

LONG REACH HIGH SCHOOL

“HOME OF THE LIGHTNING”



GRADUATION CLASS OF 2017

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

AND

COMMENCEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

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Dear Senior,

This brochure contains information that you and your parents will find very helpful during your final weeks at Long Reach High School. **Attendance at all graduation rehearsals is mandatory. Parents must submit a written request to Mr. Wasilewski by Friday, May 5, 2017 for students who do not wish to participate in the graduation ceremony. In order to receive diplomas, all High School Assessments and final exams must be taken. All seniors are required to attend school through Thursday, May 18. All Howard County Public School System policies will be fully enforced during all activities. All questions may be directed to Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Bakunas, Mrs. Baum or Mr. Novotny.**

<u>Date</u>		<u>Event</u>
Tuesday	May 2	Notification of outstanding OBLIGATIONS. All debts must be paid in full before students receive graduation tickets, caps, gowns and diplomas. See Mrs. Murphy in the front office to pay debts
Friday	May 5	Handicap seating and request for Sign Language interpreter forms are due to Mrs. Sevison in the front office
Saturday	May 6	Prom at Martin's West, 8 pm to midnight
Thursday	May 11	Regular schedule Periods 1-5 Period 6 Final Exam
Friday	May 12	Regular schedule Periods 1-3 Period 4A and 5 Final Exams Regular schedule Period 6
Monday	May 15	Regular schedule Periods 1 and 2 Period 3 and 4B Final Exams Last day to pay senior obligations by check Mandatory meeting and rehearsal at 12:30 pm

- Tuesday May 16 **Period 1 and 2 Final Exams**
Mandatory meeting and rehearsal at 9:15 am
All student obligations must be paid to Mrs. Murphy by 2:10 pm (cash or money order only)
- Wednesday May 17 **Mandatory meeting and rehearsal at 8:00 am**
All senior final exams must be made up by today
Provided all student obligations have been paid to Mrs. Murphy, caps, gowns, and graduation tickets will be picked up following rehearsal, Commencement speakers rehearsal will follow
Class Night on Spirit Cruises 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm (only those who have paid senior dues may attend). Dinner will be served. Buses will depart LRHS at 5:30 pm
- Thursday May 18 **Report to the main gym for the class picture at 7:30 am in caps, gowns and appropriate attire**
Senior Awards Assembly will begin at 8:00 am in the auditorium
Senior picnic 12:00 noon (only those who have paid senior dues may attend) at Centennial Park Pavilion H (transportation is not provided)
Evening Awards Program 7:00 pm
- Tuesday May 30 **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY at Merriweather Post Pavilion at 5:00 pm**
Graduates must arrive by 4:15 pm with caps, gowns, tassels, stoles and dressed in appropriate attire
Report cards and diploma certificates will be distributed behind the stage following the graduation ceremony

GRADUATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. You do not have to participate in the graduation ceremony in order to receive a diploma. Parents must submit a written request for non-participation to Mr. Wasilewski by Friday, May 5, 2017.
2. Although participation in the graduation exercise is voluntary, attendance at all graduation practices is mandatory in order to participate in the exercise. You must be on time and stay for the full time.
3. Caps and gowns are required attire for the graduation ceremony and day awards assembly.
 - a. Seniors should wear their caps straight on their heads with the deep part at the back and the tassel over the left temple.
 - b. Some of the caps will not fit easily with all current hair fashions. Adjust your hair accordingly.
 - c. Gowns should be brought up on the shoulders in the back.
 - d. Females should wear a dress, skirt or dress pants with a blouse. Dress shoes should be worn.
 - e. Males should wear a collared dress shirt, necktie, dark colored slacks, dark shoes, and dark socks. All shirts are to be buttoned and collars should be inside the gown.
 - f. Sneakers, flip flops, boots or other such footwear will not be allowed.
4. When receiving your cap and gown, hang it up! Wrinkles do not come out when the gowns are left in the bags.
5. All Howard County Public School System policies and school rules will remain in effect and will be enforced. Please do not jeopardize your privilege to receive a diploma. Listen! Pay attention! If you do not cooperate during practice, you will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
6. Each graduate will receive 6 graduation tickets.
7. In order to preserve the dignity of the occasion for each student, we ask that guests please refrain from the use of horns, balloons, beach balls, etc. and/or engage in excessive celebration.
8. Questions: See Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Bakunas, Mrs. Baum or Mr. Novotny.

