

Leesville Road High School
Class of 2018



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Senior Bulletin

Please use this bulletin to guide you through festivities and events surrounding graduation. Senior activities, dates, procedures, and responsibilities are explained for you. Your attention to each activity's details will make your graduation a memorable occasion for you and your family.

The administration, faculty and staff of Leesville Road High School wish the best for each of you.

Enjoy this happy time!

A senior will NOT receive graduation ceremony tickets nor receive a diploma until all academic obligations are met, books are returned, and costs of lost/damaged items have been cleared.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 3	Caps & Gowns delivered at lunch (final balance must be paid to receive cap and gown; if you do not order a cap and gown, a \$42 reimbursement must be paid to cover tassel, diploma, diploma cover, and senior picnic)
Tuesday, May 15	Last day to clear financial obligations with a personal check. After this date, all must be paid online, in cash, or by money order.
Friday, May 18	Graduation Reception RSVP due (along with optional donation)
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day Holiday—No school
Wednesday, May 30	Deadline for all scholarships/military commitments to be submitted to Student Services to be announced at the Senior Assembly
Thursday, May 31	Senior meeting and assembly practice: 8:40-10:18
Friday, June 1	Senior Assembly begins at 8:30 AM Senior Picnic immediately afterwards in the LRHS stadium
Friday, June 1	Graduation Practice 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM Raleigh Convention Center
Sunday, June 3	Baccalaureate at 3 PM (Optional) Providence Baptist Church in Delta Lake Center, Glenwood Avenue
Monday, June 4-- Tuesday, June 5	Exams Monday: Periods 1 and 2 Tuesday: Periods 3 and 4
Friday, June 8	All academic, financial and material obligations must be paid and/or cleared by noon to receive tickets at the Reception Graduation Reception 7 PM – 9 PM LRHS Food Court Desserts and beverages: Business casual attire; please dress appropriately. You will receive graduation tickets at this event.
Sunday, June 10	Commencement Exercises 2 PM Raleigh Convention Center (Seniors must arrive at 1 PM for line-up.) The Convention Center opens at 1:15 PM (updated) for guests. Admission by ticket only.

Delivery of Caps & Gowns

Date: Thursday May 3, 2018

Place: Main lobby of school

Time: lunch

Jostens will hand out caps and gowns in the lobby. You must pay your balance due to Jostens at this time. Please see that the cap and gown fit; if not, notify the Jostens representative immediately. Take these items home; do not wear them at school. Remove cap and gown from the packaging and hang them up to release wrinkles before the first ceremony.

* *Graduating seniors who have not ordered a cap and gown from Jostens must pay \$42 to cover the cost of a tassel, diploma, diploma cover, and senior picnic. You may pay this via check until May 15. After May 15, it must be paid by cash or money order, or online at www.wcpss.net/leesvilleroadhs.*

Tassels for students graduating with honors (cumulative 3.5-3.999 GPA) or high honors (cumulative 4.0 or above GPA) will be distributed with the cap and gown. No other tassels are allowed.

Deadline to Clear Financial Obligations by Personal Check

Date: May 15, 2018

If you need to pay for lost/damaged items, May 15 is the last day to do so by personal check. After May 15, all financial obligations must be paid via the school's website, by cash, or by money order.

Graduation Reception RSVPs & Donations Due

Date RSVP is due: May 18, 2018

A reception honoring graduates and their guests will be hosted by parents of underclassmen on Friday, June 8 from 7 – 9 PM at Leesville Road High School. To continue this 23-year LRHS tradition, these parent volunteers need your RSVP to know how much food to prepare. A suggested \$15-\$25 contribution per family of 4 or over would be greatly appreciated to help offset the costs; checks can be made payable to LRHS Senior Reception. Please promptly submit RSVP cards by May 18 to this address:

*LRHS Graduation Reception
c/o Lisa Krise
8410 Pride Way Raleigh, NC 27613
OR*

Go to PayPal and simply search lrhsgradreception@gmail.com and send your donation! Please check that this is an individual transaction, not a business transaction, to avoid fees on your donation.

