**SENIORS 2018**

**You have 36** **school days till left!!!!!**

*Have you met all your graduation requirements???????*

*Credits, Attendance and EOC?*

*Do you owe any fines or fees? Dual? Library? Cafeteria? Textbooks?*

**April**

**April 11, 2018 (Wednesday)**

* Senior meeting to discuss upcoming events as noted below.
* Senior Cap & Gown retakes. Must sign-up with Mrs. Janie Reyna, room 156.

**April 16, 2018 (Monday)**

* Last day to withdraw from dual courses through STC. See Ms. Guerrero by NOON.

**April 17, 2018 (Tuesday)**

* ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) FREE test. 8 a.m.-noon. Sign up in Go Center.

**April 19, 2018 (Thursday)**

* AP Pre-Administration sessions through AP classes. Only need to attend ONCE. SEC Lecture Hall.

**April 24, 2018 (Tuesday)**

* TSI testing. Visit the Go Center to sign up.

**April 26, 2018 (Thursday)**

* Cap and Gown Delivery by Herff Jones. Location: BIG 12 Lecture Hall, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(If students need to order or pick-up Cap and Gown, visit Herff Jones at 2401 N. 10th St. Suite A, McAllen (956) 971-0064).

**May**

**May 4-10, 2016 (Friday-Thursday)**

* South Texas College Final Week. Students ***MUST*** continue reporting to class. Loss-of-credit still applies. *Visit STC to request a transcript and send to college(s).*

**May 5, 2018 (Saturday)**

* Prom: Mario’s Banquet Hall, Mission, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Sponsors: Mrs. Briseno and Mrs. Martinez.

**May 7, 2018 (Monday)**

* Super Achievers Banquet (Top Ten) at Cimarron Country Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Students receiving recognition will be formally invited.

**May 7-9, 2018 (Monday-Wednesday)**

* EOC/EOC Retesting: Biology (Monday), Algebra I (Tuesday) and U. S. History (Wednesday).

**May 7-18, 2018 (Monday-Friday)**

* AP Exams. Check with your AP teachers on testing dates and location. Bring I.D. and testing supplies, ex. #2 pencils, black pen(s), calculator, etc.

**May 9, 2018 (Wednesday)**

* Deadline to submit documentation to the GO Center: **Acceptance letter** from college or university and/or if **ANY** **scholarship(s)** has been awarded. Scholarship recognition will be printed on the graduation program.
* Deadline to submit documentation to *Progress Times* for special edition.

***NOTE: Understand that published/printed information is ONLY as accurate as what is shared with us up to THIS date.***

**May 14, 2018 (Monday)**

* STC Grades due. For students who have earned at least 12 college hours and have a college GPA of at least a 3.0, a Performance Acknowledgment will be earned. A medallion will be provided as an accolade for graduation.

**May 16, 2018 (Wednesday)**

* Graduation program will be submitted for printing.

***NOTE: Scholarship information is ONLY as accurate as what is shared with as of May 9th Go Center deadline.***

**May 17, 2018 (Thursday)**

* Senior Baccalaureate (a message delivered to graduating class): arrive no later than 6:15 p.m. Report to Sharyland Pioneer High School, synthetic gym for line-up. Service will last about 1 hour. Wear Cap and Gown, pressed. Suggested attire:
  + Boys- dress slacks, dress shirt (preferably white or a light color), tie, and black or brown dress shoes.
  + Girls- dress length and style should conform to the dress code. (Bring bobby pins to secure your cap and safety pins for your collar).

**May 19, 2018 (Saturday)**

* Last TSI offered for graduates. Visit the Go Center to sign up.

**May 22, 2018 (Tuesday)**

* Senior Awards Assemblyfrom 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the school auditorium. The public is invited. *Students receiving an award will be formally invited.*
* Commit to Complete Ceremony from 2:30- 3:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The public is invited. Students who have submitted their **acceptance letter** to the Go Center by May 9th deadline will be invited.

**May 25-30, 2018 (Friday-Wednesday)**

* Senior Finals BEGIN: Schedule of testing TBA. Students ***MUST*** report to class during scheduled exam dates. Students must verify with teachers ***by Wednesday, May 30th*** that they have passed with required grade to receive full credit (SM3 and SM4 must equal 70 or better for full credit to be received). Students need to see designated counselor ***IMMEDIATELY*** if course failed.

**May 28, 2018 (Monday)**

* Holiday (Memorial Day-No Class).

