

2018 Senior Event Information

Debts and Financial Obligations

Student debts must be cleared BEFORE a student is allowed to **receive his/her prom ticket or cap and gown**. Debts could include textbooks, library books, uniforms, candy money, club dues, etc. Students who do not clear these debts will not be able to participate in Prom, senior week activities, Baccalaureate and/or Graduation. We highly recommend clearing debts as soon as possible. Call Mrs. Mills (260-3911 ex 1172) if there are any questions about senior debts.

Senior Exams

Senior Final Exams begin **May 11**

Friday, May 11 (A)	1st and 3rd Period
Monday, May 14 (B)	5 th and 7 th Period
Tuesday, May 15 (A)	2 nd and 4 th Period
Wednesday, May 16 (B)	6 th and 8 th Period
Thursday, May 17 (A)	Makeups
Friday, May 18 (B)	Makeups
<u>FRIDAY—MAY 18th --</u>	Senior Grades posted by 10:00 a.m.

AP and AICE testing begin **April 30th** and continue until **June 12th**.

Senior Awards Day

The annual Senior Awards Assembly will be held in the Mandarin Auditorium on **Thursday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m.** A letter of invitation will be sent home to award winners and their parents and families.

CAP AND GOWNS DISTRIBUTION

A PHOTO ID CARD IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE YOUR CAP AND GOWN

Wednesday, May 23rd- 25th from 2pm- 4pm, in the Mandarin Auditorium, students will receive their caps and gowns and Graduation tickets. Parents of a graduate will be allowed to pick up the cap and gown for the Graduate. You must have the student ID and your picture ID to receive your student Gown. **REMEMBER IF A STUDENT IS ON THE DEBT LIST HE/SHE WILL NOT RECEIVE HIS/HER CAP AND GOWN OR TICKETS FOR GRADUATION. HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN SENIOR WEEK EVENTS or GRADUATION.**

Payments for cap and gown can be done on line to the Herff Jones Company www.herffjonesnorthflorida.com or call the Herff Jones office at 363-1905 for directions and information.

Students will need to check their cap and gown for fit and size. When you get home, hang the gown up, so that the wrinkles will fall out. If necessary, iron the gown lightly from the inside with a

warm iron. Remember the gown is rented and must be returned immediately after the Graduation Ceremony, so take pictures for posterity before the ceremony. Seniors keep their cap and tassels.

APPROPRIATE DRESS WITH CAP AND GOWN

It is very important that appropriate clothes are worn underneath the gowns:

Gentlemen: -dark trousers or slacks (no jeans or athletic clothes)

-dark dress shoes and socks (no deck shoes or tennis shoes)

-white shirt with collar and dark tie (no bow ties or string ties)

-no jewelry, etc., may be worn over your gown

Ladies:

-dark dress or skirts, dress code length should not show below the hem of the gown, with no collar

-no slacks

-dark solid color shoes (no patterned, cork, sandals, tennis shoes, or backless)

-collar must be attached to their gowns (provided)

-no jewelry, etc., may be worn over your gown

-earrings should be small and subdued

PICTURES

All pictures of your senior in his/her cap and gown should be taken **before** the Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, May 31st, at 5:00 p.m. Baccalaureate (May 27th) is always a good opportunity to take pictures. Caps and gowns must be returned backstage immediately after the Graduation Ceremony. There will NOT be an opportunity to take pictures in their caps and gowns following the Graduation Ceremony at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena.

BACCALAUREATE

The Baccalaureate service will be held at the Mandarin High School Auditorium at 3:00 p.m on May 27th. Participation of Seniors in Baccalaureate service is voluntary. If a Senior would like to participate, the student should report to the school by 2:15 p.m. Family and friends of Graduates are invited to attend. Tickets or invitations are not required. The student should wear his or her cap and gown and dress appropriately (same as for Graduation).

