



# ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Allen Park High School

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### **GRADUATION MANDATORY REHEARSAL – MAY 30 @ 1:00 PM** **GRADUATION – FRIDAY, JUNE 1 – TAYLOR SPORTSPLEX @ 7:00 PM**

Dear Parents/Guardians of Graduating Seniors,

The enclosed information pertaining to end of year senior activities and graduation is for your review. We are looking forward to these special occasions for our graduates and their families and ask your support in discussing the significance of these events with your son/daughter. We remind our students that participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege and not a right or requirement. The ceremony is intended to be a dignified celebration. Any behavior that draws attention to a graduate at the expense of the dignity of this event will not be tolerated and students will be removed.

#### **IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION**

- 📌 **SENIOR EXAMS** – Students will have a **full day of school on Thursday, May 24** and a **½ day of school on Friday, May 25**. They will be released at 11:00 AM on Friday. Students take exams 4-5-6 on Thursday afternoon and 1-2-3 on Friday morning.
- 📌 **GRADUATION REHEARSAL** – Graduation rehearsal is **mandatory** for students wishing to participate in commencement exercises on June 1. Rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Taylor Sportsplex**. Students who do not participate in this rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the Friday night graduation ceremony. Students should plan to spend 2 hours at rehearsal.
- 📌 **GRADUATION TICKETS** – Each family will receive 4 tickets to the commencement exercises at the Taylor Sportsplex. Graduates do not need a ticket to enter. **These tickets will be distributed to your student at graduation rehearsal. EXTRA TICKETS** - Because we must adhere to the fire safety regulations, we cannot overbook this facility. If you do not need all of your tickets, please return them to the Principal's Office.
- 📌 Students will be able to sign up for extra tickets starting May 7th. **We cannot guarantee extra tickets, but believe that we can accommodate most reasonable requests based on previous years' experience. If available,** they will be included in the tickets that the graduate receives at rehearsal.
- 📌 **CAPS AND GOWNS** – Caps and gowns will be passed out at the Sportsplex directly after rehearsal. If your graduate has outstanding fines, the cap and gown will be held in the Principal's office.
  - **APPROPRIATE ATTIRE** - The required attire for the graduation ceremony includes properly worn caps and gowns. The cap and gown should not be adorned. No pins, awards, flowers or corsages are allowed on the gowns. The graduation ceremony is a formal occasion, and students should dress appropriately. Athletic shoes, flip flops, t-shirts, shorts or blue jeans are not appropriate dress attire. Be aware that the cap and gown for females is white and that the color of the outfit worn beneath will show through.

- 🔊 **GRADUATION DAY** – The doors to the arena will be open at 6:00 PM. Seating is first come, first served.
- 🔊 **PICTURES** – Palazzolo is our official graduation photographer. All seniors will be photographed before they cross the stage to receive their diplomas. Photographs will be posted online at their secure website within 72 hours after graduation. You will be able to view and order them for 90 days with Visa, MasterCard, and Discover or by check. Orders are shipped directly to the home, with 100% satisfaction guaranteed. Please go to [www.palazzolophoto.com](http://www.palazzolophoto.com). Click to view photos, APGrad2018 passcode APGrad2018
- 🔊 PLEASE, DO NOT APPROACH THE STAGE TO TAKE PICTURES.
- 🔊 **DVD's OF THE CEREMONY** will be available from Pictures in Motion. The cost of a DVD will be \$10 each. Please see the enclosed order form. [www.picsinmotion.net](http://www.picsinmotion.net)
- 🔊 **PROCEDURES FOR DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION** – Students or their parents will need to pick up the student's diploma in the News-Herald arena directly after the graduation ceremony.

We expect that the Class of 2018 will conduct itself appropriately and we look forward to a positive and enjoyable end-of-year with them. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

John R. Kelley, Principal  
Ken Stephens, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director  
Karen Moran, Assistant Principal

*Congratulations to our SENIORS!*