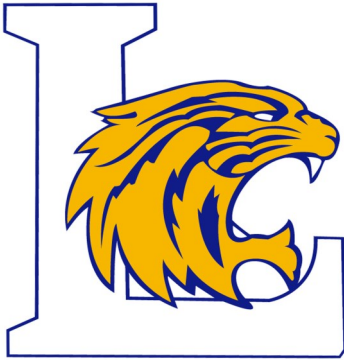


May 31, 2017
12:00 Noon
Colonial Life Arena



**2017
GRADUATION
INFORMATION
ENCLOSED!**





LHS Senior Memo

May 9, 2017

Important Senior Dates

iPad Return Day (If you have a lost or stolen iPad please notify the Help Desk)	May 15	
Senior Picnic	May 16	During 4th block
Last Day for Seniors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors are responsible for having all work completed by 3:30 p.m. Return all books, pay all lunch credits, library fines, and school fines by 3:30 p.m. 	May 18	
Senior Final Exams (Contact your teachers)	May 19	
Graduation Practice MANDATORY (LHS Cafeteria) Located throughout the Cafeteria, you will find a seating chart for graduation. Find your Home-room Teacher at the end of each row in the cafeteria so they can line you up according to the seating chart. Remember who is sitting on either side of you.	May 30	1:00 p.m.
Graduation (Colonial Life Arena)	May 31	Arrive 11:15

Things to know before you go!

Graduation is quickly approaching! This is a time of great excitement, but also one that can be filled with great anxiety. We hope that by providing you with as many details as possible, you will feel as prepared as possible.

If you have not yet received your graduation supplies and owe a balance, you can pay online by going to www.rhodesgraduation.com and entering your Invoice #. If you have questions please call (803) 485-4503.

One thing that I cannot stress enough is that seniors need to make sure all fees and holds have been taken care of before graduation. If you owe the school money, you will not receive your diploma, transcript or report card until the fee has been

paid. Please begin checking with the library, cafeteria and the finance office to make sure your balances are paid. Please make sure you turn in your iPad, iPad case, iPad charger and cable on the appropriate day. Cafeteria refunds will be issued on May 30th from 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning graduation.

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What to Wear at Graduation



Females:

Wear an outfit with a neckline that does not extend above the neckline of the gown. No flip-flop type sandals. Dress shoes are required. **NO EXTREMELY HIGH HEELS!**
NO TENNIS SHOES!

Males:

Wear a white or light colored dress shirt, dress pants and appropriate tie. Wear dress shoes and socks.
NO TENNIS SHOES, FLIP FLOPS, BLUE JEANS OR SHORTS!

If you are not dressed appropriately, you will **not** be allowed to participate in graduation.

For all:

The proper length for gowns is midway between the knee and ankle. The cap should be approximately one inch above the eyebrows and should sit flat on the head. The LHS tassel should be on the right.

Graduation Decorum

Graduation is a very important ceremony and should be treated with the utmost respect. Below is a code of conduct for the graduation ceremony. If you do not abide by this code, one or both of the following **will** occur.

1. You may be pulled from the ceremony and not be allowed to participate.
2. Should the misbehavior occur during the ceremony, you will not receive your diploma until you and your parents meet with Mrs. Rawl the week after school ends.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Students will not write on nor attach items to their caps. (i.e. words, letters, pictures, bows, pompoms, etc.)
- Students will dress properly with appropriate shoes, shirt and tie, dress slacks (guys) and dress or blouse and skirt or dress pants (girls). No shorts, flip flops, tennis shoes, t-shirt, or other inappropriate attire will be allowed.

- Students will stand and sit at all appropriate times and refrain from talking or being disruptive during the ceremony.
- Students will walk across the stage in a respectful manner. No “strutting,” dancing, gesturing, or gyrating will be allowed.
- Students will shake the principal’s hand upon receiving his/her diploma cover.
- At no time during the ceremony will students wave, make hand gestures, point, shout, whistle, throw beach balls, etc.

Students are reminded that this is a school event and all district and school rules will be enforced.

Please understand this code of conduct is in place to assure the proper atmosphere for graduation. Misbehavior by a small minority ruins the ceremony for everyone. This is a once in a lifetime ceremony and should be treated with honor and respect. Graduation is not an individual event but rather an event

Senior Exams - May 19

Seniors may exempt exams unless they are failing. A senior who is not failing a course may take an exam in an effort to improve his/her grade in a course. For these students, their final course grade can be raised but not lowered by the grade they receive on these exams. Please let your teacher know if you are planning to take an exam so they can get the exam ready.

for the whole class.

As you walk across the stage, you will be presented with a diploma cover without your diploma. As you return to your seat, after walking the stage, the homeroom teacher assigned to your row will hand you your diploma. If the senior advisor or the administration feels your behavior has been “questionable” or disruptive in any way during the ceremony, you will not receive your diploma at this time. You and your parents should schedule a time to meet with Mrs. Rawl the week after school ends.

Helpful Graduation Tips

- Tickets are not required for admission into the Colonial Life Arena as there is ample seating available.
- Doors to the Colonial Life Arena will open thirty minutes prior to graduation. (11:30 a.m.)
- Please have all caps, gowns, and tassels on. Please do **not** bring purses, cell phones or other valuables. There is no secure place to leave them.
- Videos of graduation can be ordered at www.virtualmediasc.com. More information will be sent to you directly from the company.
- Strawbridge will be taking individual “handshake” pictures. After graduation you will be able to order online at www.strawbridge.net under miscellaneous events enter “graduation ceremony” to order.
- If you are **not** planning to participate in graduation, pick up your diploma in the Main Office on Thursday, June 1, 2017. Diplomas not picked up by that afternoon will be mailed to the address listed in PowerSchool.



