



# CLASS OF 2017 - GRADUATION NEWS

May 2017

### Important Dates:

- May 20 @ 8 pm—Prom Renaissance Center (Portsmouth)
- May 24 @ 10 am—Scholarship Recognition Assembly
- May 31 @ 6:30 pm—Senior Academic Awards

### MANDATORY GRAD / MEETINGS/PRACTICES:

- Mon., June 12 —Block 2
- Tues., June 13 — 9:30 am
- Wed., June 14 — 9:30 am and Senior picnic
- Thurs., June 15— 9:30 am
- All graduation practices will be held in the Grassfield High School auditorium.

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### A message for Seniors and their families from Mr. Perez

Congratulations! The time is approaching for the Grizzly family to enjoy Grassfield's graduation ceremony for the Class of 2017. This is a special time in the life of each graduate and the graduate's family. Graduation is the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and commitment on the part of students, parents, teachers, and administrators. All of us want to make graduation a happy and memorable occasion with just the right atmosphere of seriousness, pride, and dignity. In an effort to ensure that this occasion is one that all participants can remember with a sense of accomplishment, the

following guidelines have been established. We respectfully request that as parents, you show your support by reviewing and discussing the importance of these guidelines with your graduate.

The administration and faculty of Grassfield High School want the 2017 commencement to be remembered with joy and pride, and we are looking forward to a memorable and rewarding experience. With your support, the Grizzly graduates will be honored with the dignity and distinction they deserve. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.



**The Grassfield High School Class of 2017 is the tenth graduating class of Grizzly alumni. The graduation ceremony will be held on Fri, June 16, at 12:45 pm at the ODU Ted Constant Convocation**

### Graduation Tickets

Each senior will receive 10 tickets for the graduation ceremony. Tickets are required for admission. If special circumstances exist, graduates may request additional tickets by submitting a written request to Ms. Laura Agudelo prior to **Thursday, June 1**. Seniors should deliver notes to the main office, please ensure that the senior's (first and last) name is included on the note and that you specify how many additional tickets you are requesting. All tickets will be distributed to seniors on **Monday, June 12th** during the senior class meeting.

*Sample note requesting extra graduation tickets (please write legibly):*

Margaret White (senior) needs 5 additional tickets for the graduation ceremony.

Thank you,

Tom White (senior's parent)

*(by requesting 5 additional tickets, the senior will receive a total of 15 tickets (the 10 she'll automatically receive + 5 additional tickets)*



All graduates will refrain from wearing distracting jewelry with their caps and gowns.

**Graduates will not be allowed to carry cell phones, purses, water bottles, flowers, or any other personal items into the ceremony.** All personal items will be collected and may be picked up after the ceremony.

Please do not bring gift bags or boxes, camera bags, large objects, containers, noisemakers, balloons, or signs. These items are not allowed in the Convocation Center. Cell phones must be turned off or placed on vibrate.

### What Should You Wear?

Caps and gowns must be worn for graduation. Grassfield graduates wear red caps and gowns with red, white, and navy tassels. Honor graduates will wear white honor stoles and white tassels. Caps are worn with the cap and mortarboard parallel to the ground – not tilted. The tassel is worn over the right eye; once all diplomas are awarded, the class president will lead the seniors in changing the tassel to the left to signify the entire class of 2017 has graduated.

In addition to the cap and gown, graduating young men

will dress in trousers (no jeans), collared dress shirts, neckties, socks, and appropriate shoes (no sneakers or flip-flops).

In addition to the cap and gown, graduating young ladies will wear appropriate dress and shoes (no sneakers or flip-flops). We highly recommend low heel shoes with backs, as it is very difficult to navigate the steps and stage in very high heels or backless shoes.

Any graduating senior who has not purchased a cap and gown may do so by calling Balfour at 420-2233 to make arrangements. These caps and gowns were distributed at the Senior Assembly on **April 26th**.

Balfour was back on the 27th during all four lunches for honor students to purchase honor stoles for \$15.00 (CASH ONLY) and to exchange their red, white, & blue tassels for white ones.

Balfour will be back for any last minute needs at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13th.

### Lifetouch Portraits for your Graduate with Mr. Perez

**June 13 @ 12:30p.m.**, after rehearsal at Grassfield High School, seniors may have their picture taken with Mr. Perez, principal, awarding their diploma.

**Seniors wishing to have this picture taken must bring proper attire and**

**their cap and gown.** Order forms are available in the main office; payment must be made on the day of the portrait. Order forms will also be available in the media center.



*\*please note— honor grads wear WHITE honor stoles and WHITE tassels (issued 4/27)*

### 2017 Baccalaureate Service

The City-Wide Baccalaureate Committee has requested that we share that the Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 2017 will be held on **Sunday, June 11 at 4 p.m.** at Oscar Smith High School in

the auditorium. This non-denominational service is being sponsored by a community group comprised of parents and students. Seniors will wear their own cap and gown for the ceremony. Seniors

should plan to arrive in their cap and gown at 3:30. This year, five \$100 prizes will be awarded to five individual seniors in attendance!

