

Dates to Remember for CHS Seniors 2017-2018

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(as of April 17, 2018)

Please keep checking this site for additional information.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation will held on May 16, 2018, at Tropicana Field from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There was a senior assembly held on Friday, November 10, 2017, where information about cap/gowns, graduation announcements, and the gold Application for Graduation was distributed. If you did not receive this information or have lost it, please stop by the front office of Countryside High School and pick up this packet of information.

There are two separate fees for graduation.

- 1. Cap/Gown, and Diploma Cover - Varies with package you choose. Please, see order form.**
 - Please, contact Herff Jones on how to order your cap and gown.
 - Contact Information for Herff Jones :
 - Phone: 727-545-3288
 - Website: www.herffjonestampabay.com
 - E-mail: herffjones2@verizon.net
 - If paying by check, the check would be made payable to Herff Jones. You can also order online at www.herffjonestampabay.com
 - Graduation announcements are an extra fee.
- 2. Graduation Fees - \$45- Check or Cash (Checks made payable to Countryside High School.)**
 - Graduation fees can be paid by cash or check (Checks would be payable to Countryside High School.) Checks will be accepted until May 1, and then cash or money order only.
 - This fee covers the venue site at the Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg and other costs related to the ceremony.
 - Please, turn in the \$45 graduation fee and gold graduation application to the school's bookkeeping office.
 - Extra gold forms can be found in the front office.
- 3. Every senior must fill out the Gold Application for Graduation form whether you are walking or not. If you did not receive the gold form in the senior assembly on Friday, November 10, 2017, please stop by the front office for the form.**
- 4. Required Dress for Countryside High School graduation:**
 - **Men** must wear a collared dress shirt (preferably white) with a necktie (preferably dark), socks (preferably dark) and dress shoes, and dark trousers (no jeans or casual pants allowed).

- **Women** should wear a dress that is not visible at the gown's neckline, cuff or hemline. Pant suits are acceptable. Purses should be kept with parents. Gowns look much nicer when they are pressed. Faculty and staff will check each student for appropriate attire, appearance and demeanor. **No** paraphernalia, such as corsages, etc., may be worn on the gown.
5. Information about parking, the appropriate entrance to use, and other misc. information will be distributed in early May 2018 at the Graduation Rehearsal held in the auditorium of Countryside High School. Tickets are not required to attend graduation, and there is no limit to the number of guests who can attend.
6. If you have any obligations such as textbooks, library books or other fees owed to the school, you must pay by check (payable to Countryside High School), cash or money order. Checks will only be accepted for fees \$30.00 and up; otherwise, you must pay by cash or money order. After May 1, all obligations and fees must be paid by cash or money order. If you want to attend PROM, Senior Breakfast or GRAD Bash, all obligations must be paid to attend the event. If you want to find out if you have any textbook obligations, please contact Lonneta Alexander at alexanderlo@pcsb.org

Announcements

If you purchased graduation announcements and did not pick them up on April 10 when Herff Jones was on campus, please stop by the front office during lunch or after school and see Ms. Mency. Please remember to bring ID.

Contact: Ms. Mency mencym@pcsb.org

Cap and Gowns Distribution

For those seniors that have ordered their cap and gowns, they will be distributed during both lunches on 5/1/18. If you have not ordered your cap and gown, late order forms can be found in the front office.

Contact: Mr. Straub straus@pcsb.org 727-724-1487

College Acceptance Letters

Attention seniors: as your college acceptances roll in, please bring in a copy of your acceptance letters to Mrs. Clausen so that we can recognize your accomplishments on our College Board as well as at College Signing Day on May 2, 2018 during 3rd period.

GRAD Bash

If you have paid and are participating in Grad Bash, students must be at Countryside High School by 3:45 p.m. for a 4:30 p.m. departure on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Students will return to Countryside High School at 4:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Students will be transported via a Martz Charter Bus. **Breathe analyzer and general search before boarding the bus will take place.** Dress code is on the website.

Contact: Ms. Alexander alexanderlo@pcsb.org

Scholar Diploma Designation

If your student is pursuing a scholar diploma designation, in addition to meeting the 24-credit standard high school diploma requirements, they must also pass the Biology 1 EOC and the US History EOC. If your student has not taken and/or passed these assessments yet and wishes to pursue the scholar diploma designation, then they must contact their guidance counselor to schedule a date and time to take these assessments. You can check to see if your student has taken and/or passed these assessments using FOCUS. Upon logging in, you will access their Test History under the My Information tab. Here you will see all standardized tests taken by your student over the years. Clicking on the arrow next to the assessment will provide additional information. A "P" indicates your student has passed this assessment. If you do not see either of these assessments, please have your student contact their guidance counselor as soon as possible. Students **MUST TAKE** these EOC's to graduate, but they **MUST PASS** them to qualify for the scholar diploma designation. Please visit our website for additional criteria on the scholar and merit diploma designations.

Senior Breakfast

Senior Breakfast will be held at Countryside Country Club from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018. Tickets sales begin on Monday, April 16 and end of Thursday, April 26, 2018. The ticket price is \$25.00, cash only! All obligations must be paid, and permission forms must be filled out and signed by your parent to purchase ticket. Contact: Mr. Straub straubs@pcsb.org Room D-5 727-724-1487

Transcripts

Transcripts can be requested from the Records' Department, which is located in the guidance counselors' hallway. If the transcript is for a Florida Public Institution, it will be electronically sent. Otherwise, the student picks up the transcript(s) and mails them. A desk is located outside the records office with transcript request forms. Fill out the form; then, see Ms. Johnston to process the request and pay any fees. The first request for a transcript that is electronically sent is free. Or a student may choose to have their transcript printed for them to pick up from the records clerk at no charge. There is \$1 fee for each thereafter.

For *graduating students*: Final transcript requests will be processed by Mrs. Canfield; her office is located in the hall behind the AP Office. You can arrange for pick up or have it mailed (you will need to provide the mailing address of the institution). Please remember, final transcripts will be available for pick up or will be mailed ***after final grades are posted***; this should be mid-June. See Mrs. Canfield after April 1 to fill out the request.

Yearbook Sales

You can order your yearbook online through Herff Jones at www.yearbookordercenter.com. Yearbooks are available for sale online until May, 2018. Starting May 1, 2018 the price goes to \$75.00.

Note: The prices are the same online, but Herff Jones does charge a minimal online convenience fee to process the order. Personalization will occur free of charge for students who order online. Remember, yearbooks will sell out, and we only have a limited number of overrun copies available upon delivery of the yearbook. Be sure to reserve your copy.

Contact: Remy Scott scottrem@pcsb.org or phone 724-1485 Classroom is J-6



Interested in a Scholarship - Check out our Website <http://pcsb.org/Domain/6368>

Potential senior fees for 2018 graduates - info subject to change	
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Graduation Announcements - Checks made payable to Herff Jones	Varies by purchase
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Senior Breakfast	\$25.00, CASH ONLY
Yearbook - Checks accepted until May 1, 2018.- Check made payable to Countryside High School	\$65.00