

PARKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

2018 SENIOR BULLETIN

Each senior and his/her parent should read this bulletin carefully in its entirety.

You are eligible to buy a prom ticket if:

- You have completed your 75 hours of Student Service Hours
- You have not been suspended during the 2nd semester
- You have a 2.0 GPA or above
- You have paid all your fines to Parkside
- You have bought a cap and gown

Calendar:

April 12

Senior Class meeting at 8:40 a.m. in the cafeteria (2nd period)

April 16 – April 24

Prom tickets sales/all lunch shifts, (\$50.00 per person this includes appetizers). Make sure if you are bringing a guest from outside PHS you have a completed dance guest form and the guest is approved in the main office **BEFORE** you purchase your tickets (**We will be checking GPA (2.0) if you have had any out of school suspension since January 31 you are not eligible to attend the Prom.**

Included in this price is a ticket to After Prom Party at Crown Sports Center, in Fruitland 11:00 – 2:00. Tickets for After Prom party ONLY are \$25.00.

Grand March tickets will be sold only at the door at Wicomico Youth and Civic Center for \$4.00 each.

April 24

Prom ticket sales end at lunch on Tuesday April 24. No late tickets will be sold.

April 27

Decorate for Prom at Civic Center at 5:00 p.m. - **By invitation only.**

April 28

Decorate for Prom/Civic Center 9:00 a.m. – **By invitation only.**

Grand March/Prom 6:30 p.m. tickets \$4.00 at the door

Prom – Wicomico County Civic Center 7:30-11:00 p.m.

(Photographers arrive at 7:30 p.m. Civic Center)

After Prom Party/ (11:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.) Prom tickets are \$50.00 per person. This includes the price to attend After Prom activities at Crown Sports Center. Any senior who wishes to attend the after-prom activities, but not prom, the cost is \$25.00 Registered seniors (make sure if you are bringing a guest from outside PHS that you have had the dance guest form filled out and approved in the main office **BEFORE** you pick up your tickets.) No returns. No one 21 or older. Students may NOT enter the after-prom party after 12:00 a.m. Doors will be locked.

May 17

Graduation tickets will be distributed during all 4 lunch shifts. You must have your request form with your parent's signature with you in order to pick up your tickets (9 tickets).

May 18

Distribution of caps and gowns in the Gym 8:40 a.m. with the class picture to follow.

May 18

Exam Exemption forms due to Main Office at 3:00 p.m.

- May 22** Baccalaureate Ceremony in the PHS cafeteria 7:00 p.m. in your Graduation Gowns (no caps or stoles) are to be worn. This is a formal non-denominational religious ceremony put on by the parents of the class of 2018.
- May 23** Athletic Awards/Moose Lodge 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
- May 24** Senior Awards - 6:00 p.m. Location Parkside Cafeteria. Last day for Seniors before exams begin.
- May 24** Senior Exams period, 5, 6 & 7
- May 25** Senior Exams/ periods 1, 2, 3, 4
Final Day for all Seniors at Parkside.
- May 28** School Closed - Memorial Day
- May 29** Exam make-up day for Seniors for any missed exams.
- June 1** Commencement practice/WYCC 9:00 AM. Students will be released following practice. ***ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES MUST BE PRESENT FOR PRACTICE. SENIORS ARE NOT PERMITTED BACK ON CAMPUS WITHOUT PERMISSION.***
- June 2** Saturday Commencement/WYCC 2:30 p.m. Students should be present at 1:30 p.m. in proper attire.

Event Details:

SENIOR PROM - "SHANGRI-LA"

GRAND MARCH AND PROM

You must be in attendance a full day (4 hours) of school on Friday, April 27th to attend the Prom on Saturday, April 28th.

Grand March and Prom will be held on *April 28th* at Wicomico County Youth and Civic Center. Tickets to observe Grand March may be purchased that evening at the Civic Center. The cost is \$4.00 per person, children 8 and under are free. Wicomico County Civic Center doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the Grand March will begin at 6:30 p.m. promptly. Spectators are asked to arrive prior to 6:30 p.m. since the doors will be closed at that time and no one will be granted entry to the lower level. Cooperation of the parents and guests will provide students attending the Prom the opportunity for maximum enjoyment. Prom will immediately follow Grand March and end at 11:00 p.m. This is a formal school function and all school rules and regulations apply. Use of alcohol or drugs prior to arrival or consumed during the Prom is strictly prohibited and school consequences will follow. Photographers from Lifetouch Studios will take pictures of the couples that evening at Grand March and Prom. Once you leave the Civic Center building you may not return.

