

Frederick High School

Class of 2017



Class Song

“I Lived” by One Republic

Class Flower

Forget-me-nots

Class Motto

“True wisdom comes to each of us when we realize how little we understand about life, ourselves, and the world around us.” - **Socrates**

Important Dates for Seniors and Families:

***Saturday, April 8th @ 8:00 pm:** 2017 Prom will be held at The Chateaux at Fox Meadows in Broomfield

After Prom: TBD

***Monday, May 8th :** Deadline for payment of all fees and fines on Infinite Campus or to the front office.

***Wednesday, May 10th @ 9:00 am:** Mandatory Senior Meeting: Graduation Expectations and end of the year procedures.

***May 15th and 16th:** Senior iPad check in. Details to come later

***Wednesday, May 17th:** Last day of school for Seniors.

***Wednesday, May 17th @ 6:00 pm:** Senior Celebration. Details to come later

***Thursday, May 18th:** Last day to complete Senior survey. This can be found online beginning May 1.

***Wednesday, May 24th @ 1:00** Graduation practice and cap/gown delivery. Students who have not paid fees and fines will not receive their cap and gown. **Attendance is required for all seniors intending to walk at graduation.**

***Wednesday, May 24th @ 6:00 pm (FHS Auditorium):** Local Scholarship Banquet
This scholarship event is by invitation only.

***Saturday, May 27th @ 10:00 am (FHS Athletic Stadium): Class of 2017 Graduation**

Seniors should report no later than 9:00 a.m.

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From the FHS Graduation Committee

Parents & Students:

Please read this packet carefully. If you have questions regarding graduation or other senior activities, contact your counselor or an administrator.

High school graduation is a celebratory event that marks the start of a new chapter of continued learning and growth for our students. The Frederick High School community expects a meaningful and dignified ceremony to commemorate this event.

Participation in the graduation ceremony is optional. Participation implies acceptance of the standards set for behavior, appearance, and general decorum outlined in this packet. These standards are a requirement for participation in the graduation ceremony. Any deviation from these standards may cause a student to be denied participation in end of the year activities or graduation.

We look forward to sharing in this long-awaited day with you and your student. The faculty and staff have prepared a dignified and very meaningful ceremony in honor of this occasion and therefore ask you not to bring air horns, noisemakers, beach balls, bells, whistles, etc. Excessive noise and celebrating for one student can make it impossible for guests to hear the names of other students as they receive their diplomas. We ask for your understanding and respect of the decorum of the occasion and the rights of all students to a dignified recognition.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Beginning in 2016, St. Vrain High Schools will recognize one student who has achieved Valedictorian and one student who has achieved Salutatorian.

The Valedictorian is the highest ranking student in the graduating class. The Salutatorian is the second highest ranking student in the graduating class. The rank-in-class is determined using all grades and weight adjustments. (Modified resource grades are not considered in determining valedictorian/salutatorian status.)

FHS Valedictorian/Salutatorian Guiding Principles:

- The Valedictorian is the student with the highest academic rank in the graduating class. The Salutatorian is the second highest rank in the graduation class (*).
- 12 or more credits must be completed at the current school.
- No more than two credits of Passing “P” or Satisfactory “S” may be used for GPA calculation.
- Of those two credits, no more than 0.5 may be from a core subject. (English, Math, Social Studies, Science)
- Students must maintain full-time academic status their senior year as defined by Board Policy.

Important Details

- **Caps and gowns** will be distributed after our graduation practice. Seniors need to pay all fees and fines before caps and gowns are distributed. Please pay fees online or in the main office by Monday, May 8th.
- **Graduation practice and graduation will begin on time.** If you are absent from practice, you may not participate unless you have prior approval from Mr. Young. Graduation practice will be held Wednesday, May 24th at 1:00 pm.
- **Parents, family members or guests in need of handicap seating should contact Ernie Derrera or Mary Goldsberry by May 15th** to arrange seating.
- **Air horns, beach balls, noisemakers, cow bells, whistles, etc. are not allowed during the graduation ceremony.** Please respect the decorum of the event and allow all families the opportunity to hear their student’s name announced.
- **During the graduation ceremony, students will receive a blue diploma cover.** The diploma will not be inside the cover at that time. Diplomas will be distributed as seniors leave the field immediately following the graduation ceremony. Seniors who do not pick up their diploma at this time, may do so by going to the counseling office during normal business hours.
- **Seniors should leave coats, purses, and backpacks at home** or in their car during the graduation ceremony. No purses, bags, or backpacks are allowed into the gym or field.
- **Seniors who violate the St. Vrain Valley Schools Code of Conduct may, in certain circumstances, be denied participation in end of the year activities, including graduation.**

Graduation Dress/Apparel Guidelines

Only district approved caps, gowns and cords may be worn at graduation. **Seniors are required to dress formally for graduation.** Clothing under the gown should be full length dress pants/casual dress pants. Females often wear a dress. ***T-shirts, shorts, and casual footwear - including flip flops and slippers are inappropriate attire for graduates. Students dressed inappropriately may be denied the opportunity to participate in the graduation ceremony.***

Graduation Dress:

- Graduation robes for students will be ordered through the school.
- Robes must be worn as issued. They will be zipped up the front for the ceremony and may not be modified in any way.
- Ropes, cords, stoles, pins and medals worn over the gown will be school-issued only, and tied to academic achievement.

