



**SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2016
GRADUATION INFORMATION**



Dear Class of 2016,

Graduation is a time-honored tradition that celebrates your success of completing high school. I would like to take this time to congratulate each of you for reaching this point in your lives. For some of you, this will be the first graduation of many as you begin your life as a college student. For others, this will be the last time you will call yourself a student before you go into the workplace or military. Whether you are the first person to graduate in your family, or the next in a long line of graduates, please know that we are proud of each of you as you embark on your own life's journey.

The graduation ceremony is an exciting time for all of us to prepare to make that step toward the next stage of your life. We want your graduation to be one that is special for all of you and your families. With that in mind, I would like for you to make sure you take care of any issues related to your **graduation supplies, grades, attendance, debts/fees, discipline** and anything else that may jeopardize your participation in graduation. Please start thinking about these things now!

Class of 2016, your teachers, your school, and your families are all proud of you. On behalf of the faculty and staff of Spring Valley High School, we want you to know that it has been our privilege to work with you as a member of the Viking Family. We hope you will take time to savor the last few months of high school and we look forward to seeing what great things each of you will accomplish in your lives.

Congratulations Class of 2016!

Sincerely,

Olisa J. Ashford
Director of Student Activities

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change!)

- April 7 Senior Items/Supply Delivery Day (Aux GYM 8:45-4:00)
- April 13 Cap & Gown Pictures in MPR (*see Mrs. Brindel for more information*)
- April 16 PROM - The Hall @ Senate's End (8:00 PM - 12 Midnight)
- April 22 Last day to sign up for Class Soloist and Class Speaker
- April 22 MANDATORY Senior Class **Graduation Meeting** @ 8:40 AM in the (GYM)
- May 3 Class Speaker Auditions at 4 PM (T & G Room)
- May 5 Class Soloist Auditions at 4 PM (Chorus Room)
- May 5 Make-up Senior Delivery (Atrium 11:30-1 PM)
- May 12 Academic Awards Ceremony (6-8 PM Auditorium)
- May 12 Senior Movie Night (8-10 PM Back teacher parking lot)
- May 13 Last day to report all scholarships to Mrs. Dickerson
- May 18 Submissions for the senior slide show are now being accepted. This is one of the highlights of the Senior Assembly. The cost for submission is \$3 for one photo and \$5 for three photos. You can submit electronically to kbouchey@richland2.org or you can turn them into C-222. If you submit them electronically, payment can be made to C-222. In the past seniors have turned in a series of pictures - baby, middle years, and a current picture - or some friend pics. No selfies! The deadline for submission is **May 18th** but the sooner they are turned in, the better!
- May 18-20 Senior Exams

- May 22 Senior Cookout (2-4 PM - Sesqui Park) Tickets must be purchased in advance.
- May 23 Last day to clear all debts, hours, Chromebook, and attendance issues.
- May 23 Senior Bowling (6-8 PM Royal Z Lanes) Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$10
- May 27 Pick-up your **GOLDEN TICKET** in the Auxiliary Gym immediately after Senior Assembly!**
- May 27 **SENIOR ASSEMBLY!** All seniors are **required** to be present if they wish to participate in graduation. Please report to the Aux Gym **no later than 7:45am!**
- June 2 12:00 Noon Graduation at Colonial Life Arena
Arrive NO LATER THAN 11:00 am

2016 GENERAL GRADUATION INFORMATION

Please note the following important information/procedures for graduation:

1. YOU are responsible for taking care of all requirements in this packet. If you fail to do so, you are putting your own graduation at risk.
2. All graduating seniors will be issued a **Golden Ticket**, which clears you to participate in the graduation ceremony. If you have paid all school debts, served all discipline hours, and met all graduation requirements, you may pick up your tickets on **May 27th immediately after Senior Assembly** in the Auxiliary Gym. You must present your Golden Ticket at the door to the Elephant Room in order to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. **No Golden Ticket = No Graduation**
3. Senior Debts on file as of **Monday, May 23rd** must be cleared in order to receive your Golden Ticket and participate in the graduation ceremony. *This includes Chromebook damage fees.* Diplomas will be held until all debts are cleared.
4. All discipline hours must be served by **Monday, May 23rd** in order to receive your Golden Ticket and participate in the ceremony.

