2017 Graduates and Parents

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Dear Viking Parents:

Before you know it, we will be congratulating the Class of 2017. What a year it has been! It is an exciting time for you and your student as you prepare for their next stage in life. Commencement will be held on June 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the Washington State Fairgrounds Northwest Concert Center. The graduates will need to be at the fairgrounds by no later than 11:30 a.m.

All of us are spending time with your seniors, reminding them of the important weeks ahead. We need to work together to help them stay on track and ensure all their obligations are fulfilled. Please support your student by encouraging them to maintain good attendance and behavior, complete all assignments, handle fines and fees, study, and make healthy and safe decisions. In order for seniors to participate in the commencement exercise they must have completed and passed their Culminating Project, completed at least 22 credits in the required areas, and met state testing requirements or approved alternatives. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call our counseling office at 253-841-8711 option 2 or our On-time Graduation Specialist, Angie Reed at 841-8711 option 7.

The PHS Class of 2017 has been an exciting group of students to work with, and an important part of Puyallup High School history. They have been a class full of talent, school spirit, caring attitudes, and ambition. They can be proud of their accomplishments, and we look forward to celebrating their graduation with them.

Sincerely,

David Sunich
Principal
Notes About Commencement

TICKETS
Each Graduating senior will be issued six (6) free tickets to the Commencement Exercises beginning Monday, May 15th. Students wishing extra tickets may purchase 5 additional tickets from May 15th-31st, then from June 1st-June 16th on a first come first serve basis, until all tickets are sold. Additional tickets are $5.00 each (cash only). Extra tickets may be purchased from the Bookkeeper before school, during lunches and after school. Children under 2 are free. Tickets will be sold to graduating students only. All fees/fines must be paid before tickets will be issued. No tickets will be sold at the door.

PHOTOGRAPHS
We have made provisions for a professional photographer to take a picture of each graduate receiving his or her diploma. Information on how to purchase these will be given during commencement, commencement practice and the senior meeting in June.

The far ends of the Box Section are available for those wishing to take photographs or use video recorders with handicapped seating taking priority. To accommodate as many people as possible, access to this area will be limited to one person per camera and NO tripods will be allowed. No one will be allowed on the infield to take pictures.

DO NOT BRING/ CONDUCT
Students are not allowed to bring purses, cameras and cell phones to Commencement. The fair ushers have been instructed to confiscate any contraband items, they are following directions from the Puyallup School District.

Having our ceremony at the Fairgrounds tends to, especially if it is a hot, sunny day, move us into a “beach-party” atmosphere which is fun, but detracts from the significance of the day. In the past we have had parents and students come to graduation only to miss hearing a name read because of a blow horn blowing in their ears in the grandstand. Students who bring beach balls, noise makers, or any other inappropriate paraphernalia will be removed from the ceremony.

DRESS
Out of respect for our ceremony, our graduates, and our audience, we ask that all graduates dress appropriately for a dignified ceremony including: wearing shoes, our graduating women wearing a dress or long pants, and our graduating men wearing long pants, please no shorts or tennis shoes. Failure to follow these simple requests may result in removal from the ceremony. Graduates are asked to have no adornments on their gowns or hats, unless they are given by the school. In addition, we ask those of you coming as audience members to honor our graduates with appropriate dress and conduct becoming of a significant and dignified ceremony. This includes leaving blow horns and other such noise makers at home for a post–graduation celebration.

PARKING/ENTRY/ SEATING
Parking will be in the RED and GOLD parking lots and enter in the RED or GOLD gates. Please do not park at Cattins restaurant. Cars will be towed if parked there during the ceremony. Special seating is available for handicapped/elderly persons in the infield bleachers or in the Box Section on a first come first serve basis. Handicapped parking is available in the Gold Lot and wheelchair access is available by the Gold Gate. It is also possible to drop off handicapped at the Gold or Red Gates for entrance.

PARKING/ENTRY-
SENIORS (STUDENTS)
Seniors are to park in the Gold Parking Lot and enter through the Gold Gate.

DIPLOMA
DISTRIBUTION
Diplomas will be distributed the week of June 19th-23rd from 8:00-2:00 p.m. in the Student Services Office at PHS. Only the student can pick up and sign for the diploma, picture ID is required

THANK YOU!
We appreciate your help and cooperation as we strive to make our graduation a very special experience.

Diplomas and Transcripts
Diplomas and transcripts are held if a student has fees or fines. Fine lists can be viewed by logging into your student’s HAC account. Library fines may be paid with the Librarian. All other fines may be paid with the Bookkeeper.

PLEASE NOTE
We will accept CASH ONLY from seniors AND their parents for all financial obligations.
Attention All Seniors

In order to purchase graduation tickets, all fines must be paid, and all discipline must be served. For example, Johnny Smith cannot purchase tickets, or attend any events if he has not completed his Tuesday School, after school detention, or has a fine!

Senior Boards

May 18 and 19—Senior Presentations. If you are interested in volunteering to help evaluate the presentations, please contact our Senior Boards Coordinator, April Houghton at 841.8711, option 6.

If you have any questions about the portfolios or Senior Presentations, please call Shelley Jellison, Senior Board Administrator, at 841.8711 option 6. Or send an email to her at:
jellissl@puyallup.k12.wa.us.

Thank you for the support you have given the students and PHS staff this year.

One Final Note: Please make sure your graduates will be eligible to participate in the Commencement Exercises. Check with them to ensure they have met with school counselors regarding their credit status and that all their fees/fines have been paid. Make sure they have ordered their cap and gown. Remind them to maintain the type of behavior during this final month that will ensure a positive and healthy conclusion to their high school career.

