



# SENIOR NEWS

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## Senior Cap and Gown Pictures

Leonard's Studios will be on campus **March 16th** to take group and individual cap & gown pictures. The caps and gowns are being stored at the school. They will be distributed to the seniors for pictures and again during *Senior Check-out*. Order forms are included in this mailing. The following attire is to be worn for the pictures:

**Boys: white long sleeve dress shirt with a tie and uniform pants**

(Boys may wear the shirt and tie to school and remain in this attire for the rest of the day or change into their uniform shirts after pictures are taken.)

**Girls: a collar-less top worn under the uniform shirt with the uniform skirt or pants.**

## Senior Plan Forms and FAFSA

Final *Senior Plan Forms* are due to the School Counseling Office by Monday, **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This form is your final transcript request so counselors can release your transcript to the college or university of your choice. **Transcripts will be sent out in the order in which the counselors receive your requests and will not be sent without one.** Be sure to attach copies of ANY college acceptances and scholarship awards you have not yet shared with School Counseling. Turn your letters and awards in as you get them.

Also, be sure to go to [floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://floridastudentfinancialaid.org) to complete your application for financial aid. This website is not for Bright Futures only. Other scholarships are available so be sure to check them out!

Finally, you can submit a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) by going to [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).

## Senior AP Exam Schedule

Seniors taking AP Exams must be in school uniform and on campus by 7:45 a.m. Testing begins promptly at 8:00 a.m., except for the AP Chemistry and AP Statistics Exams which begin at 12:00 p.m.

AP Government – May 2<sup>rd</sup>

AP Chemistry – May 2<sup>nd</sup> (12:00 p.m.)

AP Literature & Composition – May 4<sup>th</sup>

AP Macroeconomics - May 5<sup>th</sup>

AP Statistics – May 5<sup>th</sup> (12:00 p.m.)

AP Calculus – May 9<sup>th</sup>

AP Spanish Language & Culture – May 11<sup>th</sup>

### Junior-Senior Prom

Our SGA is sponsoring a Junior-Senior Prom on **May 7<sup>th</sup>** at St. Matthew's Schiavone Center from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Look for more details in the near future.

### Senior Retreat

The Senior Retreat will be held on **May 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** at North Florida Christian Camp in Keystone Heights, FL. Students will leave from school on the 16<sup>th</sup> and return the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup>. A letter with detailed information regarding the retreat will be sent to parents of seniors via email. Look for it in April.

### Locker Clean Out

**Seniors must have their lockers cleaned out by 3:00 p.m. on May 20<sup>th</sup>.** All belongings must be removed, all trash thrown out, and the lock brought to Mrs. Naughton before leaving campus. **Seniors must return their locks in order to receive their items at Senior Checkout.**

### Senior Exam Schedule

Seniors exams will be given on **May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**. Testing begins promptly at 8:00.

Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – English and Religion

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Science and Social Studies

Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Math and World Language

Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Electives/Conflicts

### Senior Exemptions

Seniors will be exempt from final exams for semester-long and year-long courses in which they have a 90-100 final average. Qualifying seniors will be given the option of taking the final exams to improve their semester averages. If taken, exams will be included in the semester average.

### Baccalaureate and Graduation Videos

Are you interested in preserving the memory of Baccalaureate and Graduation forever? Through the help of *First Beach Productions*, we are able to provide graduates and their families a DVD format of the Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies. There will be two broadcast quality cameras to capture the event from start to finish. The cost for both videos is \$30. DVDs will be delivered to Snyder for pickup or, for an extra \$4, can be mailed home. In order to preserve the dignity of these events, restrictions will be placed on flash photography and filming. Place your order today. Then sit back, relax, and enjoy the moment while someone else does the work for you. Order forms are enclosed in this mailing. The deadline for orders is **May 27<sup>th</sup>**. A minimum number of orders is required in order to offer the DVDs.

### Senior Awards Ceremony

On Tuesday, **May 31<sup>st</sup>**, we will host our *Senior Awards Ceremony*. Awards for academics, sports, and Christian service will be distributed during this ceremony. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Snyder Auditorium.