5. Participants in graduation are required to have purchased a cap, gown, tassel, and diploma cover. **You will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony without the proper graduation attire.** If you failed to order these items earlier this year, please call Jostens ASAP at 803-485-4503 or via their website: rhodesgraduation.com!
6. We will have our annual **Senior Assembly** on **Friday, May 27th** that will also serve as graduation rehearsal. Attendance at this event is mandatory for all seniors. If you do not attend the assembly, you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. You are required to be in the auxiliary gym no later than 7:45 am!
7. The 2016 Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for **Thursday, June 2nd at 12:00 noon at the Colonial Life Arena.** You **MUST** bring your cap, gown, tassel, and Golden Ticket in order to participate. Your diploma cover is handed to you as you cross the stage.
8. Seniors should plan to arrive at the Elephant Room entrance of the Colonial Life Arena **no later than 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, June 2nd** for graduation. Allow plenty of time for traffic and parking. Our ceremony will occur during weekday rush hour traffic so there will be a lot of people in the downtown area. Plan ahead and don't be late—we **WILL** start without you! **The doors to the arena will open at 11:30 a.m. for your guests.** Parking and logistical details will be provided in May.
9. You are expected to dress professionally for the Graduation Ceremony. This event is designed to honor your accomplishments and you should dress accordingly in business/church attire that meets the dress code. Gentlemen should wear coats and ties and ladies should wear professional attire to include dresses, skirts, and/or suits. Absolutely no tennis shoes, flip flops, jeans etc. may be worn at graduation. ***If you are in doubt as to proper attire, please see Mrs. Ashford in Room C127.***

2016 SENIOR CHECKLIST

Have you done the following...

- ✓ Paid all fees/debts in main office including course fees, debts for lost books, uniforms, etc.?
- ✓ Paid all library fines?
- ✓ **Purchased/paid for a cap, gown, tassel, diploma cover?**
- ✓ Cleared up any Chromebook damage issues with the Tech Bar?

- ✓ Cleared any excessive absences?
- ✓ Served all hours and cleared all discipline issues?

Senior Tips and Advice

- EVERY SENIOR should check in the main office with Mrs. Satchell to confirm that you have no school debt.
- EVERY SENIOR should confirm with their administrator that they have no outstanding discipline hours and no attendance issues.
- EVERY SENIOR is required to have their Golden Ticket, cap, gown, tassel, and diploma cover, in order to participate in Graduation.
- EVERY SENIOR should report all college acceptances and scholarship offers to Mrs. Dickerson in the Guidance Office. Bring in copies of college and scholarship award letters in order to be included in the Graduation Program.

Failure to take care of these items will result in the following:

- ***You will not receive your Golden Ticket.***
- ***You will not participate in the graduation ceremony.***
- ***You will not receive your diploma.***

GRADUATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When/where is Graduation?

Graduation is **Thursday, June 2nd at 12:00 noon** at the **Colonial Life Arena**. Seniors should arrive at the Elephant Room entrance to the arena *no later than 11:00 a.m.* Doors to the arena will open for guests at 11:30 a.m. Guests should enter via the main arena entrance. Detailed maps and directions will be provided in May.

Why is graduation on a Thursday?

The district office and Colonial Life Arena coordinate graduation times for all high schools in Richland Two and surrounding districts. Many area districts use the Colonial Life Arena.

How many tickets do I get?

Tickets are **not required** for your guests to attend graduation! However, GRADUATES are required to bring their **GOLDEN TICKET** to the Elephant Room in order to participate in graduation. In order to receive your Golden Ticket, you must meet all requirements and deadlines listed in this packet.