AFTER-PROM CELEBRATION

Prom ends at 11:00 p.m.; the After-Prom Celebration begins at 11:00 p.m. doors open at 11:00 p.m. and After Prom ends at 2:00 a.m. at *Crown Sports Center*. All eligible seniors and their guest are welcome to attend the after-prom party, even if they didn't go to prom. This is a "lock-in event." Door will be locked at 12:00 a.m. Once a student leaves he/she will not be allowed to re-enter. (A parent must be contacted if a student leaves early.) All seniors present have a chance to win prizes, gift certificates, and cash donated by local businesses.

VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are needed both for prom clean up and for hosting the after-prom party. If you can help for an hour or two, please call the school and your name will be forwarded to Mrs. McKinnon or Ms. Lewis our Senior Class Advisors.

CAP AND GOWN and CLASS PICTURES

Cap and Gowns will be distributed to you on **May 18**, starting at 8:40 a.m. in the gym and are yours to keep. A class picture will be taken immediately following distribution. Girls are asked to bring dress shoes to wear for the picture. Boys should wear black dress shoes. You will need to repack your cap & gown and will not be permitted to wear it through the building.

BACCALAUREATE (Parent Sponsored Activity)

Baccalaureate is a reflective nondenominational service for the graduating class. All seniors are encouraged to be a part of the service, and everyone is invited to attend. The ceremony will be held **May 22**, in the Parkside High School cafeteria. Students should arrive at 6:15 p.m. Gentlemen should be in shirt and tie and ladies in dresses or dress slacks. Students are to wear commencement gown only (no caps or stoles) the service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and refreshments will follow. Tickets are free and we hope to see you there.

SENIOR AWARDS

The Senior Award program will be held on **Wednesday, May 24**, at 6:00 p.m. in Parkside Cafeteria. Parents and family members are invited to this free event. Seniors are asked to sit in the front center section during the program. The attire for the evening should be shirt and tie for men and skirt /dress for the ladies.

SENIOR FAILURES

Any senior who is in danger of failing needs to meet with their counselor and administrator ASAP. Seniors will be notified of failing grades prior to May 17. If you do not meet all graduation requirements you will not receive graduation tickets, nor participate in the graduation ceremony. An alternative plan for graduation through Summer School or Evening High School will be discussed with you and your parents. (This also includes Student Service Hours and HSA and completed bridge or other required testing projects) and the Senior will not be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies, including baccalaureate and graduation.

SENIOR EXAMS (exemptions). Due May 18 at 3:00 p.m.

(Option 1) SENIOR EXAM EXEMPTION

All seniors shall be exempt from final examinations who have obtained a "B" average or better in the first semester with no "C's" and not less than a "B" in the third and fourth marking periods and have no suspensions during the current school year. No C's on any part of your yearly report card.

(Option 2) Exam Exemption Incentive Program and qualification criteria are available at the Parkside High School website which includes grades, conduct and attendance requirements.

COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE

On **June 1, 2017** at 9:00 a.m.. practice for graduation will take place. Please report directly to Civic Center that morning NOT to school. ALL SENIORS WHO PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT MUST BE PRESENT FOR PRACTICE. Practice will last as long as it takes to ensure that the program is properly organized. After practicing you may not report to school. Commencement should be a dignified, formal ceremony that evokes pride and casts a positive light on our school and students. With this in mind, the following practices have been established for commencement at the three city high schools in our county:

1. Formal behavior is expected during Commencement. Please remind friends and relatives, who may be attending that applause, cheering, or any sign of individual recognition is inappropriate and also to please turn off all cell phones. Guests should remain seated throughout the ceremony. Please emphasize to your families and friends that they should respect the entire class by not calling out or making unnecessary noise.
2. Each student will be given 9 graduation tickets. There will be no additional tickets given out. If you need additional tickets you will need to talk with friends that may not need all of their tickets. Participation in Commencement is voluntary. If you do not intend to participate you must bring a note from your parent indicating that they are aware you do not intend to participate as soon as possible. Mrs. Foderaro will be calling to verify these notes. Students who elect to participate are expected to dress in the appropriate manner. Students who arrive late or who are dressed inappropriately may not be permitted to participate in the program.

