

Ashland High School

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May 12, 2017

Dear Class of 2017 Families:

The big day is almost here! We are making preparations for **Graduation on Friday, June 2 at 6:30 PM in Lithia Park**. Rehearsal begins promptly at 9:00 AM on June 2 at the Lithia Park Bandshell. All graduates participating in the ceremony are *required* to attend and they should bring their caps and gowns. We ask that you notify the office right away if you do not intend to participate in the graduation ceremony. After rehearsal, all students will board a bus headed to an elementary school where they will go and do a scholar parade through the halls. This is inspiring for our elementary students and meaningful for our graduates and the elementary teachers. They will return on the bus to Lithia Park by 12PM.

All graduates must begin lining up prior to the ceremony at 5:30 PM wearing their caps and gowns. Caps and gowns may not be decorated; shorts are not permitted. Suitable attire includes a dress or a skirt/slacks with a nice shirt. Choose your footwear carefully so that you can walk comfortably on the uneven terrain. The Class of 2017 will begin their processional at 6:15 PM.

Outstanding fees and fines must be paid by May 31. In addition, students must return all library books and textbooks to the Textbook Depository after final exams. Remember, students will not be allowed to walk at graduation if they have not returned all books, uniforms and paid their outstanding fees and fines. We ask that lockers be cleaned out by 4:00 PM on June 1. Items left in lockers or in lost and found will be disposed of or donated.

Seating: There will not be any chairs set up by AHS on the lawn. Families choosing to watch graduation from the lawn area in front of the Bandshell must bring their own blankets and **low**-profile chairs (think Britt Festival). Blankets and chairs will be allowed on the lawn beginning at 5:00 PM. A security guard will remove anything placed on the lawn prior to 5:00 PM. We will provide chairs *only* for elderly or disabled patrons. The chairs will be located on the street (closed to traffic) and along the wheelchair-accessible ramps.

Our **Professional photographer** will start posting Graduation 2017 photos within 72 hours. In order to preserve everyone's view, we will rope off the area in front of our graduates. We want parents to behave with decorum and remain seated during the event. We will designate a photo area on one side of the stage for those parents who want to take a quick photo of their graduate and then return to their seats.

- **Official Photographer Larry Stauth (Rock Solid Photography)** will be present at rehearsal as well as graduation and will take photographs of each student receiving his or her diploma. Photos will begin being uploaded throughout the days following the Ceremony. They may be viewed and purchased at <http://rocksolid.zenfolio.com/ahs2017>. They will be uploaded in groups in order of the diplomas received. If you do not see your photos, and need to inquire, please provide as many details as possible to aid in locating your student, as not all of the Graduates are known by name *only*. *It also* helps if you note which side of the stage you were seated on and other people who were in your row, especially if you see their photo posted already.

He is often able to honor special requests, provided they are made in a timely manner and will not impede his ability to photograph all graduates. Contact ljstauth@rocksolidgallery.com for more information.

Professional Videographer, Jereme Dittmer of Catalyst Video Production will create a DVD of the Graduation festivities including pre and post ceremony footage for \$25. Orders may be placed online at www.cvpmedia.com. (Phone: 541-840-0032)

Inclement Weather: In the unlikely event of a *torrential downpour*, we will move the ceremony to the AHS Gym. If a change of venue occurs, a notice will appear on our website and will also be sent via phone on the emergency alert system to all AHS families.

Schedule for Friday, June 2:

9:00-11:00 AM Mandatory graduation rehearsal for seniors at the Lithia Park Bandshell
11:00-12:00PM Scholar Parade
12:00PM Dismissed
5:00 PM Place blankets and low-profile chairs on the lawn
Any chairs/blankets/items placed before 5:00 PM will be removed.
5:15 PM Preshow entertainment begins
5:30 PM Graduates arrive at Lithia Park and line up
6:15 PM Processional begins
6:30-8:30 PM Graduation Ceremony

10:00-11:00 PM Students arrive at the AHS Theater Lobby to check in for Senior All-Night
4:30-5:00 AM Students arrive back at AHS from Senior All Night

Please direct all questions to our Main Office Secretary, Sheila Holtey, at Sheila.Holtey@ashland.k12.or.us or 541-482-8771 ext. 2100.

I look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our graduates with you.

Best,



Erika Bare