



**SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2017
GRADUATION INFORMATION**



Dear Class of 2017,

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 2017, 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 2017!

Sincerely,

Olisa J. Ashford
Director of Student Activities

SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2017

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change!)

- April 21 Senior Graduation Items Delivery (Aux GYM 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- April 21 Last day to sign up for Class Soloist and Class Speaker
- April 24 MANDATORY Senior Class **Graduation Meeting** after 2nd in the (GYM)
- April 26 Senior Cap & Gown Pictures 9:30AM-3:30PM (Auditorium Lobby)
- April 29 PROM - R2i2 (8:00 PM - 12 Midnight)
- May 1-12 AP Testing
- May 4 Make-up Senior Delivery 11:30-1:00 PM (Atrium)
- May 11 Academic Awards Ceremony (6-8 PM Auditorium)
- May 15 **Senior Class Soloist Auditions at 3:50 PM (Chorus Room)**
- May 15 Last day to report all scholarships to Mrs. Dickerson
- May 16 **Senior Class Speaker Auditions at 3:50 PM (T & G Room)**
- May 17-19 Senior Exams
- May 22 Honor Societies Banquet at 6:30 PM (R2i2)
- May 17-26 EOC Testing
- May 17 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. Payment can be made to Ms. Bouchey in C-222. Please use this link to submit your photos:

https://docs.google.com/a/richland2.org/forms/d/1xZDW_kBJpCuReh1YcboUnlYCRMzL_FVCZMYsxJUvx9o/edit

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 17th** but the sooner they are submitted, the better!

- May 22 Senior Block Party (8:30-10:00 PM - Ben Stern Field)
- May 23 Senior 90's Movie Night (8-9:30 PM - Ben Stern Field)
- May 24 Senior Skate Night (8:00-9:30 PM - Skateland USA)
- May 26 **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!** The program will begin promptly at 9:00 AM (*Parents are welcome*) **DRESS TO IMPRESS!!!**
- May 26 ALL Senior debts and detention hours must be cleared to participate in graduation
- May 26 Pick-up your **GRADUATE TICKET** in the Auxiliary Gym immediately after Senior Assembly!
- June 2 4:00 PM Graduation at Colonial Life Arena Arrive **NO LATER THAN 2:45 pm**

2017 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 **GRADUATE TICKETt**, 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 26th 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 GRADUATE TICKET = No Graduation

3. Senior Debts on file 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 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: <https://www.rhodesgraduation.com/>
6. We will have our annual **Senior Assembly on Friday, May 26th** 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 2017 Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for **Friday, June 2nd at 4:00 PM 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 when you cross the stage.
8. Seniors should plan to arrive at the Elephant Room entrance of the Colonial Life Arena **no later than 2:45 p.m. on Friday, 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 3:30 p.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.***

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES/EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

- If any senior has exempted an exam, they are still required to attend any class in which they have NOT exempted during the Senior Exam administration.
- Seniors may miss the exam periods during May 24- May 31; however, they are required to attend all other class periods each day.
- Students will not be allowed to sign themselves out. Parents must come into the school to sign out the student. Only a parent or guardian can sign out the student- NO EXCEPTIONS.
- During exams, students must stay in class the entire period. Excessive absences will be posted outside the Attendance Office. Students who have 14 or fewer absences in a semester course or 24 in a year-long course and have not cut any classes will be eligible to make up time. Students that do not fit into either category must be approved by Mr. Temoney to be eligible to make up time. Students should check the excessive absence list posted outside the Attendance Office, obtain the excessive absence form from Mrs. Cermak in the Attendance Office, and pay the necessary amount to Mrs. Joseph in the Fee Office. The cost is \$30.00 per 90 minute class and \$15.00 per 45 minute class. Make-up sessions will be held:
- For seniors: May 20th from 8am-4pm & May 22nd-25th from 4pm-7pm

DETENTION / DEBT:

- Students may serve detention on June 1st from 12:30pm-3:30pm and receive credit for 12 hours, June 2nd from 8am-12:30pm and receive credit for 18 hours or June 3rd from 8am-12:30pm and receive credit for 18 hours. Hours that are not completed by the end of detention on June 3rd, will be carried over to next school year.
- Seniors must serve all of their detention time prior to graduation. Seniors have until May 26 to complete detention hours.
- Seniors must pay any debt owed prior to graduation. All debts must be paid May 26.
- Students who have not paid past debts will not be allowed to get a parking sticker and will not be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities in August

2017 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. Joseph 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 GRADUATE TICKET, cap, gown, tassel in order to participate in Graduation.
- EVERY SENIOR should report all college acceptances and scholarship offers to Mrs. Dickerson in the School Counseling 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 GRADUATE 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 **Friday, June 2nd at 4:00 PM** at the **Colonial Life Arena**. Seniors should arrive at the Elephant Room entrance to the arena *no later than 2:45 p.m.* Doors to the arena will open for guests at 3:30 p.m. Guests should enter via the main arena entrance. Detailed maps and directions will be provided in May.

Why is graduation on a Friday?

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 **GRADUATE 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 GRADUATE TICKET?

As long as you have met all graduation requirements listed in this packet, you may pick up your Golden Ticket on May 26th immediately after Senior Assembly in the Auxiliary Gym. ***You are not allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony without your Graduate Ticket.***

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

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

Is the senior assembly on May 26th 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. When you go to the school's website, there will be an announcement link for the 2017 Graduation Information. Simply Click the tab and you will see all information regarding seniors and graduation <https://www.richland2.org/svh/pages/default.aspx>
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 application form from Student Activities (C-127) or the Main Office **April 5th - April 19th.**
2. Fill out the form and return it to **Mrs. Ashford in C-127** no later than **Friday, April 21.**
3. See Mrs. Ashford with any questions.

GRADUATION SOLOIST

1. Please obtain the Graduation (class) Soloist form from Student Activities (C-127) or the Main Office **April 5th - April 19th.**
2. Fill out the form and return it to **Mrs. Ashford in C-127** no later than **Friday, April 21.**
3. See Mrs. Ashford with any questions.

SENIOR ASSEMBLY 2017

The Spring Valley High School Senior Assembly will be held on Friday, May 26th. 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 26th**. 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. **All seniors are to “DRESS TO IMPRESS” Graduation gowns ARE NOT REQUIRED!**
5. If you are late or not dressed appropriately, you will not be allowed to sit on the floor with the seniors.
6. Any senior who misbehaves during the assembly (yelling, catcalling, boos, etc.) will be escorted from the assembly and **will be** disciplined.
7. 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. Cermack 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.**
8. You are expected to **“DRESS TO IMPRESS”** for the Senior Assembly. This will be a nice event designed to honor your accomplishments and you should dress accordingly. Gentlemen should wear shirts and ties and ladies should wear dresses, skirts, and/or suits under your gown.

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