GRADUATION

Commencement will begin promptly on June 2 at 2:30 p.m. students need to be at the WYCC at 1:30 p.m. to begin lining up. Dress code will be strictly monitored. Appropriate dress for commencement is as follows:

LADIES – Dresses, or dress slacks (no jeans) and dress shoes (NO FLIP FLOPS or tennis shoes)

GENTLEMEN – BLACK dress slacks (no jeans), shirt and tie, and black dress shoes (NO FLIP FLOPS or tennis shoes or sandals).

Diploma covers will be handed out during the ceremony. Students will receive the actual diplomas immediately following the recessional at a designated location in the Civic Center. If a student acts inappropriately during Commencement, his/her diploma and final transcript will be withheld and its release will be contingent upon a conference between the parent, student and the principal on the next school day.

TICKETS

Seniors must return the attached Commencement Ticket Request Form during lunch shifts on *May 17*. You must have met all obligations in order to receive graduation tickets (students service hours, fines, etc.) If all financial obligations have been met, and the signed forms returned, then nine reserved tickets for seats in Civic Center will be distributed. Tickets are required for admission. **Do not lose these tickets as they are needed for admission. We suggest you may write your name on the back of the tickets once you receive them**

GRADUATION PROGRAM

Laude distinctions will be determined at the conclusion of the third marking term of the senior year, At the conclusion of 15 marking terms (third marking term of the senior year) it will be determined what laude distinctions will appear on senior awards program and on the graduation program. Students, who improve to a higher distinction at the conclusion of the fourth quarter, may request a new certificate.

The graduation program will include lists of students' names that earn these distinctions. They will also receive certificates at Senior Awards that indicate these distinctions:

The recommended levels of distinction are:

(Weighted GPA)

4.3 and above Summa Cum Laude

4.0 - 4.29 Magna Cum Laude

3.70 - 3.99 Cum Laude

SCHOLARLY REFLECTION AT COMMENCEMENT

Wicomico County High Schools will feature a three-minute scholarly reflection speech at each Commencement to be presented by one graduating senior. Each school will select this individual from its group of seniors who have achieved summa cum laude status, which is determined at the conclusion of the third marking term of senior year. A weighted GPA of 4.3 is necessary.

Specifically, each school will award this honor to the student of the summa cum laude group who submits and presents the worthiest scholarly reflection based both on content and delivery. A selection committee, consisting of three teachers (one of them being an English teacher) and an assistant principal will:

- advertise the selection criteria for this opportunity,
- review the speeches submitted by those who choose to participate,
- audition the finalists for delivery, and
- make the final selection, based upon the established criteria

SENIOR EXAM EXEMPTION FORM

*Please turn signed copy into the main office by 3:00 p.m. on May 18, 2018

Final Exam Status Report

NAME _____

Pd.	Class	Exempt Yes/No	Exam Day/Date	Teacher's Signature
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

By signing this paper, you are aware that your student is exempt from the above exams and will not be required to attend those class periods; however, your child may choose to take the exams to improve the semester grade for that class.

*If you give permission for your student to sign out of Parkside, student must leave campus and is not permitted to return that day. Should you not have transportation to leave for the day, the student needs to be present and signed in at the cafeteria.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Daytime Phone

COMMENCEMENT TICKET REQUEST FORM

This form must be completed and presented by a senior in order to pick up tickets for our Commencement Ceremony. Ticket distribution will be May 17 during lunch shifts.

TO: Mrs. Kimberly Pinhey, Principal, Parkside High School

FROM: _____(please print)
(Senior's Name)

Tickets are requested for the following persons to attend Parkside High School's graduation ceremony on *June 2, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

I agree that we want all students and parents to enjoy Parkside's formal Commencement Ceremony. I hereby agree to inform the above-named persons that formal behavior is expected from everyone attending graduation. I also agree to follow all rules of decorum established for the ceremony and understand that if I do not follow these rules my diploma will be withheld pending a conference with my parents and the school principal.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____