Seniors will receive graduation tickets at the June 8 reception throughout the 7-9 time frame. If seniors cannot attend the reception, they should come to the front of LRHS Saturday, June 9 from 8-9 a.m.

Submission of Scholarships & Military Commitments

Date: May 30, 2018

Place: Student Services Office

Wednesday, May 30 is the deadline to submit letters regarding scholarships and military commitments or appointments. Seniors who have received scholarships for any school (whether they plan to attend that school or not) or letters of commitment to enter a branch of the armed services should submit a copy of that letter, along with the amount of the scholarship or which branch of the military, to Student Services by this date. Only those submitted by this date will be announced at the June 1 Senior Assembly.

Caps & Gowns, Tassels, Honor Cords & Etiquette

Required dress for Senior Assembly, Baccalaureate, and Graduation is cap and gown. Neatly press the gown with a cool iron or steam it for each event. A hot iron often causes the gown to melt.

Women should wear a simple, lightweight dress, shirt and skirt, or shirt and dark pants. **The top should NOT be seen when wearing the gown.** If wearing a dress or skirt, the dress should **not** exceed the gown's length. Women should wear **closed-toed dark dress shoes** with a dark heel and sole (NO cork or canvas heels, shorts, jeans, or purses). Wear minimal jewelry. Again, as seniors will walk throughout the three Leesville schools, comfortable, height-appropriate shoes are vital!

Men should wear a **SOLID WHITE** shirt and a **dark** tie (NO red ties and NO suit coats). **Dark dress pants** (navy, dark gray or black) should be worn (NO khakis), with **dark socks** (NOT brown or white). Shoes should be **black or dark brown dress shoes** (NO tennis shoes, boots, Wallabees, Sperrys, etc.).

Caps are worn STRAIGHT on the head, parallel to the floor by both men and women. The tassel should be worn on the cap's right side. Pin the tassel in place for all events except Graduation because graduates will move the tassel to the left upon official declaration of graduation. Tassels for students graduating with honors will be distributed with the cap and gown. No other tassel may be worn.

Only **honor cords** given out by these groups may be worn: National Honor Society, Latin Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, French Honor Society, International Thespian Society, Dance Honor Society, Sports Medicine Honor Society, Math Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and Technical Honor Society. Other medals and regalia are not permitted during school-sponsored events.

Senior Meeting & Assembly Rehearsal

Date: May 31, 2018

Place: Main gym

Time: Period 2 (8:40-10:18)

ALL SENIORS MUST ATTEND. Seniors should NOT bring or wear caps and gowns for this meeting.

Seniors will be learn procedures for senior assembly, graduation rehearsal, and Baccalaureate. We will explain the order for lining up at these events and hold a practice as part of this meeting. Every senior, **including late arrival students**, must be present. Seniors will also receive **TICKETS FOR THE SENIOR CLASS PICNIC** at this rehearsal.

Suggestions: Bring the shoes you plan to wear at the assembly to this practice. This will help you determine if you can feasibly walk in them and if they meet the graduation dress code. Seniors will take part in the Senior Walk throughout Leesville Middle and Elementary Schools after the Assembly so seniors will be walking up and down steps as well as quite a distance throughout the entire Leesville campus. Comfortable, height-appropriate shoes are vital!

Also, take note of which side of the gym you are seated when facing the stage. Please relay this information to your family so they may choose their seats in the gym accordingly.

Senior Assembly & Leesville Campus Senior Walk

Date: Friday, June 1, 2018

Place: Main gym

Time: Assembly will begin at 8:30 and should end at approximately 10:30

Seniors MUST wear caps and gowns as well as appropriate attire outlined in this bulletin.

Seniors will process in cap and gown and will conduct a program recognizing seniors receiving scholarships and military appointments, as well as the presentation of the class gift, expressions of appreciation, and keynote addresses. The program will conclude with a slide show, recessional, and a Senior Walk through the middle and elementary schools. Seniors will then meet parents in the courtyard.

