

## PARKDALE HIGH SCHOOL

April 3, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of the **Class of 2017**:

It is with heartfelt joy that we congratulate you in assisting your son/daughter in reaching this monumental time in one's educational career. Graduation is quickly approaching, and it is our goal that every member of the phenomenal Class of 2017 walks proudly across the stage to receive the reward of their hard work, a Prince George's County Public School Diploma. As we prepare to celebrate, we want all students and families to be fully informed of the requirements your child must meet in order to participate in all senior activities this year. We ask that you read this document carefully and access the Parkdale website for additional updates:

### GRADUATION

**In order to participate in the graduation rehearsal and graduation ceremony, students must meet all graduation requirements including: meeting all academic criteria, meeting the HSA/PARCC examination requirements, providing documentation of satisfying the requirements for Student Service Learning Hours(24), and satisfying all financial obligations (book fines, etc.). and completed a Senior Survey, which can be found on the PGCPS website under Student Section**

- Graduation will take place at The Xfinity Center, on the campus of the University of Maryland College Park, on FRIDAY, **JUNE 2nd**. It begins promptly at **1:30 pm**. Graduating seniors will be expected to arrive between **11:30 am - 11:45 am**. **It is imperative that all graduating seniors arrive punctually**. Please ensure that your child is at The Xfinity Center in proper attire, and displaying appropriate, orderly behavior that is aligned with the PGCPS Code of Student Conduct. **Any disorderly conduct will result in that student's diploma to be pulled and he/she will have to wait to receive it on a later date.**

### **GRADUATION DRESS CODE**

No jeans, tennis shoes or casual footwear (i.e. flip-flops, crocs or flat thong sandals) are permitted. Leave all bags with family members and/or in your cars. There will not be a holding area for your personal effects. **Failure to adhere to the dress code for graduation will prohibit students' participation in the commencement. Wear clothes that are appropriate and that you will feel confident in.**

**Young Ladies:** Underneath their cap and **ironed** gown, should wear **dark dresses/skirts** or full length **dark** slacks. **You must commit to your shoes; they cannot be taken off mid-ceremony, so choose wisely!** Young ladies **MUST** leave their purses and or bags with their families or in their cars. **ANYTHING LEFT IN THE XFINITY CENTER WILL BE THROWN AWAY!**

**Young Men:** Underneath their cap and **ironed** gown, should wear full length dark dress slacks, **collared, button-up** shirt and tie (optional). They should also wear dark dress shoes, and dark socks.

**CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE GRADUATION FLOOR!!!!!!!**

**YOU WILL NOT BE ADMITTED ON FLOOR WITH WRITING ON CAP!!!!!!!**

## GRADUATION TICKETS

- Every senior will receive **10 tickets** to graduation. Students will receive these tickets at Graduation Rehearsal 05/31
- Students may not request extra tickets. Parents may request extra tickets from the principal. Extra ticket request will begin at midnight on April 10th and end on May 12th. Tickets are first come first serve. Please do not call the school. Email request to [cmeledic@pgcps.org](mailto:cmeledic@pgcps.org) this is the only way to receive extra tickets. Extra tickets will be packaged with original 10 tickets distributed after rehearsal practice.
- **Disabled Guest Parking**
  - **Handicapped placards and license plates will be honored and you will be escorted to the appropriate parking locations by patrols.**
- **Reserved Seating/Wheel Chair/Disabled Guests**
  - Hearing Impaired- a designated seating area will be reserved for the hearing impaired. A certified interpreter will be provided, *if requested*.

## INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

- **Prohibited Items:** Food or drink, balloons, noise making devices (air horns, etc), and vending of any kind will not be permitted into The Xfinity Center. Please leave these items at home or in your cars. **You will not be permitted into The XFINITY CENTER** if you have these items with you.
- **Guest Arrival:** The main seating area will open at 12:00 pm. Doors will close 1 hour after the graduation has begun. Guests are encouraged to arrive early, *but not before 12:00 pm.*

## SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY

The **Panther Awards Assembly** will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room on **May 04 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** This event is by invitation only; students will be informed by their counselor.

## LOCKER CLEAN OUT

Locker clean-out will be held on Thursday, **May 11<sup>TH</sup> during 1st period.** Any unclaimed items may be discarded. Parkdale High School assumes no liability for items left in lockers after the locker clean-out date.

**All Senior Books are due by May 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Seniors will not receive diplomas until all books have been submitted to teachers and fines cleared. Please do not wait until the last minute or try to submit books to a secretary or other administrative staff. ALL BOOKS MUST BE HAND DELIVERED TO THE SPECIFIC TEACHER.

Please get pink slips from teachers when returning books and keep all pink slips in a safe place until graduation.

**FINAL EXAMS**

- Final Exams will take place from **May 8<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>**. All students are expected to take all final exams. Make-up exams will be offered on **May 15 and May 16**. **Once you are done with Finals you are done!** There will be no further make-up for missed exams after **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. Students who fail to take exams before **May 16<sup>th</sup>** will receive “0”s.

**Schedule**

1A - 3A- 5A ----- 5/08  
2B - 4B ----- 5/09  
2A - 4A----- 5/10  
1B - 3B- 5B----- 5/11

- **Make-up work will only be accepted in the cases of documented approved absences**. Make-up work will not be accepted by teachers if students simply fail to complete assignments. Please **do not** request unapproved work. Your request will be denied.

**\*\*\*\*\*GRADUATION REHEARSAL is MANDATORY\*\*\*\*\***

- Graduation Rehearsals will take place on **May 31<sup>st</sup> and possibly June 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** in the Gym. Students should enter through the door near the gym. Students must have satisfied all financial obligations in full in order to participate in the Graduation rehearsal/ceremony. **Rehearsal is mandatory; you must attend in order to walk across the stage on Graduation day!**
- All graduating seniors must participate for **the full length of the Graduation Rehearsal on May 31<sup>st</sup> (from 8:00 a.m. – until it’s finished)** in order to participate in the Graduation ceremony. **Do not make plans this day. You must be there to get all important information and materials (cap & gown, tickets etc.)**. Graduation tickets, and Caps and Gowns and yearbooks will be distributed immediately following the rehearsal.
- **Seniors who do not participate in the entire Graduation Rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the Graduation ceremony. (NO EXCEPTIONS) IT’s mandatory!!!**

## PROM

Prom will take place on **May 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** @ Martin's West in Baltimore. Please make sure your attire is formal. **Students must pay their financial obligations and have all Student Service Hours completed in order to participate.** *Parents will not be allowed into the prom.* **Parent pictures and videos should be taken at an alternate location.**

- **Outside prom guests must have a "Guest Application" completed prior to receiving a ticket**

### REMAINING SCHOOL DAYS FOR SENIORS And Important Dates

April 22	Last day for Prom Tickets
May 04	Senior Panther Awards
May 8 – 12	Final Exams
May 15-16	Make-up Final Exams
May 11	Senior Locker Clean Out
May 12	Last Day of School and Prom
May 30	Mandatory Rehearsal – Main Gym
June 1	Mandatory Rehearsal if needed
June 2	Graduation – Xfinity Center -University of Maryland

It has been our pleasure to assist you with preparing your child to launch into the wonderful world of adulthood. On behalf of every staff person in the Parkdale High School family, I would like to salute you for the huge role you have played in bringing your child to this monumental occasion. I wish you all the best, and may all your child's endeavors become realities.

Sincerely,

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