

# IRHS Senior News – Class of 2017

## Important Dates:

Apr 22	TCC Open House at Chesapeake campus from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Student Center
Apr 24–May 8	Purchase prom tickets for \$75 per ticket during all lunches
May 1	AP testing starts
May 8	Last day to purchase prom tickets
May 12	Prom at the Half Moone at Nauticus from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
May 13	After Prom party at AMF Bowling on Battlefield Blvd. from 12:00 a.m. – 3:30 a.m.
May 30	Academic Awards Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Honor grad medals will be distributed. Invitations will be mailed home.
May 30–Jun 2	Senior Week
May 31	NHS Induction Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium
June 1	Graduation tickets distributed during lunches (10 per senior). Date subject to change; please be flexible.
June 1	If you are attending college in the fall, request a final transcript through Parchment.
June 2	Senior Awards Assembly at 10:30 in the auditorium; bring your gown.
June 2	All scholarship offers must be given to Ms. Hunt by 3:45 p.m. for publication in the graduation program.
June 6	Distribution of additional graduation tickets (up to 10) in Commons Area during lunches.
June 6	Seniors notified if they are exempt from exams
June 7	Senior exams alternate day block
June 8	Senior exams 1 <sup>st</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> blocks
June 9	Senior exams – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> blocks
June 11	City-wide Baccalaureate at 4:00 p.m. at Oscar Smith High School. Please wear caps and gowns.
June 15	<b>MANDATORY</b> graduation practice at <b>9:15 a.m. in the IRHS auditorium</b> ; do not wear your cap/gown
June 15	Senior cookout after graduation practice
June 16	Graduation at the Ted Constant Center at 4:15 p.m. <b>Seniors should arrive by 3:00 p.m.</b> Doors open to parents and guests at 3:15 p.m.
June 30	Final transcripts will be sent to colleges by Guidance <b>IF</b> requested through Parchment

## Seniors with a 3.0 or higher:

Seniors are considered honor graduates if they have a 3.0 cumulative GPA by the end of second semester of the senior year. Ranked seniors who have a 3.0 or higher at the end of the first semester of the senior year will be denoted as honor graduates in the graduation program. Students who have a GPA of 2.8 – 2.99 **MAY** become honor graduates in June based on their final second semester grades, depending on what courses the student is taking and if the courses are weighted classes. Guidance will re-calculate GPAs for borderline students, and students will be notified a day or two before graduation if they are “bumped up” to an honor graduate. If a student is “bumped up” to honor graduate status, he/she will receive the honor graduate tassel and stole; however, honor “bump up” students’ names will not be noted in the program because programs are printed and delivered before “bump ups” occur.

## Graduation and Graduation Tickets:

Graduation will be held at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, June 16, 2017, at the Ted Constant Convocation Center on the ODU campus. The ceremony will last approximately 1 hour. There will be a graduation practice the day before graduation at IRHS in the auditorium at 9:15 a.m. Graduation practice is MANDATORY. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, during lunches, all seniors will receive 10 tickets for family and friends to attend graduation. An extra set of 10 tickets may be picked up on June 6<sup>th</sup> during lunches in the Commons Area.

## Graduation Attire:

All IRHS seniors will wear a navy blue cap and gown. **You must wear a cap and gown at graduation.** If you have not paid Balfour for your cap and gown, please do so immediately. If you did not order or pay for a cap and gown, you will need to contact Balfour at 420-2233. Gentlemen should wear dress pants (no jeans or shorts), a buttoned oxford shirt and tie, dark socks and dark dress shoes (no tennis shoes or “deck” shoes). Ladies should wear a dress/skirt/pant suit and appropriate shoes (no tennis shoes). Please be reminded: seniors will wear gowns at the Senior Awards Assembly on June 2. All seniors should come to this assembly.

### **Graduation Guidelines:**

The following are guidelines from the Chesapeake Public School and Indian River High School:

- Graduates should be dressed appropriately (see above);
- Guests should be dressed appropriately (dress pants and shirts for gentlemen and dresses, suits, or pantsuits for ladies);
- Graduates should not wear any distracting jewelry;
- Guests should refrain from yelling during the ceremony so students and parents can hear their names being called;
- The doors to the Convocation Center will open at 3:15 p.m. for guests;
- No photography or videography from the aisles or Convocation Center;
- No noisemakers;
- No gift boxes, camera bags, large objects, balloons, or signs are allowed in the Convocation Center.

### **Baccalaureate:**

Baccalaureate is a non-denominational religious ceremony before graduation for all Chesapeake seniors. This ceremony will be held on June 11 at 4:00 p.m. at Oscar Smith High School. Seniors should arrive at 3:30 p.m. This is an optional event for seniors; however, five \$100 scholarships will be awarded to five seniors who attend this one hour event. Refreshments will be served. Parents and other family members are invited to attend. Seniors who attend should wear their caps and gowns.