**Directions and Parking Information for Old Dominion University:**

There are meters and parking garages on both 43rd Street and 45th Street near the Convocation Center. Parking lot entrance and exit lanes, as well as handicapped parking areas, are clearly marked. A drop-off area is available for those guests needing special assistance. There will be no fee charged for the use of the parking garages, however any metered parking near the venue will require fees as listed. Please make sure you check the signs posted!

Graduates will enter the Ted Constant Center through the 43rd Street entrance into the Monarch Room. Graduates must be in the Monarch Room on the day of graduation (June 16) no later than 11:30 a.m.

All guests will enter through the Hampton Boulevard entrances. Doors will open for guests at 11:45 a.m.



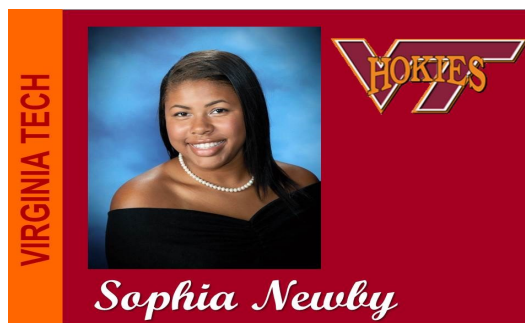
*Appropriate attire for guests attending the graduation is requested. Appropriate dress includes dress pants and shirts for the gentlemen; dresses, suits or pantsuits for the ladies. Admission will be denied to guests who are inappropriately dressed.*

**Scholarships and Slide Show Recognition**

Seniors who have received scholarships and wish to have them acknowledged in the printed graduation program must submit documentation to Mrs. Julie Freeman in the Career Center no later than **May 5**. Mrs. Freeman will, however, continue to receive this information after the May 6 deadline (*information submitted after the deadline will not appear in the slide show or graduation program*).

A slide-show is planned for broadcast at school and at graduation prior to the ceremony. For Seniors to be acknowledged, they must fill out the online Fall 2017 commitments form by **May 19**. [Fall commitments represent the graduate's post high school plans and include *all* college/universities, trade programs, military enlistments, etc.]

**Remember, each family would like to hear their own student's name called without interference. Please refrain from loud outbursts when names are called.**



**The Graduation Ceremony will be broadcasted live online!**

The graduation ceremony will be available live on CPS-TV (46 on Cox and 42 on Verizon FIOS) and streaming over the Internet from the Chesapeake Public Schools homepage. On the right side of the page, there is a section labeled "Broadcasting Media." The second entity listed is "WCPS TV Station." Next to that is the link

labeled "Watch." If you click that link, you can watch the live stream of the graduation ceremony. It will air at the same time the graduation is scheduled.



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**Support Our Students**



The Chesapeake Public Schools Education Foundation is offering for sale DVD copies of the complete graduation ceremony. The cost for each DVD is \$25.00. Proceeds from the DVD sales will be used by the Chesapeake Public Schools Educational Foundation to directly benefit students and instructional activities of the school division. DVD orders may be placed online at [www.cpsef.org](http://www.cpsef.org)

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**Senior Exam Schedule**

	THURSDAY JUNE 8 A DAY	FRIDAY JUNE 9 B DAY	MONDAY JUNE 12 A DAY	TUESDAY JUNE 13 B DAY	WEDNESDAY JUNE 14 A DAY	THURSDAY JUNE 15 B DAY
SENIOR EXAM ONLY SCHEDULE	REGULAR SCHEDULE	REGULAR SCHEDULE	REGULAR SCHEDULE	REGULAR SCHEDULE	MODIFIED SCHEDULE	MODIFIED
BLOCK 1		Seniors report to 1 <sup>st</sup> block**	Final Exam (90 Minutes)	MAKE-UP SENIOR EXAMS* 8:15 – 9:30 am	MAKE-UP SENIOR EXAMS* 8:15 – 9:30 am	
BLOCK 2	Final Exam A Day Seniors ONLY (90 Minutes)	Final Exam (90 Minutes)	<b>MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL</b> 10:45 am – 11:45 am In Auditorium All Seniors Must Attend	<b>MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL</b> 9:30am – 12:00pm In Auditorium All Seniors MUST attend	<b>MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL</b> 9:30am – 12:00 pm Begins in Gymnasium All Seniors MUST attend	<b>**MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL</b> 9:30am – 12:00pm Begins in Gymnasium All Seniors MUST attend
BLOCK 3	Final Exam A Day (90 Minutes)	Final Exam (90 Minutes)		12:30 pm: Life Touch Senior Pictures with Mr. Perez <b>MAKE-UP SENIOR EXAMS*</b> 12:30 - 2:00 pm	12:30 pm: Senior Picnic on-site	
BLOCK 4	Final Exam (90 Minutes)	Student who must remain will report to regular 4 <sup>th</sup> block classroom.		<b>MAKE-UP SENIOR EXAMS*</b> 2:15 - 3:45 pm		