**May 30, 2018 (Wednesday)**

* **Re-Testing:** Retesting day is scheduled for students who were passing prior to taking the exam but failed due to the exam **OR** for students who missed an exam due to an **excused** absence. **Unexcused** absences will result in the student receiving a **zero** for the semester exam.
* Senior *“check out”* process will consist of a ***SENIOR CLEARANCE FORM*** (form will be made available in cafeteria during lunches). You will need to clear in MULTIPLE offices for outstanding fines/fees/textbooks (Library, Cafeteria, Athletic/Band offices, Admin Secretary for textbooks, Counseling Secretary for Dual Fees, etc. Once form is complete, you will bring form in to counselor for final verification of CREDITS/ATTENDANCE and accolades will be given. Remember, if you are pending AP results, those do not come in till AFTER you have graduated, therefore, Performance Acknowledgment Accolades are not issued for 2018 AP testing until results come in during the summer.
* Senior “Walk” at Elementary and Junior High Campus. Bus transportation provided. Location: East side parking lot by stadium. Time: 8:30 a.m. to respective elementary school, then ALL to North Junior High. MUST wear your CAP & GOWN.
* **MANDATORY** commencement rehearsal: Time: 11:30 a.m. Location: PHS gym.
  + The GO Center will mail final transcripts to the **college or university**. At graduation rehearsal, graduates will complete a final transcript request form. Only **one** final transcript will be free of charge. Any additional transcript requests will follow regular procedures. Visit GO Center or Counseling office.
  + 10 Tickets will be given to each graduate. Be prepared to request additional tickets at this time.
  + Lunch will be provided after practice.

**May 31, 2018 (Thursday)**

* Deadline to complete all required credits (CBE’s, PLATO or OPTIONS) and clearance of attendance by 12 p.m. Only students who have completed all state and local requirements for graduation will be allowed to participate in the ceremony June 3rd. Students who have completed all course requirements but who have not yet passed the required state exams (EOC/TAKS) will participate but will not receive a diploma until alternative requirements are fulfilled as per SB149.

**June**

**June 3, 2018 (Sunday)**

Commencement will begin at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, June 3, 2018, at the State Farm Arena. All graduates must report to the Arena by 9:00 a.m. ALL admissions to Commencement at the State Farm Arena will REQUIRE TICKETS. All seating will be first -come first-served.

Boys are to wear light-colored shirts, a tie, and full-length trousers and black or brown shoes. Girls’ dress length and style must conform to school policy. **Tennis shoes and sandals** are unacceptable for Commencement.

Caps should be securely placed upon the head with the larger point of the crown to the back. The mortarboard should be level and the tassels should hang on the right side of the cap until the tassel ceremony. Only flat decorations will be allowed on top of the mortarboard. Boys will remove their caps during the National Anthem.

Seniors are to receive diplomas with the left hand and shake hands with the President of the School Board using the right hand. It is traditional to transfer the tassel from the right to the left side of the cap after receiving the diploma. When receiving the diploma, the senior will turn for a photograph before exiting the stage.

**No one** will be allowed on the Arena floor to take pictures during the ceremony. A photographer will take individual pictures of each graduate as they receive their diploma cover. He will also be available immediately following the ceremony to take additional pictures, such as family, friends, etc. He will be present at graduation practice at 11:30 a.m., May 30th, to explain the photo packages available. Order forms will be available during lunch the week before graduation.

A video of the graduation ceremony will be available to order ($10) through our Pioneer High School Media Club. See Mr. Charlie Brenner, room 137(1st block) or FA22, before graduation to reserve your copy. Please order early! DVD’s will be available during Diploma pick-up time.

**June 13-June 20, 2018 (Wednesday-Wednesday) (Revised as of May 1st)**

* Diploma Packet pick-up: Diplomas will be given only to the graduate or his/her parent. Diplomas not picked up will be mailed to the ***last known address*** of the student as of June 20, 2018. All **HOLDS** must be cleared before diploma will be issued or mailed out.
* The Diploma Packet may include details on how to claim any local scholarships that have been awarded. Some scholarships may be given directly to the student by the sponsor.

**A message from your principal:**

All seniors are to adhere to the **Student Dress Code Policy**. Please follow the suggested apparel recommendations for graduation. **Student dress will be checked prior to graduation and those not meeting the code will not be permitted to participate in the graduation exercise. Our police officers will be conducting a search when students enter the staging area. Inappropriate behavior, confetti spray party cans, air horns, etc., are not allowed and will result in the removal of the person or persons from the ceremony.**

Listen carefully to instructions and follow directions given at the rehearsal and the commencement exercise. Make graduation a reality by working hard until the last day of school. Don’t lose out on this once-in-a-lifetime experience by not following district rules and policies. If you have any questions, please call us at 271-1600. I am looking forward to seeing all of you on graduation day!

Sincerely,

James Heath, Principal

Pioneer High School