

# Dates to Remember for CHS Seniors 2017-2018

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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 10th, 2017 where information about cap/gowns, graduation announcements, GRAD Bash 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](http://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](http://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).
- 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 10th, 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 or 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 Lonnelle Alexander at [alexanderlo@pcsb.org](mailto:alexanderlo@pcsb.org)

### **CAREER CENTER SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP**

You are invited to apply for the **NEW 2018 Senior Career Center Scholarship**. The application can be found on our CHS website, attach your essay to the application and send to Kathleen Lamb, Director of the Career Center at [pcs.lambk@pcsb.org](mailto:pcs.lambk@pcsb.org)

You will be sent an email confirming the receipt of your application and essay.

**DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018.**

The top 15 Seniors will be interviewed by the Career Center Advisory Board.

Three seniors will be awarded \$1,000 each.

Once accepted, monies will be sent to your post secondary institution by CHS graduation day.

The application can be found at <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/26276>

### **College Acceptance Letters**

Attention seniors: as your college acceptance 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 this spring!

## **GRAD Bash**

GRAD Bash will be held at Universal Studios in Orlando, FL., on April 28, 2018. Cost is \$120.00. Tickets can be purchased on Tuesdays during both lunches until March 9, 2018. Cash or checks will be accepted. Don't miss out—the number of tickets is limited; sales are on a first-come first serve basis and; if tickets remain, sales definitely end on Friday, March 9, 2018. Checks should be made payable to Countryside High School. You can also pay online by going to our website under Clubs and Activities, then Senior Pages. The link to Senior Pages is <https://www.pcsb.org/Domain/6081> and the link to GRAD Bash online payment is <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/25958> If participating, 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. Permission form and agreement form, field trip permission form and dress code is on the website.

Due to transportation and a negotiation of ticket costs, there will be absolutely **NO REFUNDS after Friday, March 9, 2018**. Thank you for your understanding. Please plan accordingly.

(We are sorry but the dates changed after the February Cougar Chronicle was published.)

## **PROM**

Prom is Friday, April 13, 2018, at the Safety Harbor Spa. Ticket prices will start at \$55.00 (cash only). More detailed information, including ticket sale dates will be available in the coming months. All obligations and fees must be paid to attend PROM.

Contact: Jennifer Gray [grayjenn@pcsb.org](mailto:grayjenn@pcsb.org) Room J-6 and Kim Coners [conersk@pcsb.org](mailto:conersk@pcsb.org) Room I-4

## **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 on Friday, April 27, 2018 at the Countryside Country Club from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., more detailed information including ticket prices and sale dates will be available in early spring. All obligations and fees must be paid to attend Senior Breakfast.

Contact: Steve Straub [straubs@pcsb.org](mailto:straubs@pcsb.org) 724-1487

## Senior Panoramic Picture

The senior class of 2018 senior panoramic picture was taken on February 13<sup>th</sup>. If you want to order the picture, please turn in order form to Ms. Gray in Room K-5 by February 23, 2018.

Contact: Ms. Gray [grayjenn@pcsb.org](mailto:grayjenn@pcsb.org) Room K-5 and Ms. Coners [conersk@pcsb.org](mailto:conersk@pcsb.org) Room I-4

## Yearbook Sales

You can order your yearbook online through Herff Jones at [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)

Yearbooks are available for sale online from August 2017 -April 2018 or until we run out.

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.

Seniors, do not forget to mention to Mom and Dad that they can purchase a senior ad online. It is a great way to celebrate reaching this important milestone. The deadline is March 5.

Contact: Remy Scott [scottrem@pcsb.org](mailto:scottrem@pcsb.org) or phone 724-1485 Classroom is J-6



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

<b>Potential senior fees for 2018 graduates - info subject to change</b>	
Cap and Gown - Checks made payable to Herff Jones	Varies by package
GRAD Bash	\$120.00
Graduation Announcements - Checks made payable to Herff Jones	Varies by purchase
Graduation Application Fee Checks accepted until May 1, 2018.- Check made payable to Countryside High School	\$45.00
Outstanding Obligations (textbooks, library books or other fees) 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 or Senior Breakfast all obligations must be paid to attend the event.	Varies, if owed
PROM	Starting at \$55.00, cash only
Senior Breakfast	TBD
Yearbook - Checks accepted until May 1, 2018.- Check made payable to Countryside High School	\$65.00