If younger siblings who attend LRHS plan to attend Senior Assembly, parents must follow this procedure:

Provide underclassmen students with a handwritten signed note. The student will give the note to the teacher from whose class they will be leave to attend the assembly. They will not need to sign out with the attendance office. Teachers will submit the notes at the end of the day. However, if they will not return to their classes once the assembly ends, they must sign out with attendance due to liability issues.

Senior Picnic

Date: Friday, June 1, 2018
Place: Leesville stadium, after the Senior Assembly and Senior Walk

After the Assembly and Walk, seniors will go to the stadium for a class picnic of barbecue, fried chicken, subs, potatoes, slaw, hushpuppies, tea and lemonade. **NO CAPS OR GOWNS ALLOWED INTO THE STADIUM.** Thus, seniors may want to bring a change of clothes. Your ticket for this event (received at the senior assembly rehearsal) is required for entry. Seniors who do not wish to attend the picnic will be required to attend regular classes or leave campus. In case of rain, we will have an alternate location.

This is a time for seniors to celebrate, socialize, and sign yearbooks. After the picnic, seniors must leave school and travel to the Convention Center for Graduation Rehearsal. Once students leave the stadium area, they must leave campus, return to classes, or head downtown for Graduation Rehearsal. **The picnic is for seniors only, not underclassmen and not family members.**

Graduation Rehearsal

ALL SENIORS MUST BE PRESENT AND ON TIME TO REHEARSAL TO RECEIVE TICKETS ON JUNE 8.

Please find a map on the cover page of this bulletin to locate parking for rehearsal and the ceremony.

Date: Friday, June 1, 2018
Place: Raleigh Convention Center (500 S. Salisbury Street Raleigh)
Time: 3:45 PM – 5:30 PM

SUGGESTION: FEMALES SHOULD wear the shoes they will wear for the actual graduation. The Convention Center ceremony requires walking for extended distances; rehearsing in these shoes will help you decide if the shoes are appropriate. Seniors should NOT bring caps and gowns for rehearsal.

Seniors should locate their seats in the Exhibit Hall upon arrival and be seated so rehearsal can start on time. Be attentive and follow all instructions to make a short practice possible and lead to a successful commencement program. At this rehearsal, seniors will receive instructions on procedures such as how to march in, where to sit, how to receive diplomas, and how to obtain ceremony tickets.

Baccalaureate Service (Optional Event)

Date: Sunday, June 3, 2018
Place: Providence Baptist Church, 6339 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh (Delta Lake Center)
Time: 3 PM (Line up will be at 2:45)

Seniors wear caps and gowns for this event.

The Leesville Class of 2018 Baccalaureate will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2018, at 3 p.m. in the Delta Lake Center at Providence Baptist Church at 6339 Glenwood Avenue. Baccalaureate is a traditional, non-denominational service celebrating the graduating senior class. All seniors, their families, and their friends are invited to share in this meaningful service, and no tickets are needed.

All seniors who wish to participate in this service should arrive by 2:45 p.m., dressed in cap and gown to line up for the processional. A reception with cake and punch will immediately follow the service. All seniors are invited and welcome. Seniors received the invitation to this service when they received this bulletin. For more information and to RSVP please visit LRHS.app.rsvpify.com.

Senior Exams

Monday, June 4: Periods 1 and 2 Exams

Tuesday, June 5: Periods 3 and 4 Exams

Seniors should remember the importance of final exams. It can be difficult to concentrate at a time of celebration like graduation. For some seniors, however, exams will determine *if* they graduate. Please wait to celebrate until after the exam period has concluded. If students exempt a teacher-made exam, they do not have to come. Seniors must complete and stay for the entire exam period for all exams.

Graduation Reception

Date: June 8, 2018

Place: Leesville Road High School

Time: 7 – 9 PM

A reception honoring graduates and their guests will be hosted by parents the evening of June 8. These parents have volunteered their efforts for you and your family so please thank them by dressing appropriately and by returning the RSVP enclosed in the invitation. This is a great opportunity to show off Leesville to family, socialize with peers, and enjoy one last evening as a student at your high school.