### **Graduation Announcements:**

Graduation Announcements will be distributed today to seniors who purchased them. If you would still like to buy announcements, please contact Balfour at 420-2233. They may have some extras.

### **Graduation List:**

Diplomas have been ordered based on the graduation list that was posted in March. If you have an unusual spelling or pronunciation of your name, please see Dr. Harding; she will be the administrator announcing the names at graduation.

### **Graduation Slide Show:**

Any senior who wants to have their picture in the Graduation Slide Show that runs before the graduation ceremony should see Mrs. M. Ellis in room L14. Watch for details on the Electronic Bulletin Board.

### **Prom:**

Prom will be held on May 12, 2017, at the Half Moone at Nauticus. Tickets will go on sale during lunches from April 24-May 8. Cost is \$75 per ticket. They can also be purchased online; however there is an additional \$3.00 convenience fee. Prom tickets will only be sold to IRHS seniors. **Each IRHS senior may only bring one date to prom.**

### **After Prom Party:**

There will be an after prom party for **seniors and their dates** at AMF Bowling on Battlefield Blvd. Seniors who do not attend the prom are welcome to come to the After Prom Party. There will be free bowling and pool, lots of food, and lots of prizes. The event will last from 12:00 a.m. – 3:30 a.m. Students need to check in by 12:30 a.m.

### **Senior Awards Assembly:**

All seniors should attend the Senior Awards Assembly on June 2 at 10:30 a.m. Please wear your gowns to this event. Scholarships and awards will be given out, and the seniors will march in together.

### **Yearbooks:**

Yearbooks are \$80 and may be purchased in H10 from Ms. Linda Finlay or online [at jostens.com/yearbooks](http://jostens.com/yearbooks). A limited number of yearbooks are still available for pre-order. The last day to order a yearbook is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Pre-ordering a yearbook is the only way to guarantee you receive a copy of the yearbook.

### **College and Scholarships:**

Seniors who are applying to colleges should have completed all applications by now. Don't forget to apply for FAFSA as well. **If you have received any scholarships, please let Ms. Hunt know by placing a copy of the scholarship award letter in her box.** We will announce all scholarships offered to seniors in the graduation program, so it is important to let Ms. Hunt know about any scholarships you have been offered by **3:45 p.m. on June 2, 2017**, in order for it/them to be printed in the scholarship program.

**Final Transcripts:**

You must have a final transcript sent to your college of choice if you are planning to attend that college in the fall. You will need to request a final transcript for your one college through Parchment. You should make the request by June 1 and Guidance will release it to the college the week of June 26.

**TCC:**

Seniors interested in attending TCC in the fall can attend an open house on Saturday, April 22, at the Chesapeake Campus Student Center. You will be able to meet staff from admissions, financial aid, and the counseling departments as well as take a tour of the campus labs and classrooms, learn more about programs and degrees, and familiarize yourself with the resources available to help you make the most of your collegiate experience. No appointments are necessary. For more information call 822-1122 or email [info@tcc.edu](mailto:info@tcc.edu) or go their website at [www.tcc.edu](http://www.tcc.edu).

**ACCESS information:**

The ACCESS Last Dollar Scholarship is now available in Guidance or directly from Ms. Sackey as well as online at [www.accesscollege.org](http://www.accesscollege.org) under the parent tab. All seniors with a 2.5+ GPA are eligible to apply.

The ACCESS Last Dollar Scholarships are due to Ms. Sackey (in the main office) by May 10 at 8:45 a.m. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Seniors should now be receiving Financial Aid Award letters from the colleges they have been accepted to; if you have not received an award letter, please see Ms. Sackey ASAP. There may be additional information required before they will award. Don't delay; see Ms. Sackey today.

**Class of 2017 Yard Signs:**

The PTSA is selling Graduation Yard Signs this year for \$25; this includes shipping and handling. There are two styles to choose from: one with your name and one without your name. Go to [www.impressionsinprint.com](http://www.impressionsinprint.com) or call 1-800-247-6201 to order and pay for your Graduation Yard Sign. FedEx delivers the signs right to your front door! The deadline to order for delivery by graduation is May 15th.

**Contact info:**

All senior class activity questions can be directed to the class sponsor, Ms. Linda Finlay or Mr. Aaron Brush, at 578-7000 or [linday.finlay@cpschools.com](mailto:linday.finlay@cpschools.com) or [aaron.brush@cpschools.com](mailto:aaron.brush@cpschools.com). Guidance questions can be directed to students' individual counselors at 578-7009. Graduation ticket questions can be answered by Dr. Lisa Harding at 578-7000 or [lisa.harding@cpschools.com](mailto:lisa.harding@cpschools.com).