

# 2023 SENIOR GRADUATION NEWSLETTER

## PRACTICE TIMES AND DISTRIBUTION OF CAP AND GOWN

- Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8:00am – 3:00pm in cafeteria/gym (breakfast, practice, gowns distributed, and crawfish boil)
- Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am – 11:00am at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA

**All practices are mandatory.** Practice and Commencement at Southeastern LA University in Hammond will be held at the University Center. **Seniors must arrange for transportation to practice and commencement.** Please report to the parking area adjacent to the University Center promptly at the assigned time. Only those students who report to all practices will be allowed to participate in the commencement exercise. **GRADUATION PRACTICE IS FOR GRADUATES ONLY!!! DO NOT BRING FRIENDS, FAMILY, OR CHILDREN.**

**COMMENCEMENT – MAY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023; 2:00 pm at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA.**  
**ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 12:30 pm.**

**GRADUATES ARE TO ENTER THROUGH GATE 3** – located down the stairs. Gate is for **GRADUATES ONLY**.

## 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. Piercings are limited to the ear and 1 stud nose piercing.

**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. Piercings are limited to the ear and 1 stud nose piercing.

**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 gold cords; **Best in Class graduates** will wear gold AND white 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 Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> after practice. **NO CAPS AND GOWNS WILL BE ISSUED at practice at Southeastern – you must return to school and pick up by Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> before 2:30pm.**

## PROCEDURE FOR GRADUATION CEREMONY

a). All graduating seniors should arrive at Southeastern by 12:30pm Your homeroom teacher will call roll at 1:30. This will be done in assigned areas in the corridors. 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). Homeroom teachers' names and location will be made available at graduation practice.

c). PROCESSIONAL will begin promptly at 2:00pm.

- 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 floor.

d). RECESSIONAL – You will proceed to your homeroom area to sign for and receive your diploma.

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 IS NOT ALLOWED BY SOUTHEASTERN LA UNIVERSITY. THE USE OF AIR HORNS OR OTHER NOISE MAKERS IS ALSO PROHIBITED.

**\*\*Anyone that appears to be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs will not be allowed to participate.**

### **RECEIVING DIPLOMA AFTER GRADUATION**

**After graduation**, please **immediately** return to your homeroom teacher **to sign for and receive your diploma**. You may keep your cap and gown. Do not leave area without signing for your diploma.

### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

The Academic Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**MILITARY ENLISTMENTS:** If you have enlisted in a branch of the US Military, we want to recognize you at the ceremony. Please submit a Form 4 to Mrs. Frederick as verification.

### **REMINDER: COMPLETION OF THE FAFSA FORM IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**

### **SENIOR DEBTS**

**DEBTS ARE TO BE CLEARED NO LATER THAN 1:00pm ON WEDNESDAY, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **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, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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 FLOOR TO TAKE PICTURES OR VIDEO DURING THE CEREMONY OR IN CORRIDOR AREA WHERE GRADUATES LINE UP BEFORE OR AFTER THE CEREMONY.**

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 2023!