



Class of 2019



Graduation and End-of-Year Activities

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End-of-Year Activities

Senior Dues

Location: Senior Sub-school

Due Date: May 1, 2019

Deadline to Pay by Check: May 1, 2019

Each senior must pay a graduation fee of \$115.00. Graduation dues cover the cost of the venue, cap and gown, diploma cover, rental of equipment, security, black senior t-shirt, senior barbeque, rehearsal breakfast, and flowers associated with the graduation ceremony. All dues are collected in the Senior Sub-school located in room 440. **The deadline for paying by check is May 1, 2019. After May 1, all fees can be paid by cash, a money order made payable to South Lakes HS; or credit cards are now being accepted. Go to www.myschoolbucks.com, School Store, Class of 2019 Senior Dues, to make your payment by credit card. To pay by credit card, you MUST have a myschoolbucks.com account already set up.**

Fines and Fees

Location: Senior Sub-school

Due Date: All Outstanding Obligations, May 31, 2019

Students need to pay all fines and fees by close-of-business on Friday, May 31.

The Senior Sub-school will have obligation lists available so students can conveniently check to see if they owe money or have any outstanding obligations. **After May 1, all fees must be paid by cash, a money order made payable to South Lakes High School or credit cards are now being accepted through www.myschoolbucks.com. To pay by credit card, you MUST have a myschoolbucks.com account already set up.** It is particularly important for seniors to continue monitoring their obligations as the year ends. If textbooks or other school equipment is lost, the student will still be responsible for the cost of replacement. Students may not participate in the graduation ceremony until financial obligations are met.

Senior Exams

Dates: May 24 to May 30, 2019- Full School Days (regular bell schedule)

Friday, May 24	Exam Day 1:	Periods 3,7	Blue Day
Tuesday, May 28	Exam Day 2:	Periods 2,8	Green Day
Wednesday, May 29	Exam Day 3:	Periods 1,5	Blue Day
Thursday, May 30	Exam Day 4:	Period 6	Green Day

Senior Awards Program

Location: Theatre

Date: May 30, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

The Senior Awards Program will take place on Thursday, May 30th, at 6:30 p.m. in the South Lakes High School Theatre.

Recognitions will include the following:

- Community Based Scholarships and Awards
- Department Awards
- Executive Council and other SGA leadership
- National Merit Recognition
- IB Diploma and IB Career-related Program Candidates

Invitations will be sent to the families of students who will be recognized.

Cap & Gown Distribution and Graduation Walk through Elementary Schools

Location: South Lakes High School Gymnasium

Date: Monday, June 3, 2019

Time: 8:00 am - 10:00 am

All students walking at graduation will be required to wear the issued cap and gown and must conform to the dress code expectations which are fully explained below under *Graduation Attire*. Cap and gown distribution will begin at 8:00 am on Monday, June 3rd so students will have their caps and gowns to wear on the Graduation Walk to elementary schools which will begin at 10:00 on that morning. Caps and gowns will not be distributed early.

Monday - June 3

8:00-10:00 Settle fines, pick up cap/gown, tassels, honor cords etc...

10-10:30 get ready for walk

10:30-12:30 Graduation walk at feeder schools followed by a walk here at SL upon return

12:00-12:30 Upon return from graduation walk at feeder schools, walk here through halls of SL

12:30 Lunch provided for Seniors (Senior breakfast will be before practice on Tuesday)

1:00-3:00 Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal

Please complete a [Graduation Information Form](#) to select the elementary school that you would like to visit on the Graduation Walk so that we can plan buses accordingly.

The Graduation walk schedule is as follows:

*Buses will leave at 10:30am for the following schools: Floris (1 bus), Forest Edge (2 buses), Dogwood (2 buses), Fox Mill (2 buses), Hunters Woods (2 buses), Lake Anne (2 buses).

Students that will go to Terraset and Sunrise Valley will leave SL at 10:20am and walk to Hughes. After that, students that will be going to Terraset will walk there. 2 buses will pick up Sunrise Valley students at Hughes at approximately 10:45 to head to Sunrise Valley.

Students who have not paid fines and fees (e.g. textbook fees, library fines, transcript fees, senior fee etc.), **WILL NOT** receive their cap and gown until all financial obligations are satisfied. Please visit the Finance Office and settle all financial obligations by Thursday, May 30, 2019. All school issued textbooks and calculators must be returned to the teacher no later than that subject area's Senior final exam date. **Checks will not be accepted after May 1, 2019; only cash or money orders made payable to South Lakes High School will be accepted as payment.** You may also pay by credit card at www.myschoolbucks.com

Any students still owing fines and fees as of May 31st will be advised through their school email of their obligations and will need to pay these obligations before they receive their cap and gown. Finance, subschool AA's and librarians will be set up in the gym to receive payments, returned textbooks/calculators. Once all fines have been paid, you will receive a ticket to go pick up your cap and gown from the counselors located across the gym.

Graduation Rehearsals

Location: South Lakes High School

Dates & Times:

Monday June 3, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Senior lunch will be served at 12:30 pm

Tuesday June 4, 9:00am-11:00am, Senior breakfast will be served at 8:00 am

Rehearsal for the graduation ceremony is required of all seniors who will participate in graduation. Seniors will report to the **South Lakes High School gym on Monday and Tuesday.** Rehearsal will take approximately 2 hours each day. Attendance will be taken for this **mandatory** activity. Important details pertaining to the ceremony such as lining up, seating, receiving of diplomas will be discussed and practiced.