When will I get my Golden Ticket?

As long as you have met all graduation requirements listed in this packet, you may pick up your Golden Ticket on May 27th immediately after Senior Assembly in the Auxiliary Gym. ***You are not allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony without your Golden Ticket.***

Do I really need to have my Golden Ticket to participate in graduation?

YES. No Golden Ticket = No Graduation. No exceptions. Do not forget your Golden Ticket.

Is the senior assembly on May 27th mandatory?

Yes. We will rehearse the graduation ceremony at the senior assembly. **You will NOT be allowed to participate in graduation if you miss the senior assembly.** Put it in your calendar now! In addition, you are required to dress up for the senior assembly AND graduation. You will be given guidelines at our senior meeting.

What cords can I wear to graduation?

You may only wear cords that are issued through Spring Valley High School. Non-school cords and regalia are not allowed at Richland Two graduations.

Is this information on the school website?

Yes. Click on the tab labeled "Programs," Navigate to "Student Activities." You will then click on the Student Council Google Site Link, and navigate to "Graduation 2016." We will update this packet throughout the spring. Students will receive an electronic copy sent directly to their school email, which will be updated periodically on the web site. Additionally, all graduation information will be in our weekly Viking Update.

GRADUATION SPEAKER/SOLOIST

All SVHS Seniors are able to apply and tryout for Graduation Speaker and/or Graduation Soloist. In addition, the Valedictorian and Salutatorian also give speeches at the Graduation Ceremony. Please refer to the guidelines below for information on how to apply for these opportunities:

GRADUATION SPEAKER

If you would like to audition for Graduation (class) Speaker, please follow this procedure:

1. Please obtain the Graduation (class) Speaker form from Student Activities (C-127) after Spring Break.
2. Fill out the form and return it to **Mrs. Ashford in C-127** no later than Friday, April 22nd.
3. See Mrs. Ashford with any questions.

GRADUATION SOLOIST

1. Please obtain the Graduation (class) Soloist form from Student Activities (C-127) after Spring Break.
2. Fill out the form and return it to **Mrs. Ashford in C-127** no later than Friday, April 22nd.
3. See Mrs. Ashford with any questions.

SENIOR ASSEMBLY 2016

The Spring Valley High School Senior Assembly will be held on Friday, May 27th. This assembly will be held in YOUR honor and we will recognize and celebrate YOUR accomplishments throughout your time at Spring Valley High School. We will honor our Outstanding Seniors, Senior Superlatives, scholarship recipients, team captains, and much more! In addition, the Senior Assembly will serve as the official rehearsal for the Graduation ceremony.

Please read over the following information carefully.

1. Attendance at the Senior Assembly is **mandatory** for all seniors who are participating in the Graduation ceremony. This assembly will serve as the only rehearsal for Graduation and all seniors are REQUIRED to be present.
2. All seniors must be in the Auxiliary Gym by **7:45am on Friday, May 27th**. You will be lined up in alphabetical order similar to the way you will be lined up at Graduation.
3. The Senior Assembly will begin at 9:00am.
4. If you are late or not dressed appropriately, you will not be allowed to sit on the floor with the seniors.
5. Any senior who misbehaves during the assembly (yelling, catcalling, boos, etc.) will be escorted from the assembly and **will be** disciplined.
6. Seniors will not be allowed to sign out after the Assembly ends. You must complete the "Sign out Permission Form" and return it to Mrs. Joseph in Attendance. Forms may be picked up in the Attendance Office. If you fail to do this, a parent will have to be present to physically sign you out. **You will not be allowed to call home.**
7. You are expected to dress professionally for the Senior Assembly. This will be a nice event designed to honor your accomplishments and you should dress accordingly in

business/church attire that meets the dress code. Gentlemen should wear coats and ties and ladies should wear professional attire to include dresses, skirts, and/or suits

*****YOUR PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND*****