

SENIOR BULLETIN

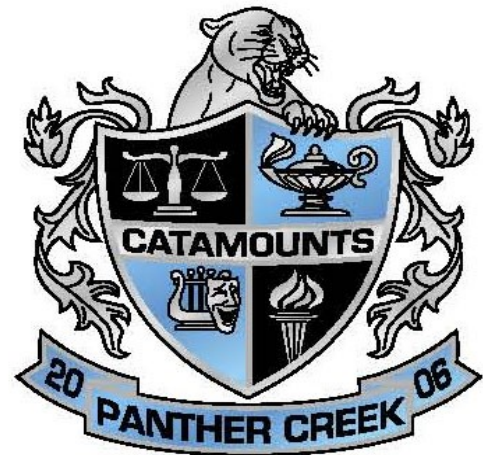
Panther Creek High School

Class of 2019

Students and Parents of the Class of 2019!

I join my fellow administrators and dedicated teachers here at Panther Creek in acknowledging the years of hard work, times of great success, strength and determination in times of struggle, and memories built on your journey to graduation. This bulletin will provide information on how we can make this momentous occasion a dignified and memorable event for all. Please take time to carefully read all of the information and materials included to make the process of preparing for the ceremony and graduating smooth and successful.

~Benjamin Olin
Assistant Principal
Graduation Coordinator

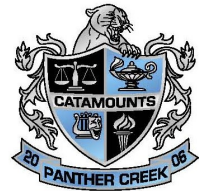


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 26:

Welcome Speech application information posted on website

April 29-May 2:

Farewell Address voting during SMART Lunch

May 22:

Senior Meeting with administration during 2nd period

Friday, May 31: Senior Awards Assembly/Senior Picnic

Awards Assembly- **10:45** a.m. in Panther Creek Gymnasium

Senior Picnic- following Awards Assembly in PC Stadium

Monday, June 3: MANDATORY Graduation Rehearsal

3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Raleigh Convention Center (RCC)

Seniors will be dismissed from school at **1:45** p.m. to arrive at RCC entrance C no later than 3:15 p.m.

Seniors will be issued their tickets for Graduation at the conclusion of the rehearsal.*

Wednesday, June 5 – Thursday, June 6: Senior Exams

Friday, June 7: Senior Make-up Exams

Wednesday, June 12: Graduation Ceremony

Seniors must arrive at RCC by **3:00** p.m.

Families and guests will be admitted at **3:15** p.m.**

Ceremony begins promptly at **4:00** p.m.

* Each student will receive 8 tickets to graduation

** Only ticketed guests will be allowed admission

Welcome Speech

Panther Creek tradition allows for any Senior meeting the criteria to apply and audition to give the Welcome Speech.

Farewell Address

The top 3% of our Seniors are eligible to apply to give the Farewell Address. Those who apply are voted on by their peers to give the Farewell Address.

More information will be available through the Graduation 2019 website, link below.

More Info:

[2019 Graduation Website](#)

[Spring 2019 Exam Schedule](#)



Strawbridge Studios will photograph graduates as they receive their diploma covers on stage. Students will receive an online code to pre-order pictures. Pictures will also be available to order for a limited time following graduation.

More information may be obtained at: <http://www.strawbridge.net>

Graduation Attire



Appropriate Dress

- Collared dress shirt and necktie or bowtie
- Dress pants/khakis and dark socks (no jeans)
- Light weight dress under the graduation robe (not longer than the gown) or dress pants with collared dress shirt
- minimal jewelry
- Shoes- Dress shoes, flats with heel strap or pumps (no boat shoes, athletic shoes, boots, sandals, flip flops)
- NO cell phones, purses, handbags, cameras, or other electronic devices. Nothing is to be carried into the ceremony

Caps and Gowns

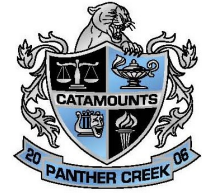
- Both caps and gowns should always be worn in a dignified manner.
- Be sure the gowns are neatly pressed. Please remember to use a cool iron as the gowns will melt easily if the iron is too hot. Letting the gown hang for several weeks will help. DO NOT WASH OR DRY CLEAN THE GOWNS. Students will not wear the white collars that come with the gowns.
- All students always wear caps STRAIGHT on the head, parallel to the floor. Teacher line supervisors will help adjust the cap for you if you are not wearing the cap correctly.
- Tassels are worn on the right side of the cap until the changing of the tassel near the conclusion of the ceremony. As a group, you will be instructed to move the tassels to the left side to signify your graduation.
- No cap decorations or alterations will be permitted.
- Graduates are expected to hold their caps at the end of the ceremony.
- Graduates will show his/her name written inside of his/her cap to the staff member distributing diplomas after the end of the ceremony.

No one is allowed to alter attire or add decorations to their cap or gown. Graduates who do not wear appropriate attire or violate any WCPSS or PCHS standards of conduct, including guidelines in this bulletin, may be removed from the line and may not be allowed to participate in commencement activities.

Stoles with the PC Crest logo will be worn by all PCHS students. These stoles will include the Latin Honors designated by class ranking. Stoles will be distributed during the senior meeting on May 22.

The NHS Medallion will be worn only by members of the National Honor Society. Honor cords are to be worn by members in good standing of approved organizations with National Charters.

Ceremony Conduct



- We want graduation to be a happy time for you, but we also want to have a dignified ceremony to honor years of hard work.
- Cat-calling, yelling, and pranks during graduation will distract from the ceremony. If necessary, diplomas will be withheld and students will have to make arrangements to pick them up at Panther Creek High School at the principal's discretion. Community service may be required.
- No gum and no smoking once you enter the grounds of the Raleigh Convention Center. Also, refrain from bringing food and beverage into the convention center.
- Seniors should not have electronic devices in their possession during the ceremony. PCHS staff and administrators may confiscate electronic devices and return them at a time convenient for administration. PCHS is not responsible for lost or damaged personal items. Students who violate this expectation may have their diplomas held until the administration chooses to issue them at a date after the graduation ceremony. It is requested that guests place electronic devices in a silent mode during the entire ceremony.
- All PCHS and WCPSS policies apply to all graduation activities. If you do not abide by the policies, you may be prohibited from participating in the ceremony and/or your diploma may be held and issued at a time decided by the principal. (This includes the dress code!)

The Security Staff of the Wake County Public School System and the Staff of the Raleigh Convention Center do NOT allow parents and guests to leave their seats and disrupt the ceremony by being in the aisles to photograph graduates. Professional photographers will be at the ceremony to take pictures at the time each student receives their diploma cover.

Financial Obligations

All fees and fines must be paid in full by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, **May 31**. Personal checks will be accepted in the main office until **May 28**. After that time, fees/fines must be paid by cash, money order, or certified bank check.

All other outstanding debts must be cleared (parking citations, returned books, uniforms, equipment, etc.). Each Senior is responsible for having a receipt as proof of clearance if the receipt is requested.

Seniors should check with teachers for any fines and fees. Be sure to understand that additional fines and fees could be added as late as the last days of class depending on when seniors return books and other materials to staff members.

SENIORS WHO FAIL TO CLEAR THEIR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO PANTHER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION ACTIVITIES.

Transcript Requests

Senior transcripts will be finalized June 21, 2019. Transcript requests for in-state colleges and universities must be submitted through CFNC.org. Transcript requests for out-of-state colleges and universities must be made through <https://wcpss.scriborder.com>. Students who need to send a final transcript through Common App must contact their counselor by Friday, May 31.