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Rehearsal at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena, Thursday, May 31st at 9:00 am. Seniors should report to the Duval Street Entrance located on the north side of the building. Rehearsal is mandatory. Graduates who do not attend rehearsal will be removed from the ceremony. Seniors should not bring their cap and gown to rehearsal. Seniors who are late to rehearsal will be moved to the rear of the walking lines for the Graduation program.

GRADUATION

Commencement exercises for the Mandarin High School Class of 2018 will be held at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena Thursday, May 31st, beginning promptly at 5:00 p.m. The arena doors will be open at 4:00 p.m. We ask that all guests be seated by 4:45 p.m. Graduates must enter through the Duval Street entrance. The doors for graduates to enter will open at 3:45 p.m. Please allow yourself time to get to the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. Graduates must carry their caps and gowns to the arena. No cell phones, purses, or bags—car keys, cap and gown only. Once students have entered the arena, they will not be allowed to leave.

Graduation tickets are required for family and friends attending the ceremony. We will give each senior only ten tickets when they receive their caps and gowns. NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED.

Seniors will receive their diplomas immediately after the ceremony when they turn in their caps and gowns. Please do not bring gifts or flowers to Graduates before the ceremony. We do not have a secure place to keep these items during the ceremony. Female Graduates should leave their purses with a family member or friend. Seniors will not be allowed to bring in purses, cell phones, cameras or any other items. They are only allowed to enter with car keys.

GRADUATION PARKING

Parking areas for Graduation will be clearly marked and there will be attendants to direct you. The cost for parking will depend on the parking lot that you choose to use. We do not control parking. THERE IS NO FREE PARKING FOR GRADUATES or PARENTS of GRADUATES.

GRADUATE ETIQUETTE WARNING

Any disruptions of the Graduation program by the Graduate or guests of the Graduate will result in the Graduate's diploma being pulled. Should this occur, the Graduate will need to set up a parent conference with the Principal, in order to receive his/her diploma. Please remember that this is a dignified ceremony, not a ball game. Yelling and loud cheering is not permissible as it takes away from the event and makes it difficult for other Graduates names to be heard.

We hope that our Seniors enjoy their last days of high school and the special activities planned for them, especially Graduation. This event will be a memorable occasion for both the students and their families. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email questions to lanea1@duvalschools.org

A reminder, after May 18th, Seniors are not to be on campus unless they are reporting to a Senior activity. Seniors should not visit teachers/staff or underclassmen during the school day. Seniors attending a planned Senior activity should report to the activity location at the appropriate time. Seniors who need to conduct any school business should obtain a Visitor's Pass from the Main Office.

Senior Events Schedule

April 17-May 18th Walking Partners through Coach Yudin/Mrs. Kuhbander (NHS)

April 21st Mandarin Prom 7 p.m.

May 11th -May 18th Senior Final Exams

April 16- May 18th Senior debt clearance and textbook collection with Mills

May 23-25th Cap and Gown Distribution (Mandarin Auditorium) 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

May 16th Senior Athletes Banquet 6 p.m. (for senior athletes and families. Tickets are required for entry – See Coach Rado for information and tickets)

May 24th Senior Awards 6:00 p.m. in the Mandarin High Auditorium

May 18th **Seniors Last Day of High School/ PLAY DAY/ Dr. Richardson’s Pep Rally**

May 27th Baccalaureate 3:00 p.m. at the Mandarin Auditorium. Seniors who are participating in this voluntary event should report to the school no later than 2:15 p.m.

May 21st Senior outing to REBOUNDERZ on Old St. Augustine 11:30am-3:00pm

May 22nd Senior outing to MAIN EVENT on Phillips Highway 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

May 23rd Academic Signing Day in AUD. At 10 a.m.

May 24th Senior outing to ADVENTURE LANDING on Beach Blvd. 10:00- 12:00pm

May 25th Final Debt clearance and textbook collection

Rehearsal is mandatory in order to participate in the
Graduation Ceremony.

May 31st Graduation Rehearsal – 9:00 am

Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena

May 31st Graduation 5:00 p.m.

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Thanks for being a Mandarin Mustang!