Any senior with unmet academic, material, or financial obligations at the time of the reception will not receive graduation tickets. Those seniors should return to school Saturday, June 9 at 8 AM to clear the obligation and receive tickets. Any senior with an outstanding balance the day of graduation will not receive his/her diploma.

Graduation Ticket Distribution

Each senior who meets all graduation requirements will receive **NINE** graduation tickets at the reception (please note this number has been increased from the original EIGHT). If you cannot attend the reception, you must pick up your tickets at school Saturday morning, June 9, between 8 and 9 AM.

You will need a ticket for **every** person entering the Convention Center, whether they sit on a lap or in a seat, including young children. **NO EXTRA TICKETS WILL BE WITHHELD.** If a senior needs extra tickets, he or she will need to make arrangements with fellow seniors. **The school will not have extra tickets for those who need them and the school is no longer involved with tickets once they are distributed, so please do not contact the school for more tickets.** Graduates do NOT need a ticket for themselves.

Please remember that the entire ceremony will be live-streamed from the WCPSS website so viewing the ceremony in this manner may be a safer, better option for some friends and family.

Graduation Name Call List

One of our five assistant principals will call out your complete legal name at the graduation ceremony. If you have any concerns about how your name is to be pronounced, please see the appropriate assistant principal based on this breakdown of last names:

Mr. Price A-C

Ms. Mills D-He

Ms. Fehling Hi-Me

Ms. Moore Mi-Sc

Ms. Moody Si-Z

Commencement Exercises, Logistics, & Expectations

Date: June 10, 2018
Place: Raleigh Convention Center
Time: 2:00 PM (Doors will open for guests at 1:15--updated)

Seniors MUST wear caps and gowns and appropriate attire for this event.

Seniors should report to the Exhibit Hall at precisely **1:00 PM** for a final line check. Seniors must be present, in line, and wearing proper attire, or they will not walk across the stage. This celebration marks your and your peers' academic accomplishments and is almost as important to your family as it is to you, so conduct yourselves accordingly. If you do not abide by the rules, you will NOT participate.

- Seniors will graduate in alphabetical order. As your name is called, walk across the stage and accept the diploma cover in your **left hand** and shake Dr. Muttillo's **right hand**. Then walk down the center steps and return to the seat designated by the junior marshal.
- Cheering and yelling are not appropriate. This applies not only to graduates, but especially to families and guests. Each graduate and his family deserves to hear his name being read.
- As diplomas are presented, a professional photographer will take pictures of each senior. Images will then be uploaded for purchase. Guests may take pictures from their seats or the designated photography area but **MAY NOT** stand for pictures during the ceremony.
- SENIORS RECEIVE ONLY THE DIPLOMA COVER DURING THE CEREMONY. Seniors who have clear all financial obligations, returned all materials, completed all requirements of the ceremony, and have conducted themselves appropriately will receive diplomas after commencement concludes.
- No chewing gum, no smoking, and no cell phones while wearing a cap and gown.
- Leesville faculty will wear nametags with blue and green ribbons at this ceremony. Be respectful of the faculty and of the guidelines they enforce. The Wake County School Board and/or the Raleigh Convention Center have established many of these expectations.
- Parents and students should not bring the following items inside the Convention Center: water or drinks, glass vases, camera tripods, balloons, strollers, signs, air horns, wrapped packages, and noise makers. Admission will be denied with these items.
- Only individuals in **wheelchairs** may **SIT** in the designated handicapped row. ONE person may accompany a handicapped individual and sit in the row behind the handicapped section. Other guests must sit in general seating. Handicapped individuals should enter from the Marriott Hotel parking deck, putting them on ground level outside section A. Handicapped persons will enter the elevator outside room A to the graduation area.

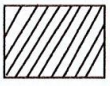
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WCPSS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

Accessible  Parking is located in the parking garage under the Marriott Hotel



Legend



Parking for Graduation & Rehearsal

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From I-40/South
Saunders St.

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the Marriott Hotel