



Southwestern Randolph High School

Senior Letter

Dear Seniors and Parents of the Class of 2019,

It is hard to believe the end of the 2018-2019 school year is near. As graduation approaches, we want to share some information with you to help as you plan these last few weeks of your high school career.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 23 Senior Recognition

All seniors and their families are invited to Senior Recognition. Senior Recognition is an awards ceremony just for seniors and their families. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 pm in the Jack Castelloe gymnasium.

Sunday, June 2- Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate will be in the Jack Castelloe gymnasium. The service will begin at 7:00 pm and is open to the public. Seniors will line up on the English Hall at 6:15 pm, dressed in their graduation cap, stole and gown. A special dessert social will follow Baccalaureate in the cafeteria and commons, to provide one final socializing time for our graduates, their parents, and friends. The reception is free of charge for seniors and guests.

Friday, June 7- Graduation Practice and Graduation

Morning:

Graduation day will begin at 7:30 am with our annual senior breakfast in the senior lounge. Graduation practice will begin promptly at 9:00 am in the gym. Graduation practice takes approximately 2 ½ hours, so plan accordingly. Seniors are strongly encouraged to attend Senior Recognition and Baccalaureate.

However, seniors must be present and on time for graduation practice in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Additionally, seniors need to have paid all fees prior to graduation practice.

At graduation practice, students will receive a folder. Among the items in that folder are **4 tickets** for guests, in the event the ceremony must be moved to the gymnasium due to rain. Each student is limited to **4 guest tickets** due to the seating capacity in the gymnasium.

Evening:

Seniors will put on caps and gowns in their homeroom groups, as assigned. They will meet in the classrooms on the English hall, **by 6:00 pm**, where senior homeroom teachers will supervise their homerooms. Caps (with school provided gold tassels) and gowns will be required for Baccalaureate and Graduation. **Caps may not be decorated in any way. NO CELL PHONES should be taken to the field.**

Seniors must follow one of the two standard modes of dress for graduation:

1. **white dress shirt (with collar), slacks (no jeans), dress shoes (no sandals/flip flops, tennis shoes, boots), and a belt**

OR

2. **dresses and dress shoes (dressy sandals are allowed, flip flops are not)**

SEATING: Thanks to the new stadium construction, there will be plenty of seating in the stands; therefore, a blanket area **will no longer be available**. Seating will only be permitted in the stands and/or handicapped seating area.

Handicapped Parking: This parking section will be available again this year. A map of the school and how to park is available in the front office. There will also be a **Handicapped Parking tag** for that night. This tag will need to be displayed on the passenger side of the front window.

Indoor Seating: There will be a special seating area in the media center for guests who can not be outdoors during graduation (heat, etc). We ask that this section only be used by guests who truly need this accommodation.

The last official act seniors will perform as students at Southwestern Randolph will be to conduct themselves in a dignified manner during the graduation ceremony. **Seniors will receive only their diploma covers during the ceremony.** At the conclusion of the ceremony, seniors will return to homerooms to receive their diplomas. All fees, obligations, and materials should be paid for before receiving diplomas.

In order to celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors in a dignified and respectful manner, we ask all seniors to communicate to their guests that noise makers of any kind (**including, but not limited to: foghorns, cow bells, whistles, etc.**) are not permitted at graduation. This is done in an effort so all guests can hear their senior's name. Individuals with noise makers will be escorted out of the stadium.

Our expectations for the graduation ceremony are simple. We want **your** graduation to be as problem-free, memorable and respectful of your accomplishments as possible. This is the culminating event of your entire formative education. It has been an honor to serve as your principal for your senior year of high school. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Congratulations graduating class of 2019!

With Respect,

Shon Hildreth
Principal

Items needed for Graduation

1. Cap and Gown
2. Graduation Stole
3. Gold tassel
4. Approved honor cords
5. Appropriate dress

Approved Stoles/Cords for Graduation:

BETA

NTHS

Tri-M

Apprenticeship Randolph

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