

2021 SENIOR GRADUATION NEWSLETTER

PRACTICE TIMES AND DISTRIBUTION OF CAP AND GOWN

- Thursday, April 29th – 8:00am – 3:00pm in cafeteria/gym/stadium (breakfast, practice, gowns distributed, and crawfish boil)

Practice is mandatory! Practice and Commencement at Lakeshore High will be held in the Stadium. **Seniors must arrange for transportation to practice and commencement.** Please report to the Cafeteria promptly at the assigned time. Only those students who report to practice will be allowed to participate in the commencement exercise. **GRADUATION PRACTICE IS FOR GRADUATES ONLY!!! DO NOT BRING FRIENDS, FAMILY, OR CHILDREN.**

COMMENCEMENT – MAY 2nd, 2021; 5:00 pm at Lakeshore High School.
ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 3:30 pm.

GRADUATES ARE TO ASSEMBLE IN THE LAKESHORE GYM. The Gym is for **GRADUATES ONLY.** Each Graduate will be allowed **6 guests** for entry into the Commencement Ceremony based on the current Covid Capacity Guidelines.

DRESS FOR GRADUATION

Adding items/decorations to the cap, gown, or stole is strictly prohibited.

GIRLS: Attire under the gown should not show above the collar or extend below the hem of the gown. Solid black dress shoes (must have a strap or type of back on heel. Straps are not to be above the ankle). No colored or cork heels. High heels are discouraged. No Crocs, sneakers, or athletic shoes will be allowed. No face piercings – only ears. Face Masks Required (as per current CDC Guidelines – subject to change)

BOYS: White dress shirt, dark tie, dark dress pants (black or navy, No jeans or khaki pants), dark socks, dark dress shoes (black, dark brown, or navy). No sandals, Crocs, sneakers, or other athletic shoes will be allowed. No Bow ties. No face piercings – only ears. Face Masks Required (as per current CDC Guidelines – subject to change)

CAPS AND GOWNS: All caps must be placed flat on the graduate's head and remain as such throughout the ceremony. Everyone should have a supply of bobby pins to secure cap placement. Tassels are worn on the right side until you have graduated. Graduation gowns must be zipped. All graduates should have a stole. **Honor graduates** will wear white cords; **Top Honor graduates** will wear gold cords. **Other: Specific Organization** members will wear their appropriate stoles, pins, and/or cords.

Please take a few moments to steam your stole and gown before arriving for the ceremony. We all want to look our very best. **If you are not dressed (or otherwise presented) appropriately, you will be pulled from the graduation line and will not be allowed to walk.**

DISTRIBUTION OF CAPS AND GOWNS

Caps and gowns will be distributed on Thursday, April 29th after practice. **NO CAPS AND GOWNS WILL BE ISSUED** at Graduation – you must return to school and pick them up by Friday, April 30th before 2:30pm. You **MUST** be off the Owe List in order to receive your cap and gown. You may keep your cap and gown following Graduation.

PROCEDURE FOR GRADUATION CEREMONY

a). All graduating seniors should arrive at Lakeshore by 3:30pm Your designated teacher will call roll at 4:30. This will be done in assigned areas in the gym. This area is off limits to anyone other than graduates. **DO NOT LEAVE ONCE YOU HAVE CHECKED IN.**

*** **DO NOT** bring any valuables with you when you check in – **THIS INCLUDES CELL PHONES, PURSES, AND CAMERAS.**

b). Designated teachers' names and location will be made available at graduation practice.

c). PROCESSIONAL will begin promptly at 5:00pm.

- The faculty will lead and graduates will follow.
- You are to march alphabetically as practiced.
- Senior stage members will proceed to the stage during the processional
- Stage seniors will leave the stage and join their classmates before the presentation of diplomas.
- Once the procession begins, there will be no admittance onto the field.

- d). RECESSIONAL – You will recess from the Graduate seating area out of the gate to the parking lot to meet families. **Only graduates and faculty/staff will be allowed on the field/track before/throughout/after the ceremony!**
- e). As our future leaders and role models, you are expected to conduct yourselves in an exemplary manner.
REMEMBER, ALL EYES WILL BE ON YOU.
- f). Commencement is the most widely attended function at a school. Your behavior will reflect on the entire class. Please refrain from LAUGHING, TALKING, AND CHEWING GUM DURING THE CEREMONY.
- g). HANGING OF BANNERS AND THE USE OF AIR HORNS OR OTHER NOISE MAKERS ARE PROHIBITED.
****Anyone that appears to be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs will not be allowed to participate.**

RECEIVING DIPLOMA

After receiving your diploma cover and exiting the stage, please **immediately** collect your diploma/paperwork envelop from the designated table before returning to your seat. Do not return to your seat without receiving your diploma. Immediately return to your seat and do not exit the stadium until the appropriate time.

AWARDS CEREMONY

The Academic Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27th at 6:00pm in the Gym. Any senior receiving an award is encouraged to attend.

FUTURE PLANS

FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS: You must complete the information of the Future Plans Form regarding your final transcript and return to Mrs. Canas in Guidance. Your final transcript will be mailed during the second week of June to the university/college you have specified, provided the LOSFA form has been submitted to Guidance.

SCHOLARSHIPS: If you have been awarded a scholarship, bring the letter to Mrs. Canas in Guidance as soon as possible so that it may be added to the class total.

REMINDER: COMPLETION OF THE FAFSA FORM IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

SENIOR DEBTS

DEBTS ARE TO BE CLEARED NO LATER THAN 1:00pm ON THURSDAY, April 29th. Report to the front office to **clear all debts.** This includes library books and/or fines, parking fines, ID fines, uniforms, textbooks, fund-raising money, testing fees, etc. **YOU MUST HAND IN YOUR TEXTBOOK BEFORE THE EXAM (EXCEPTION: AP TEXTS) OR PAY THE FULL PRICE OF THE BOOK IF YOU HAVE LOST IT.**

HONOR GRADUATES

Honor Graduates are those students who have earned a **3.5 GPA** or higher. A final list of Honor Graduates will be posted at Graduation Practice on April 29th.

PICTURES AND VIDEOS

PICTURES: A professional photographer will be on hand to take pictures of graduates receiving their diploma. If you are interested in ordering pictures, packets will be distributed and must be returned by the final graduation practice on Thursday, April 29th.

VIDEO OF THE GRADUATION CEREMONY: Channel 13, the St. Tammany Parish Public School System public television station will video the ceremony and live stream it via YouTube. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD TO TAKE PICTURES OR VIDEO DURING THE CEREMONY OR IN GYM WHERE GRADUATES LINE UP BEFORE OR AFTER THE CEREMONY.**

2021 SENIOR EXAM SCHEDULE

APRIL 19TH – 5TH, 6TH, 7TH HOURS

APRIL 20TH – 2ND, 3RD, 4TH HOURS

APRIL 21ST – 1ST HOUR

The faculty and staff of Lakeshore High School would like to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations and best wishes to all of you. It has been a pleasure working with you, Lakeshore High's Senior Class of 2021!