

MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Date: Monday, June 3

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Place: Raleigh Convention Center

Arrival: 3:15 p.m.

Enter the building through the doors off Cabarrus Street.

- * All Seniors will report to the RCC by 3:15 p.m.
- * Seniors will be dismissed from school at 1:45 p.m. on June 3
- * Seniors must be present at this one and only rehearsal. **NO EXCUSES!**
- * Do not bring or wear caps and gowns at rehearsal.
- * Do not bring personal items; you will need to keep your hands free.
- * Honor the WCPSS/PCHS Dress Code for rehearsal (no hats/sunglasses).
- * Teachers will assist you with line order. Once in line do not leave your line.
- * Seniors must pay close attention to instructions provided during rehearsal so that the ceremony goes smoothly and the rehearsal ends on time.
- * Follow the marshals as they lead you in the processional, distribution of diplomas, and the recessional.
- * Each senior will be issued 8 tickets for graduation following the rehearsal. Lost tickets may not be replaced.
- * Students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the rehearsal.
- * Seniors who are absent from the practice or who are non-compliant and disruptive during the rehearsal might NOT be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremonies.

COMMENCEMENT

Date: Wednesday, June 12

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Raleigh Convention Center

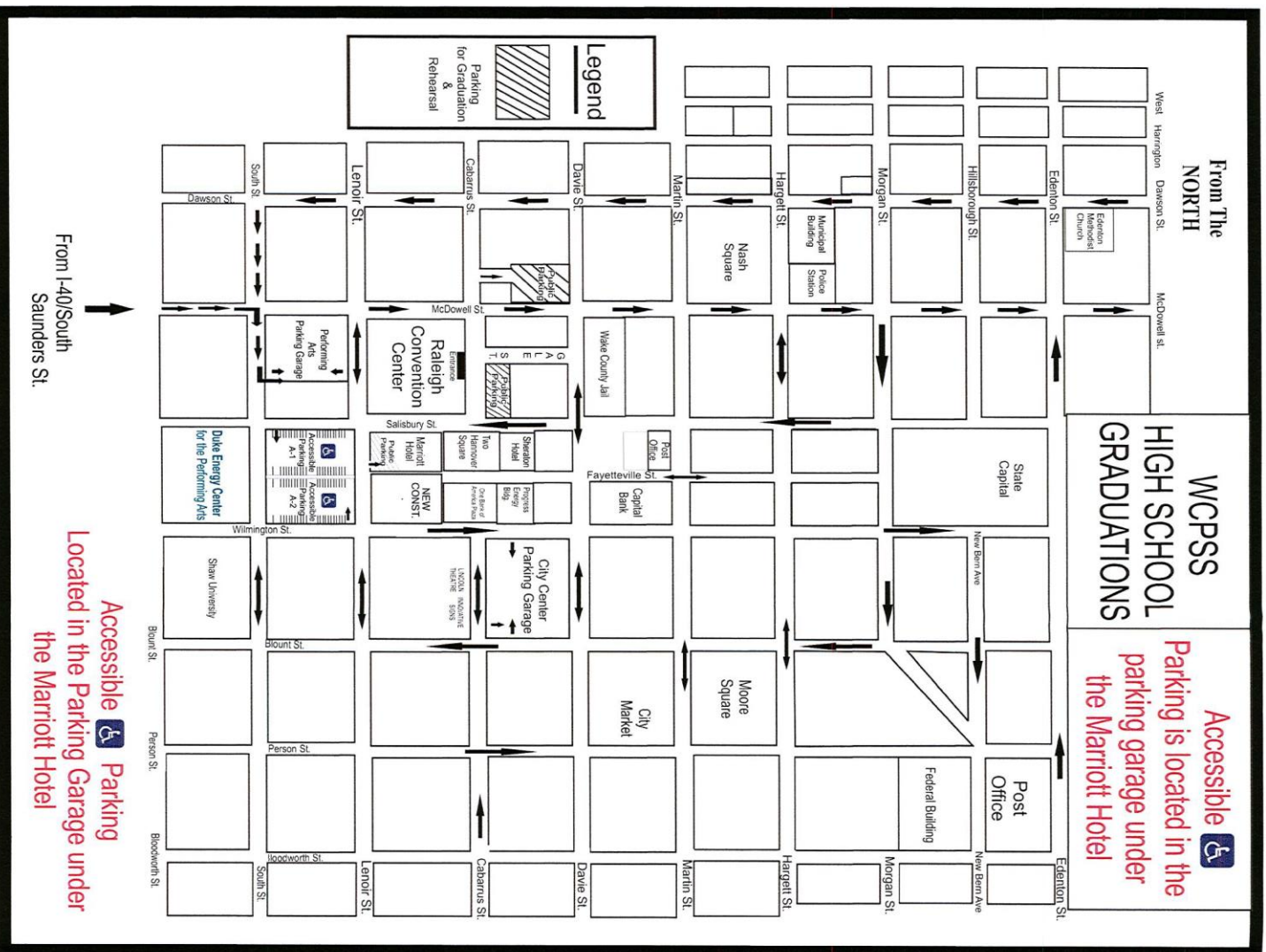
Arrival: 3:00 p.m.

