

## Graduation Newsletter

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Anyone who has not ordered a cap and gown needs to see Mrs. Culver in portable 3 immediately. The Balfour representatives will be here on the following dates to take orders for graduation announcements. You can pay for your cap and gown any day you see the Balfour table set up in the cafeteria.

**October 9, 2008** – all lunches and after school until 7 pm in the cafeteria

**October 10, 2008** – all lunches in the cafeteria

**THE COST OF A CAP, GOWN, TASSEL, AND DIPLOMA COVER IS \$24.25**

**MAY 15, 2009:** FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS SHOULD BE CLEARED BY NOON. THIS INCLUDES ALL MEDIA FINES, ALL CLUB OBLIGATIONS, TEXTBOOKS, SPORTS EQUIPMENT, ETC. **FAILURE TO PAY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS WILL PROHIBIT YOU FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE GRADUATION PRACTICE.**

**YOU MUST PRACTICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY!!!!!!**

**June 10, 2009:** Graduation practice at 1 pm. Be in the gymnasium at that time. Do not bring food, drinks, or guests. Dress within the school dress code. Do not bring cell phones. Prepare to stay until you are released. We will practice until it is RIGHT!

**June 11, 2009:** **GRADUATION DAY!** You will receive instructions later about what time to report to school. Graduation is at 4 pm. You will be required to be at school for several hours before we leave for ODU.

**YOU MUST RIDE THE BUS TO THE CONSTANT CENTER FOR THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.  
TRANSPORTATION BACK TO OSCAR SMITH AFTER GRADUATION IS NOT PROVIDED.**

### **DRESS FOR GRADUATION:**

**Ladies:** **WHITE** knee-length dresses (DRESSES MUST MEET THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE – NO SPAGHETTI STRAPS, STRAPLESS, OR BACKLESS DRESSES, no skirts and blouses), **WHITE** heels or dressy **WHITE** flats (no sandals, no clogs, no open toe shoes, shoes must have a back), **WHITE** hose, **WHITE** cap and gown, tassel.

**Gentlemen:** **DARK-COLORED** dress pants, **WHITE** dress shirt with a collar (no banded collars), necktie, **DARK** dress shoes (no sneakers), **DARK** socks, **BLUE** cap and gown, tassel.

**JEWELRY SHOULD BE VERY SIMPLE – NOT DISTRACTING FROM YOUR APPEARANCE!!!  
NO DENTAL JEWELRY!!!**

**CAPS WILL BE WORN PARALLEL TO THE FLOOR. ANYONE NOT DRESSED PROPERLY WILL FORFEIT HIS/HER PRIVILEGE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.**

**PURSUANT WITH CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS RULES, NO BEEPERS, CELLULAR PHONES, OR ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PERMITTED DURING ANY SCHOOL FUNCTION. THE PROM, POST-PROM, SENIOR BANQUET, GRADUATION PRACTICE, AND GRADUATION ARE SCHOOL FUNCTIONS. IF YOU BRING ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO THESE FUNCTIONS, PLEASE LEAVE IT IN YOUR CAR.**

**THE GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT IS A FORMAL CEREMONY. PRANKS AND UNDIGNIFIED BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. ANYONE BEHAVING IN THIS MANNER WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CEREMONY. IF THE PERSON OR PERSONS CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED, THE CEREMONY WILL BE STOPPED.**

**QUESTIONS? SEE MRS. CULVER IN PORTABLE 3**