

# CLASS OF 2018 GRADUATION INFORMATION



## Begin planning now...

You have worked long and hard, and we want your senior year and graduation to be a special time for you. Please use the information contained in this packet to plan ahead and insure that your senior year and graduation are the best they can be.

To honor our students' accomplishments, we wish for the graduation ceremony to be dignified and respectful. Toward this end, students may not decorate their caps and/or gowns. Inflatable items, balloons, and noise-makers are strictly prohibited at the coliseum by both graduates and guests.

In order to keep the staging area clean and minimize the loss of personal items, students should not bring personal items into the coliseum. This includes but is not limited to purses, food and drink.

We have arranged for the ceremony to be photographed and all graduates will have a photograph taken after they have received their diplomas and exited the stage.

Please keep in mind that in order to participate in the graduation ceremony, students must not have any outstanding debts. Additionally, all disciplinary consequences must be served. Finally, stu-

dents must have completed all other requirements for graduation in order to walk in graduation.

Please accept our sincere congratulations as you complete your senior year and prepare to graduate from high school.



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*Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.*

—Steve Jobs

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## Important Dates to Remember

November 16	Online ordering available for graduation supplies <a href="http://www.lowcountrygrad.com">www.lowcountrygrad.com</a>
March 31-April 8	Spring Break!
April 21	Prom at Omar Shrine Temple at 8:00 p.m.
April 24	MANDATORY Senior Meeting during Advisement in the PAC
May TBD	Senior Picnic tickets for sale during all lunches
May 11	Senior Picnic at Palmetto Islands County Park
May 21	Senior Awards Day in the PAC (1st and 2nd Blocks)
May 21 - 24	Final Exams for Seniors and Senior Checkout
May 30	MANDATORY Graduation Practice at North Charleston Coliseum: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
June 1	Graduation at North Charleston Coliseum at 7:30 p.m. Arrive NO LATER THAN 5:30 p.m. DO NOT BE LATE! WE WILL START WITHOUT YOU!



# General Graduation Information

Please note the following information and procedures for graduation:

- YOU are responsible for taking care of all requirements in this packet. If you fail to do so, you are putting your graduation at risk. You will be given an updated senior bulletin at the Senior Meeting on **April 24, 2018**. Updates will be made on the website and you may opt to receive reminders on your cell phone through Remind 101.
- Participants in graduation are required to have purchased a cap, gown, tassel, and diploma cover from Jostens. You will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony without the proper graduation attire. **Order day will be on Wednesday, November 15th, in the Palmetto Room.** Jostens will be on campus all day to take orders, but you can also place orders online at [www.lowcountrygrad.com](http://www.lowcountrygrad.com) Please note that the price of the graduation package increases after December.
- All seniors must pay **\$37.00** to cover the cost of the diploma cover. Even if you are not participating in graduation, you will owe **\$37.00** to cover the cost of the diploma cover.
- There will be a **Senior Meeting on Tuesday April 24th during Advisement**. Information regarding the Senior Picnic and graduation reminders will be given at that time. Dress code for the senior awards will be discussed in detail (professional attire is required), and senior check procedures will be reviewed. Please note, failure to pay all schools fees and return textbooks during checkout may bar a student from participating in graduation.
- **Mandatory graduation practice** will be held on Wednesday, May 30th at 2:00 p.m. at the North Charleston Coliseum. Students should expect practice to last 2 hours. The temperature in the Coliseum will be cool so dress accordingly. Students must be in attendance at graduation practice in order to walk at the graduation ceremony. If you have an **emergency** and are unable to attend practice, you must contact your administrator no later than **Friday, May 25th at noon**.
- The 2018 Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, June 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the North Charleston Coliseum. You should arrive no later than **5:30 p.m.**, so please plan for heavy traffic. Our ceremony will begin promptly at 7:30 - we WILL start without you. Please see additional information regarding travel and Coliseum parking on the next page.
- Graduation is a formal occasion and the following dress code is mandatory:
  - Boys: White shirts, ties, dark trousers, dark shoes, and dark socks must be worn. Students wearing tennis shoes, sandals, deck shoes, or flip flops will not be allowed to participate in graduation.
  - Girls: Dresses and dark shoes must be worn. Please consider wearing shoes that can safely negotiate the steps and are comfortable for walking. Flip flops (even dressy ones) are not allowed. Skirts must not hang below the gowns.

**Caps and Gowns may not be decorated in any way.**



# Travel and Parking Information

## Graduation Day

Due to the high volume of traffic from Mount Pleasant, we suggest that those families living north of the Isle of Palms Connector use I-526 and those living south of it use I-26 in an effort to avoid delays in traveling to the Coliseum.

Seniors must be at the Coliseum on the day of Graduation **no later than 6:45 p.m.** Due to limited parking spaces at the Coliseum and the size of our graduating class, every graduate will be given 2 parking passes at graduation practice. This will guarantee every family parking on the Coliseum campus. Prior to the ceremony, seniors should make plans with family members as to where to meet after the ceremony.

Doors will not open at the Coliseum for families and guests until 6:15 p.m.

### North Charleston Coliseum/Convention Center/Performing Arts Center/Montague Terrace PARKING GUIDE



# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. When and where is graduation?

Graduation is Friday, June 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Charleston Coliseum. Seniors should arrive at the tunnel entrance to the Coliseum no later than 5:30 p.m.

## 2. How many tickets do I get?

Every student will receive 2 parking passes. You can bring as many people as you want to graduation but anyone without a parking pass will be responsible for parking off site. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

## 3. What supplies do I need to order and when/where do I order them?

Seniors are required to order a cap, gown, tassel, and diploma cover. If you need financial assistance in order to purchase these items, please see Mrs. Howes in the Main Office. Jostens is the official provider of graduation supplies; therefore, your cap, gown, tassel, and diploma cover must be ordered from Jostens. Information about the ordering process will be given to all seniors during Advisement on November 9. Seniors will be able to place orders with Jostens and make payments on Thursday and Friday, November 15 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. You may also place order online at [www.lowcountrygrad.com](http://www.lowcountrygrad.com)

## 4. Is graduation practice mandatory?

Yes. We will rehearse the graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 30th at 2:00 p.m. at the North Charleston Coliseum. Attendance will be taken. You will not be allowed to participate in graduation if you miss graduation practice.

## 5. Is there a dress code for graduation?

Yes. Boys need to wear white shirts, ties, dark trousers, dark shoes, and dark socks. Girls need to wear dresses and **dressy** shoes. The dresses should be no longer than the gown. Caps and gowns may not be decorated in any way.

## 6. Is this information on the school website?

Yes. We will update this packet throughout the year and an electronic copy will be available on [www.wandohigh.com](http://www.wandohigh.com).

## Jostens

## Pricing

## Information

**Basic Package**  
(Cap, gown, tassel and diploma cover):  
**\$60.00**

**Additional Packages** will be available ranging in price from \$100 - \$300.

**Please note:**  
There is a \$60.00 deposit due on the day you order (November 15th)

**Any students needing financial assistance in order to purchase the required items may contact Mrs. Howes in the Main Office.**

## Remind 101

To receive reminders regarding all senior activities, text message "39fe8b" to 81010.

Please email any questions to [whs\\_graduation@charelston.k12.sc.us](mailto:whs_graduation@charelston.k12.sc.us)