Senior BBQ

Location: South Lakes High School

Date: Monday, June 3

Time: Before graduation rehearsal

A BBQ lunch will be served after the Graduation walk and before the rehearsal.

Graduation Tickets

Since the Eagle Bank Arena seats approximately 10,000 people, there are no tickets needed for graduation.

Graduation Ceremony

Location: EagleBank Arena, George Mason University

Date: Wednesday June 5, 2019

Time: 7:30 p.m.

The administration, faculty, and staff of South Lakes High School extend to the graduating class of 2019 our best wishes for a distinguished commencement ceremony, a safe and enjoyable summer, and a successful future. The graduation ceremony is a formal recognition of your years of successful academic work. Graduation is an occasion for joy, dignity, and reflection. South Lakes High School administration, faculty, staff and student leaders have made every effort to ensure that your commencement ceremony is worthy of your accomplishment. It is expected that you will do your part to make the 2019 South

Lakes High School commencement ceremony one of which we may all be proud. Doors open at the Arena at 6:30 p.m. **After the ceremony please plan to meet your graduate outside of the Eagle Bank Arena near the South entrance (tip: arrange a specific meeting place as it is very crowded after the ceremony and students will not have cell phones).**

Graduation Attire

All Seniors will wear the same color gowns for the graduation ceremony.

Graduation caps may be tastefully decorated. All decorations must be school appropriate, flat/two dimensional and fit within the perimeter of the cap. Decorating caps is not typically permitted in FCPS but graduates before you advocated to continue this tradition. Complying with tasteful, appropriate messaging is critical for being able to continue this privilege at SLHS.

Only school-provided and nationally recognized honor society cords and stoles are appropriate. Seniors are expected to arrive at graduation appropriately dressed for the occasion and carrying their caps and gowns. Young women should wear dress shoes, dresses, skirts, or slacks that are not excessively full or long. Young men should wear dress shoes, dress shirts, ties, dress pants or khakis. **No sunglasses, flip-flops, athletic footwear or sneakers are to be worn. No one is to wear jeans or shorts.** Casual attire is for the All-Night Graduation Party, not for the ceremony.

Location/Line-Up

Seniors will report to Eagle Bank Arena through the loading dock. **Students should report to the line-up area no earlier than 6:15 pm** and no later than 6:45 pm. Students must be on time for graduation! Students **should bring only their car keys and cap and gown.** To ensure that the ceremony starts on time and goes smoothly, please listen to instructions carefully and cooperate cheerfully!

Security

After graduates have reported to the loading dock of the arena, they will proceed through the inspection stations to be checked for inappropriate items. Graduates will enter with their gowns over their arms and carrying their caps. Do not chew gum or eat candy. **Do not bring purses, cameras, cell phones or any valuable items since secured storage is not provided.** Car keys will be the only item you can bring into the Eagle Bank Arena. Safety pins and bobby pins will be supplied, if needed.

Appropriate behavior is expected by all participants and guests before, during and after the ceremony. Inappropriate behavior or possession of any inappropriate items (i.e. beach balls, balloons, horns etc.) by participants or guests detracts from the ceremony honoring our seniors. ***Seniors may be removed from the graduation ceremony by South Lakes High School or Arena personnel.***

General Information

Photos: Arrangements have been made with Lifetouch Photography to take a picture of each graduate as he/she receives their diploma from Mrs. Retzer. This picture and others

will be available for purchase from the photographer. These portraits are available online at www.events.lifetouch.com . You can pre-register your information now by going to the site and an email alert will be sent when photos are ready. Flyers are available in the Senior Sub-school.

Guests must remain in their seats during the graduation ceremony. Those who wish to take close-up pictures should use a telephoto lens.

Accessible Seating

Eagle Bank Arena provides ample accessible seating for patrons in wheelchairs as well as those who may have difficulty with steps. Approximately 400 accessible seats are reserved via signage for each graduation. Eagle Bank Arena has a wheelchair that can be used to assist guests to and from one location to another, but must be returned after each use rather than kept for the duration of the event. The main entries are wheelchair accessible; there are no steps or elevators to negotiate. Accessible parking is available outside the South Entry and a drop-off area is available at the West Entry.

All-Night Grad Party & Lawn Signs

Location: South Lakes High School

Date: Wednesday, June 5th, 2019

Price: \$60 until June 4th, & \$75 at the door

Time: 10:30pm to 4:00 - 4:30 am

The All Night Grad Party (ANGP) is a chaperoned, alcohol-free, and drug-free celebration held at South Lakes High School the evening of graduation (10:30 pm - 4:30 am). This event is sponsored by the PTSA to give graduating seniors an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with their classmates in a safe and entertaining environment. South Lakes High School ANGP is made possible by the generous support of local businesses, parents and many volunteers who value the achievements of our graduates and care deeply about their safety. It takes a community to put on an all-night grad party and we invite parents/guardians from ALL grade levels to get involved in the planning and/or volunteer at the event. Consider being part this long standing tradition by contacting angp@southlakesptsa.org!

To register your senior, order lawn signs, or purchase raffle tickets online [click here](#). Registration must be received by midnight June 12th, or students must pay at the door (\$75). We will not be issuing paper tickets. If you have any questions, you may contact at angpregistration@southlakesptsa.org.

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