Dress for this evening is a pair of slacks and a tie (coat optional) for boys and dresses, skirts, or dress slacks for girls. No low necklines, exposed midriffs, or short hemlines. Remember you will be walking across a raised stage.

### Senior Checkout Day

Seniors will receive their graduation packets which include their student files, caps and gowns, and graduation tickets between the hours of **8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.** on **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

*Graduation items will be distributed via a drive through car line in the circle by the main office. Seniors may not leave their cars or enter school property due to underclassmen exams.*

Before checking out, seniors must have met all school financial obligations, submitted Christian service hours to Campus Ministry, and returned school property including athletic uniforms, locks, library books, Chrome Books, band items, borrowed textbooks, Foundations' materials and any other loaned items. Items not picked up during Senior Checkout will be available in the front office for pickup. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Baccalaureate Mass

On Wednesday, **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will celebrate our *Baccalaureate Mass* at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church (1649 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park) at 7:00 p.m. **Seniors need to arrive at the church at 5:30 p.m. for a mandatory practice.** Graduation gowns (no caps) are required and any awards received during the *Senior Awards Ceremony* may be worn. Dress for this evening is a pair of slacks and a tie (coat optional) for boys and dresses, skirts and blouses for girls. Girls' hemlines should not show beneath the graduation gowns. Appropriate dress shoes must be worn (no flip flops or sneakers).

### Graduation Practice

A **mandatory** graduation practice will be held the morning of graduation (**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**) from **10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** at the Thrasher-Horne Center. Afterwards, seniors will be treated to a complimentary picnic lunch of hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks and cookies courtesy of Mr. McIntire and Coach Osbeck. Please plan to stay and enjoy some time with your fellow seniors.

### Commencement Ceremony

On Thursday, **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will hold our *Commencement Ceremony* at the Thrasher-Horne Center on the campus of St. Johns River State College (283 College Drive, Orange Park) starting at 7:00 p.m. *Graduates must meet on the second floor of the lobby at the Thrasher-Horne Center no later than 6:15 p.m.* Attendance at the graduation is by **ticket only** and all families will be given **12 tickets**. **Doors open at the Thrasher-Horne Center at 6:30 p.m.**

Graduates must wear their caps and gowns during the ceremony. Awards received during the *Senior Awards Ceremony* may be worn. Appropriate attire underneath the gown is a pair of dress slacks, white shirt and a tie for boys and dresses or skirts and blouses for girls. No low necklines, exposed midriffs or short hemlines are allowed. Hems must not protrude from beneath the graduation gown. Appropriate dress shoes must be worn (no flip flops or sneakers). Graduation caps may not be decorated.

Guests of graduates are asked to please respect the dignity of this occasion by dressing and acting appropriately. **Please do not bring air horns or other noisemakers that might detract from the solemnity of the event.** Flash photography will be restricted.

## Senior Calendar

### *March*

16 – Group and individual cap and gown pictures

### *April*

2-3 – Senior Grad Bash

8-9 – Spring Musical, *Newsies*

14-24 – Easter Vacation

25 – Classes resume from Easter vacation

28 – Fine Arts Night

30 – Miss Bishop Snyder Pageant

### *May*

1 – Christian Service Hours due to Mrs. Gallagher

2 – Senior Plan forms due to School Counseling

2-11 – Senior AP Exams

7 – Junior-Senior Prom at St. Matthew's Schiavone Center

16-17 – Senior Retreat at North Florida Christian Camp in Keystone Heights

20 – Seniors' last day of classes/Locker cleanout/Turn in locks

23-26 – Senior Exams

27 – DVD orders due to the Main Office

31 –Senior Awards Ceremony – Snyder Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

### *June*

1 – Baccalaureate Practice – 5:30 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

1 – Baccalaureate Mass – 7:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

2 – Graduation Practice at the Thrasher-Horne Center – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

2 – Free Senior Picnic Lunch at the THC following graduation practice – 12:00 p.m.

2 – Commencement Ceremony at the Thrasher-Horne Center - 7:00 p.m.