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GRADUATION INFORMATION

Please review this information and call us with any questions at (708) 679-6100. Graduation for the Class of 2010 is scheduled for Sunday May 23, at 5:00 p.m. at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

Graduation Tickets

Every graduate will receive six (6) tickets for the ceremony. Due to fire code regulations, every person, including infants, must have a ticket for admission to the graduation ceremony. Graduation tickets will be distributed at graduation rehearsal. Applications for an additional two tickets will be available April 12-23.

Cap and Gown Fee/Distribution

The cap and gown fee of \$40 must be paid before any senior can participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors will be able to pay their fees any day in the cashier's office. Each graduate will receive his/her cap and gown at the conclusion of graduation rehearsal on Thursday, May 20.

Fees and Fines

All seniors must clear up all outstanding fees and fines owed by May 14. Any senior who still owes money to the school will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. Checks, money order, credit card or cash will be accepted for the fees and fines until **April 9**. Cash and credit cards only will be accepted April 12 through May 14. **ALL FEES AND FINES MUST BE PAID BY FRIDAY, MAY 14 AT 4:00 P.M., OR YOUR STUDENT WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GRADUATION LIST.** Any student reinstated to the list will be placed at the end of the processional line. Students will be notified of any additional or late fees and fines incurred during second semester prior to checkout on **May 18**. These payments must be made by cash or credit card before the student will be allowed to participate in graduation practice and the graduation ceremony. Any questions regarding fees and fines should be addressed to Ms. Childress at 679-7326.

Seniors Ineligible to Graduate

Parents of any senior, who is ineligible to graduate, will be notified no later than May 18. You will receive special notification from the school if your son or daughter has not fulfilled the requirements for graduation. Students who have not fulfilled the requirements may not participate in the graduation ceremony under any circumstance.

Students and parents are advised to monitor their senior grades on a regular basis using Power School and contact the instructor of any class that their student may not pass. A Certificate of Mailing will be made for letters sent to parents of students who are in jeopardy of not graduating.

PSAE Testing

All graduates must have completed both days of the state mandated PSAE test as a condition of graduation. Any student who did not test as a junior, must test this year on April 28 and April 29. Failure to complete both days of testing (Day 1/State ACT and Day 2/Work Keys) will result in: your student not graduating this year, not walking across the stage and not receiving a diploma. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Final Exams/Last Day/Locker Checkout (Tentative)

Seniors will take final exams May 17 and May 18. The last day for seniors is May 18. Locker checkout will be May 17 after school and May 18 before school.

Final Transcripts

All seniors will be asked to complete an exit survey. Seniors must also complete a sign out sheet which will indicate where your final transcript is to be sent.

College Trunk Drawing

We will be awarding two college trunks for our graduating seniors. All seniors are encouraged to bring their college acceptance letters (original or copy) to Mrs. Brooks in the guidance office. For each post-high school acceptance letter, your name will be entered into the drawing. One “girl” and one “boy” trunk will be awarded at the senior class breakfast on the day of graduation practice.

Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation Rehearsal will be on Thursday, May 20. Please enter through the Main Entrance between 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. and bring your student ID. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria. The rehearsal will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Sloan Gym.

GRADUATES MUST ATTEND REHEARSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. All fees and fines for both first and second semester must be paid or that student will not be allowed to participate in graduation rehearsal or the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Ceremony

Graduates are to assemble at the Tinley Park Convention Center by 4:15 p.m. Students are expected to be dressed appropriately. Males must wear a shirt and tie, dress shoes and dress pants. Female graduates must wear an appropriate dress, suit, dress pants, skirt and blouse/ sweater, and dress shoes. Guests should be seated by 4:50 p.m. as the ceremony will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. The doors will be closed at 4:55 p.m. for the

procession and will be reopened after the graduates have been seated. There will be specific seating for late arrivals. You will be directed to that area only. Guests are asked to remain seated for the ceremony. **Flowers and balloons will not be allowed in the Convention Center.**

Code of Conduct

Do not put your graduation in jeopardy by making poor decisions. District 227 has academic requirements which must be met to earn a diploma. Participation in graduation ceremonies can be jeopardized due to inappropriate behavior any time between now and the actual day of graduation. Make good decisions both academically and socially.

Graduation Calendar--2010

March 23	Third quarter report cards mailed
March 24	Counselors send Jeopardy Letters
March 29-April 5	Spring Break
April 9	Final day to pay fees with check or money order
April 12-May 14	Fees paid with cash or credit card only
April 28 & 29	PSAE testing—REQUIRED for all seniors who did not test junior year—NO PSAE TEST=NO GRADUATION
April 23	Fourth quarter mid-quarter reports mailed
April 27	Counselors send Jeopardy Letters
May 1	Prom (2.0 minimum GPA required to attend)
May 7	All library materials due
May 14	All text books due to the book room
May 14--4:00 p.m.	Deadline for fee payment to hold placement in processional for graduation ceremony
May 17& 18	Senior Finals (Tentative)
May 18	Completed Senior Check Out /Transcript Request Form to be turned into eighth hour teacher
May 18	Parent Contacts for Seniors Not Graduating
May 20	Graduation Rehearsal Breakfast—8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. College trunk drawing. Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. —12:00 noon. Ticket and Gown Distribution

May 21

Senior Class Trip

May 23

Graduation at Tinley Park Convention Center at 5:00 p.m.

Graduates arrive 4:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

Graduates dressed and seated by 4:30 p.m.

Guests seated by 4:50 p.m.

Doors close at 4:55 p.m.

Doors reopen when graduates are seated

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for these scholarships will be available in March. All scholarship dollars will be awarded to Rich East Students. Students should see Mrs. Jordan for applications and return completed applications to the guidance office.

Connie Conroy Karr Memorial Scholarship

Connie Conroy Karr, RE '74, well known and admired for her work as a reporter and columnist beginning her career on the Reveiller and continuing her career in the Quad Cities and St. Louis. Following up her interest in public service, she was elected to the city council and was a candidate for mayor at the time of her death during a shooting at the Kirkwood City Hall on February 7, 2008. Scholarship details are under development but are intended to be available for this year's graduates. Applicants should be journalism majors.

Paul Panczuk Scholarship

Two \$300 scholarships are awarded in memory of Coach Panczuk. One scholarship honors his dedication to coaching football and the other his commitment to education.

Prairie State College

Tuition waivers are available to students who have a minimum of 3.0 GPA. You must complete your FAFSA and apply through the PSC financial aid office. Deadline: April 1.

Ray Janota Scholarship

Ray Janota was the first teacher hired in District #227. He taught science for well over 30 years. This scholarship is dedicated to perpetuating Mr. Janota's Life and his passion for science. To be eligible for the Ray Janota scholarship, a senior must plan to major in a science-related field or secondary education science. Scholarship is sponsored by the Rich East Alumni Association.

Rich East Alumni Association Scholarship

The Rich East Alumni Association will be awarding scholarships to this year's graduating class. To qualify, you should be planning to further your education at a two-year, four-year, or other accredited institution.

Rich East Boosters Scholarship

Details TBA

RTHSEA Glynn Harvey Scholarship

One \$1000 scholarship awarded to a Rich East student—generally for a student interested in pursuing a career in education.

Earl and Evelyn Wade Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by the Wade family in honor of their parents who were long-time Park Forest residents. One \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to students who have a strong background of community service and maintained a minimum 2.5 G.P.A.