From Counseling Office

Interim Progress Reports will be available on the HAC system on Tuesday May 2nd and then again on Wednesday May 31st for parent review. Final Report Cards will be mailed home in late June.

If you have any questions, please contact your student’s teacher.

Seniors need to stay focused on school work until they graduate. Colleges have rescinded acceptance letters due to failing second semester grades! Seniors need to come to the Counseling Office starting in May to sign up for their final transcripts to be sent to the colleges of their choice. Transcripts will be mailed during July.

Recognition at Graduation:
Each year in the graduation program, we recognize seniors who have received scholarships; honors admittance to colleges, universities, military academies, technical schools; and/or other special commendations. This is your senior’s time to shine! Please have your senior complete the SENIORS AWARDS LOG (available on the PHS Website or in the Counseling Office and return it to the Student Services Office by Friday, May 19th.

PHS COUNSELORS

Nicole Kaiser
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Students L - R
Michael Sanchez
Students S - Z

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Senior year is quickly coming to a close and the moment you have been waiting for is rapidly approaching . . . GRADUATION! We would like to invite you to join us at the optional Baccalaureate ceremony to be held in the Puyallup High School Auditorium.

Baccalaureate is a very special part of graduation. This interdenominational service will consist of:

- Senior Class Processional
- Musical Performances by your fellow seniors
- Brief Testimonies from your Classmates

It will also be your first appearance in your cap and gown! This ceremony will be held SUNDAY, JUNE 11th at 5:00 p.m. and is sponsored by Senior Class Parents. It will last approximately one and one half hours.

You are welcome to invite your family and friends to share in this special moment of your senior year. We will have a reception following the program in the Commons area where you may visit with your guests and enjoy cookies and other refreshments.

Graduates are asked to arrive at 4:30 p.m. in their cap and gown to line up in the Commons area. Please have your gown neatly pressed.

Baccalaureate is of great significance as you look back over the years of high school and look forward to the future. We encourage each of you to come and celebrate together. We wish you all the best as you enjoy this special time of graduation.

Sunday, June 11th
PHS Auditorium
5:00 p.m.

Vaccines are not just for little children. Vaccines are needed throughout your adult life as well to help you stay healthy. Over time, immunity from childhood vaccines can wear off and you may be at risk for new and different diseases. The CDC recommends the following vaccines for adults aged 19-26:

- **Tdap** booster vaccine which protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (also known as whooping cough). A booster is recommended every 10 years.
- **HPV vaccine** which protects against the human papillomavirus that can cause most cervical cancers, anal cancer, and genital warts.

**Seasonal flu vaccine** which protects against influenza.

Some vaccines may be recommended for adults because of particular job or school-related requirements, health conditions, lifestyle or other factors. For example, some states require students entering colleges and universities to be vaccinated against certain diseases like meningitis due to increased risk among college students living in residential housing.

Talk to your doctor or nurse to find out what other vaccines you will need. Those entering the military or traveling abroad may require specific vaccines as well. The CDC website can give additional information for vaccine requirements for teens and adults.

A copy of your immunization record will be made available to you upon request from the school health file. Wishing you well in your journeys.

PHS School Nurse

The Senior Honors Evening recognizes Puyallup High School seniors who have excelled academically. This event provides a venue for acknowledging student achievement while also thanking families and extended families for their continued support and encouragement for scholastic excellence and accomplishments.

Puyallup High School is proud to maintain the Senior Honors Evening as one of the school’s long standing traditions. This is an **invitation only** evening. All recipients will be informed by letter. This is a semi-formal evening.

May 23, 2017
6:30-8:00 p.m.
PHS Auditorium
Scholarship Reception

Every year, Puyallup High School recognizes the accomplishments of its graduating seniors.

The Scholarship Reception is a yearly event where seniors are awarded various scholarships from local donors. This is an invitation only event.

The Scholarship Reception will be held on:

May 31, 2017
3:00 p.m. PHS Commons
Semi-formal attire is expected!

Senior Class Awards Evening

You are cordially invited to the Senior Class Awards Evening to be held on June 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

All nominees will be informed by mail.

The purpose of the assembly is to honor the outstanding achievements of the Senior Class throughout their high school years. Invitation only event.

Semi-formal attire is expected!
Women: Dress, paint suit or dress suit
Men: Full suit or pants with button down shirt with tie and/or bow tie

Senior Ball
“Sea of Dreams”

Place: Foss Waterway
Date: Friday, May 5th

Time: 8:00 - 12:00 a.m.

Guests Passes Available April 17th - Main Office

Senior Picnic

When: June 16th
Time: 1-4 p.m.
Where: Sparks Deli
Seniors - Calendar of Important Events

May 2017
5 Senior Prom - Foss Waterway
   8-12am
18 Senior Board Presentations
19 Senior Board Presentations
15 Grad Tickets Available (Bookkeeper)
15 School Board Meeting-20 Outstanding Seniors, Edgemont Jr. High 6pm
23 Senior Honors Evening
   6:30pm PHS Auditorium
   (Invitation Only)
31 Scholarship Reception
   PHS Auditorium
   3pm (Invitation Only)

June 2017
1 Senior Awards Night 6pm
   PHS Auditorium (Invitation Only)
9 Final Sr. Class Meeting in Advisory Auditorium
11 Baccalaureate 5pm
   PHS Auditorium (optional event)
15 Seniors Checkout
16 Commencement Practice
   10:30am at WSF
16 Sr. Picnic 1-4pm at Sparks Deli
17 Commencement 1pm at WSF
   Students Arrive at 11:30am
19-23 Diploma Distribution
   Student Services 8:00-2:00pm
   Picture ID Required
   Only the Senior Can Pick Up