

## **Calendar of Events:**

### **Friday, April 30th:**

- Graduation Speeches due to Mrs. Hammer. (Students participating have already met with Mrs. Hammer.)
- Deadline for submitting award and scholarship information to Stephanie Baker, in the Career Center, by 3:00 p.m.
- Seniors will be notified regarding books they have checked out and any debts owed. Any books they are currently using may be turned into the bookstore at any time.

### **Monday, May 3rd:**

- College Decision Day! Wear your college gear and let's celebrate all the colleges our seniors will be attending in the fall.

### **Saturday, May 8th:**

- Morp/Prom from 7:30-10:30 p.m. located in the middle of campus.

### **Monday, May 10th:**

- Senior check-out sheets will be handed out during 2nd period.
- \*Please complete the Senior Survey at this time. \***

### **Tuesday, May 11th:**

- Senior Exams and book check-in period 3/4 and 5 (Seniors must attend all classes).

### **Wednesday, May 12th:**

- Senior Exams and book check-in periods 1 and 2
- Report to Senior Check out at 9:35 a.m., located in the Main Gym by Counselor. Please bring your school laptop, power cord, and hot spot to check-in at this time. **(Seniors MUST complete this check-out process to attend graduation practice. Check-out and practice do not guarantee participation in the graduation ceremony.)**
- Graduation Tickets will be handed out at Senior Check-out. Each Senior will receive **10 tickets**, and will sign for them at check-out.

### **Thursday, May 13th:**

- No school for Seniors.

### **Friday, May 14th:**

- No school for Seniors.
- Seniors failing to meet the requirements for graduation will be notified by phone by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14th.

## **Calendar of Events Continued:**

### **Monday, May 17th:**

- Senior Breakfast-7:15-8:00 a.m. located in the Cafeteria
- Graduation Practice-8:00-10:30 a.m. located in the Main Gym. **You must be present to participate in the formal graduation ceremony.**
- Senior Awards-10:30-11:30 p.m. located in the Auditorium. Seniors will dress-up for this ceremony. Seniors being honored will receive an invitation. Parents are welcome to attend if their senior will be receiving an award.

### **Tuesday, May 18th: GRADUATION DAY!**

- 6:00 p.m. at State Farm Stadium.
- Caps and Gowns should not be worn into the stadium, but carried in. **(If you are borrowing a prior Cactus HS graduates Cap & Gown it MUST be from Jostens and not Balfour).**
- Students check in at GATE 3 at 5:00 p.m. **DO NOT** bring anything but car keys with you into the stadium. Leave all other items at home or with parents. **THIS INCLUDES YOUR CELL PHONE!** All Seniors will go through security and be directed to the staging area.
- Parents will enter through GATE 3. Gates for parents and guests open at 5:00 p.m. Parking is in the East parking lot.
- **Mask (no gators) are required at all times.**
- In conjunction with the State Farm Stadium, we want to inform you that the following items are prohibited: helium balloons, air horns, and/or posters. All items of this sort will be confiscated upon entrance into the stadium.
- It is very important that everyone remember the seriousness of the occasion. Graduation is a **CEREMONY**. Graduating seniors are expected to conduct themselves in a mature manner. **Disruptive behavior (any behavior which distracts from the ceremony) will not be tolerated.** Violators will be removed from the stadium. The actual ceremony will last approximately 1 hour and 10 min.
- No one from the audience will be allowed in the graduate seating section at any time that evening. A professional photographer will be on site to take color photos, which will be available for purchase. You will be contacted by mail for orders. You are under no obligation to buy.
- During the ceremony, you will be presented your diploma cover. Actual diplomas will be available at your school for pick up **until Friday, May 21st.**

- Participation in the graduation ceremony is not mandatory; however, in order to be excused, you **must** make arrangement in advance with Mr. Serafin.

### **Dress Code:**

- Guys-must wear dress slacks, a collared shirt, and dress shoes
- Girls- may wear dresses, skirts, blouses, dress pants, and dress shoes. **High heels are not recommended due to the amount of walking and stairs.**
- No jeans, tennis shoes, or flip-flops allowed. Students arriving for graduation in casual attire (jeans, t-shirts, sandals, flip flops, or tennis shoes) **will not** be permitted to check in or participate.
- Caps and Gowns **CANNOT HAVE EXTRA ADORNMENTS!**

### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

- The Peoria Unified School District **DOES NOT** sponsor or support a senior ditch day. Any student participating in this type of activity will be considered truant and subject to disciplinary measures. Remember attendance is important. Loss of credit may be issued after five (5) absences.
- The Peoria Unified School District **DOES NOT** tolerate negative and irresponsible behavior which disrupts the educational process and/or defaces the campus. Any student participating in such an activity will lose the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony. **He or she will not walk.**

### **GUDANCE/COUNSELING INFORMATION:**

- You should know where you stand as far as credits are concerned. If you received one or more F's and/or incompletes for the third quarter, check with your counselor. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE YOU STAND.** If you do not know-**ASK!!**
- Seniors applying for financial aid at colleges, universities or other postsecondary institutions should have submitted applications by now. ASU, U of A, NAU and the community colleges in our area use the FAFSA form. To apply online, visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Needing Transcripts? Request them through parchment: [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com) A flyer is attached to walk you thru the process.
- The Senior Survey will be on the Senior check out form. **Please complete before May 12<sup>th</sup>**