Caps

- **Decorated Caps: District-wide, students will be allowed to decorate their graduation caps for the graduation ceremony. The following parameters related to cap-decorating will closely align with Board Policy JICA, and will be communicated to students and parents.**
 - *Caps may not “contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that: Refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons.
 - *Are of sexual nature.
 - *By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior. which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.
 - *Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous.
 - *Threaten the safety and welfare of any person.
 - * **Only the flat, top area of the mortar board may be decorated. There may be nothing hanging down from any of the sides of the cap.**
 - * Decorations must be flat on the surface of the cap. **3-D creations are prohibited.**
 - *Graduation caps will be reviewed and approved in advance of the ceremony. If a cap is deemed inappropriate, a new cap will be issued to the student for the ceremony.

Gowns

- Graduation gowns are blue, along with a gold stole. Gowns will be delivered, folded up in a plastic bag along with the cap and tassel. There will be noticeable wrinkles and creases in the gowns when they are received. Hanging the gown in a steaming room (the bathroom when the shower is running) often removes small wrinkles. ***You can also steam the gowns, but we do not suggest using an iron on them.***
- Gowns will be worn zipped up the front. No individual modifications may be made to the gowns, and students will only wear stoles and cords issued by the school only.

- Maintaining the look and standardization of gowns, stoles, and cords maintains the pride and dignity of the graduation.

Tassels

- The tassel is to be worn over the right temple. Tassels should never be pinned or sewn; they should be permitted to hang naturally.
- After the closing remarks Seniors will be instructed to move their tassel from the right to left. Wait for the announcement so that everyone is moving their tassel at the same time.

Honor Cords

- The Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be recognized with a medallion and cord over their gowns.
- Students with a 4.0 or Higher GPA will be honored with a Navy/White/Old Gold cord.
- Students who have been inducted into our Chapter of National Honor Society will wear cords that are blue and gold.
- Students who have attended SVVSD schools since kindergarten are recognized with grey cords to be worn over gowns and stole.
- No other cords will be allowed, subject to dismissal from the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Practice - May 24th

- Under extreme circumstances, a Senior may be excused from graduation practice. ***Absences must be pre-arranged by Thursday, May 11th.***
- If you do not show up for graduation practice, it is assumed that you do not plan to participate in the graduation ceremony. If this is the case, please be courteous and let your counselor know in advance so that we can adjust our seat count on the field.

Inclement Weather Plan: Indoor Graduation

In the event of inclement weather, graduation will be moved to the main gym. Due to limited space in our main gym, all attendees will be required to have a wristband/ticket for admittance to the main gym. Seniors will receive eight wristbands with their caps and gowns to be used for an indoor graduation. Graduation will also be broadcast in the auditorium in the event of an indoor graduation. Wristbands will not be required for seating in the auditorium, but it will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

In case of inclement weather, we will make a decision by 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning for alternate plans. The message will be sent using Infinite Campus and social media.

Graduation Photographs

As a special service for seniors and parents, a professional photograph will be taken of Seniors as they graduate. Proofs of the graduates are typically online within a few days after graduation. FHS is not responsible for the quality of the photos.

Lifetouch Photography is Frederick High School's official photographer for the 2017 graduation ceremony. After graduation you may order online at www.lifetouch.com

To make the most of your photo, pause and smile as you receive your diploma. Keep your tassel to the side of your cap.

No unauthorized persons may be on the field with cameras during the ceremony.

From the Counseling Office

- Colleges and universities will require your final high school transcript, even if you have already been accepted.
- Seniors need to inform the counseling office about scholarships by Friday, May 5th. Students receiving scholarships will be recognized on a presentation shown via the school monitors as well downloaded to our website.
- Seniors will not be permitted to participate in graduation if they fail to complete St. Vrain's graduation credit requirements by Wednesday, May 17th.
- All ECredit and online classes must be completed by May 1st. It is the responsibility of the student to provide a transcript to the counseling office.

Graduation Speeches

Valedictorian/Salutatorian will have the first opportunity to speak at graduation. Final drafts of speeches must be shared with Mr. Young for approval by May 5th.

If there is an opening for a speaker, criteria will follow. Seniors will be notified by March 15th if there is an opening for a speaker.

If there is an opening, students must have a 3.75 GPA or higher to tryout to be a commencement speaker. Students will have between March 15th to March 23rd to sign up. The tryouts will be April 11th. At this time speeches will be read to a panel of 3-5 judges, speeches would be handed in to the principal, and the two speakers will be notified by April 18th. Please contact Mary Goldsberry for more information.