



VALLEY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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May 1, 2017

Students & Parents of the class of 2017:

With graduation quickly approaching, there are several items related to Commencement that need to be addressed.

Fees (very important!) - All fees must be cleared through the office by May 17th. No checks will be accepted after May 3rd. After May 3rd fees must be paid in cash. Students still owing bills/fees will not be permitted to walk through the graduation ceremony. Contact Lori Spencer in the High School office if you have questions.

Fee Amount:

Grades - It is very important that students continue to work hard academically. Students **MUST** pass all required subjects/credits and all parts of the OGT in order to participate in Commencement exercises.

Final Exams - Senior final exams will be given on Wednesday, May 17th, Thursday, May 18th, and Friday, May 19th. No makeup exams are given without a doctor's note being provided as proof of illness. Exams missed will need to be made up prior to May 22nd.

Senior Breakfast - Prospective graduates of the senior class are invited to a senior breakfast in the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, May 17th at approximately 8:00 a.m. At this time additional information concerning graduation activities will be provided, along with the presentation of special awards.

Baccalaureate - Baccalaureate will take place at the Germantown First Church of God. The address is 760 Farmersville Pike, Germantown. The service will be Sunday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. Prospective graduates should arrive at the church by 6:45 p.m. Graduation gowns will be worn but no caps are to be worn at this activity. This is not a mandatory activity nor a school function but it will be an inspirational service conducted by fellow classmates.

Graduation Practice - Practice will take place at the Princeton Pike Church of God, 6101 Princeton-Glendale Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45011 on Monday, May 22nd. Practice will begin at 12:00 p.m.(noon) and should be completed at approximately 2:00 p.m. This means that students should be there by at least 11:45 a.m. Practice is **MANDATORY** in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Students with jobs should make arrangements with their employers not to work that morning. Students should dress casually for practice and will not need their cap and gown until the Monday evening graduation ceremony.

Graduation – Graduation will start at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of Monday, May 22nd. All graduates should be at the Princeton Pike Church of God no later than 6:00 p.m. The church is air conditioned and there is ample room for everyone to attend. This ceremony is a dignified event and we will not tolerate any disrespectful behavior. We want to provide equal respect and attention to each graduate. Therefore, we hope that each parent, student, friend, and family member will join us in providing such respect and attention.

Dress – Senior boys are to wear dark slacks (no jeans!), dark socks, and Black shoes (no tennis shoes or flip flops), along with a white collared shirt, preferably with a tie. Senior girls are to wear a light colored or white dress or slacks with white shoes. No tennis shoes, flip flops, boots, shorts, sunglasses, chewing gum, etc., will be permitted. Students who display an inappropriate appearance/behavior will not be permitted to participate in commencement exercises.

Special Needs – Any senior having a parent or guest needing special assistance, or handicapped accommodations, will be assisted on arrival at the Princeton Pike Church. Please let the high school know of any special needs before May 22nd.

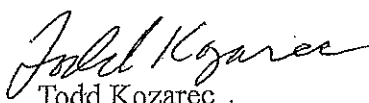
Behavior – We want everyone involved to enjoy graduation. That means we must provide a respectful and dignified ceremony. We will not allow misbehavior, beach balls, air horns, or any other items to interfere with graduation. If needed, we will stop the ceremony to restore an atmosphere of respect and honor. We hope that by working together we can provide the type of ceremony that our students richly deserve.

Senior Conduct – Seniors who are involved in behavioral problems or anything that is in violation of the code of conduct, are subject to disciplinary action. Such discipline may result in suspension or expulsion from school, and could include the loss of the privilege to participate in Commencement exercises. All discipline issues must be completed, before graduation participation will be permitted.

Graduation Parties – Graduation parties have become as much of a ritual as the graduation itself. We all know that alcohol/drugs are a problem among high school students in America. As the class of 2017 departs our school, let's help to make the memories good ones, by refraining from abuse of alcohol and drugs.

I want to thank all of you who have helped to make this school year an educational, enjoyable, and memorable one for all of our seniors. Your hard work and dedication with these students played a very important role in making Valley View High School an outstanding educational institution. We hope that each student can look back at his/her high school years with pride and special memories.

Sincerely,



Todd Kozarec
Principal
Valley View High School