- * All graduating seniors will report to the RCC by 3:00 p.m.
- * Be on time. Plan for traffic, parking, and other delays.
- * There is a drop-off area under the "Shimmer Wall" on McDowell Street for seniors and those guests who have difficulty walking distances.
- * Enter the RCC through entrance C. This will be reviewed at rehearsal.
- * Check in with the PCHS staff member who is assigned to your row.
- * Parents and guests will be admitted at 3:15 p.m. through all entrances. Seating is first come, first served and guests may not reserve or hold seats.
- * Wear your graduation cap and gown to graduation.
- * Be careful NOT to lose your tassel; it falls off easily and cannot be replaced.
- * Write your full name inside your cap. You will need to show your cap to receive your diploma.
- * **THE PROCESSIONAL WILL BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY 3:50 P.M. LATE STUDENTS MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO JOIN THE PROCESSIONAL.**

Seniors graduate in alphabetical order. Upon hearing their name called, each senior will walk across the stage and receive his/her diploma cover from the principal. A name is called approximately every 3-4 seconds and the audience will be asked to refrain from applause or noise in order for the next senior's name to be heard. Times for applause will be built into the program at various points. Diplomas will be distributed immediately after the ceremony in Room C, the room where seniors assembled prior to the ceremony. All unclaimed diplomas will need to be picked up by the graduate at PCHS the week following graduation.

RCC REMINDERS

- The parking garage fee is \$7 per car for rehearsal and graduation.
- The Raleigh Convention Center will not allow anyone to enter the facility with flowers in glass vases, signs, balloons, noise makers, food, drinks, or wrapped packages. Unruly or intoxicated guests will also be prevented from entering.
- Handicap guests are encouraged to park in parking area under the Marriott Hotel and enter the RCC from the underground parking. Only 1 person will be allowed to accompany wheelchair guests in the reserved wheelchair section of the ceremony.
- Due to fire code, strollers & tripods cannot block aisles and will have to be stored at the entrance.
- During the ceremony, individuals should remain seated and should not be out of seats to take pictures or move closer to the stage. Camera tripods cannot block aisles. Guests may videotape from their seat but tripods may not be set higher than eye level or block the view of other guests.
- Everyone will need to exit the Convention Center immediately after the ceremony.



DIRECTIONS TO THE RALEIGH CONVENTION CENTER

Raleigh Convention Center, 500 South Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

From I-40:

Take exit 298B South Saunders Street toward Downtown Raleigh. Merge onto South Saunders Street. Stay in the right hand lane. South Saunders splits and the right lanes become McDowell Street. Turn right onto Lenoir Street. Raleigh Convention Center will be on the left. Entrance to parking is on right immediately after the turn onto Lenoir (Performing Arts Center Deck) OR one block ahead on Lenoir on left (Raleigh Marriott City Center Garage).

The convention center website is:
<http://www.raleighconvention.com>.

The site contains additional information about parking, directions, and a detailed downtown city map.