graduate will receive four tickets to be used for an indoor ceremony. Due to limited space, all attendees will be required to have a ticket for admittance to the graduation ceremony in the event it is moved to VBCA. Overflow will be available to those without tickets in the Commons area using closed circuit television. In case of inclement weather, we will make a decision by 6:00 AM Saturday morning for alternate plans. We will use the school website and the phone messaging system (ShoutPoint) with information about the changes. If your phone has a block on it, you will not receive the automated call. It would be your responsibility to check with a fellow graduate to learn of the ceremony status. It is your responsibility to make sure your phone number is correct in our database if it has changed during the school year.

Photography / Pictures

As a special service for seniors and parents, a professional photograph will be taken of each senior as he/she receives the diploma. The goal of the photographer is to have proofs of graduates within a few days after the ceremony from which you can order quality photo enlargements. SHS is not responsible for the quality of the photos.

Studio 5 is Skyline High School’s official photographer for the 2020 graduation ceremony. Ordering information TBD.

To make the most of your photo, as you receive your diploma:

- Pause and smile
- Keep your tassel to the side

All unauthorized persons including family members are to remain outside the designated graduation area during the ceremony.

From the Counseling Department

- Colleges and Universities will require you to provide them with your final high school transcript, even if you have already been accepted. You may request transcripts through the counseling office during the senior checkout process. There is no charge for your final transcript. Each transcript request received after graduation will be charged a $2.00 transcript fee.
- It is each senior’s responsibility to let the counseling office know if you have received any scholarships! These students will be recognized in the program at Senior Night and Graduation only if the counseling office is notified by May 15th, 2020.
- Seniors will not be permitted to participate in Senior Night or Graduation if they fail to complete the school district’s minimum graduation credit requirement.