

Dear Seniors,

Welcome to the four fastest months of your life! Every year at graduation, seniors take off their caps and gowns and wonder where the time has gone. Between now and graduation, there will be a significant number of events, and we do not want you to miss important opportunities. Springville High School is blessed to have several local scholarships awarded to graduating seniors each year, some of which have multiple recipients. You are encouraged to apply for as many of these scholarships as you qualify for. Your main concern should be the due date. **Scholarship applications are due to Ms. Whiteside on Thursday, April 4, unless otherwise noted.** Applications are available on the school website under the Our School tab, and then you must click on the Counseling Section. Once there, click on Class of 2024 and then Scholarships and you should see the local scholarships listed.

Again, applications are due to Ms. Whiteside on April 4, which is about two months away. Do not delay! In many cases, your only contact with scholarship donors will be through your written application. You will need plenty of time to complete the application because it must be error-free, which takes time to do correctly. While some scholarship applications are more extensive than others, most require a resume or cover letter. We recommend that you pay close attention to the requirements and deadlines for each scholarship, as they may vary. Mrs. Eidson will be happy to advise you on these matters if you ask.

Finally, there seems to be a perception that only a select few students will receive these scholarships. This is a mistake that many seniors have made in the past. The donors who offer these local scholarships consider the attributes of each applicant as a whole in their selection process. Everyone is considered, regardless of academics or extracurricular activities. You will not receive a scholarship if you do not apply. Again, all seniors are encouraged to apply. We wish you the best of luck throughout the process.

Sincerely,

Dr. Moore and Ms. Whiteside

Dear Senior Class Parents:

The anticipation of graduation is a joyful time. As senior sponsors, we wish to help you as you prepare for this milestone in your senior's life. The following schedule of activities and expectations is to inform you of upcoming events and responsibilities. Please take time to go over this information with your senior, so that you both can plan ahead for this once in a lifetime memory.

CAP & GOWN PICTURES

Cap & gown pictures will be made on Monday, February 26th. Your senior will have these pictures taken at the high school. They will receive an appointment time and there is no sitting fee. Proofs will be sent home for purchase.

INVITATIONS

Send/Mail invitations to arrive at least two weeks before graduation. Students should send invitations to close friends and relatives. Teachers should not be sent invitations unless he or she is a personal friend of the family.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you notes should be mailed in appreciation of all gifts, especially scholarships received.

SENIOR FEES

The senior fee is \$125.00. This fee is applied to the purchase of your cap and gown, diploma, diploma cover, programs and inserts, flowers, and the rental of chairs and the stage for football field. **Senior Fees are due by Friday, April 19, 2024.** Please note that caps and gowns will not be issued unless senior fees are paid, school debts cleared, and uniforms and books are turned in to the appropriate place, this includes the return of the school issued laptop, bag, and charger.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Please visit the counseling section on the school website at sccboe.org/shs to find scholarship applications. **All local applications must be turned in to Ms. Whiteside by Thursday, April 4, 2024** unless a different date is indicated.

SENIOR EXAMS - Seniors who have not met their graduation requirements will not participate in graduation (will not receive cap and gown nor walk at graduation)

Final exams will be given on **Thursday, May 9th (1,3,7) & Friday, May 10th (2,4,6,8).**

SENIOR AWARDS

Senior Awards will be held on Wednesday, May 15th at 9AM in the high school gymnasium. Girls are to wear school appropriate dresses and dress shoes. No tennis shoes, flip-flops or flopping shoes. Guys are to wear dress shirts, ties, dress slacks, and dress shoes. No blue jeans, tennis shoes, flip-flops or flopping shoes. No hats or headgear to be worn by girls or boys! **ALL ATTIRE MUST ADHERE TO SCHOOL DRESS CODE RULES!**

DRESS FOR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE (date to be determined)

Girls – Dress, skirt, or Dress pants. No shorts. No flip-flops. No jeans. No hats or headgear.

Guys – Collar shirts, dress pants, and dress shoes. No shorts. No flip-flops. No sandals. No loop earrings. No Jeans. No hats or headgear. Must follow school dress code.

DRESS FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES INVOLVING CAPS AND GOWNS

Girls – School appropriate dress not longer than gown and appropriate dress shoes. *No tennis shoes (Vans, Converse, Toms etc.), flip-flops, or flopping shoes, etc. No flashy or big loop earrings. No clothing or jewelry should show above the collar. There is to be nothing on caps...no embroidery, paint, glitter, etc. There is to be NO VISIBLE HAIRPIECES!

Guys – White dress shirt, dark tie, dark dress slacks, and dark dress shoes. No tennis shoes, flip-flops, or flopping shoes, etc. No loop earrings.

***Students who are not dressed appropriately will not be allowed to participate in graduation or baccalaureate programs.**

Any inappropriate behavior will keep a student from participation in graduation. In such a case, Dr. Moore will give the diploma at school later.

****NO cords of any kind will be worn except for those issued by the school like Beta Club, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and other honor societies.**

BACCALAUREATE REHEARSAL (IMPORTANT)!

Participation in baccalaureate requires a student attending 70% of practices. As of now, practices are scheduled **beginning the week of April 22 at 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. daily**. There will be additional practices offered during Reach as well. Students will receive exact practice dates prior to the first rehearsal. To receive credit for being at practice, students must be present at the beginning of each practice session. Students not attending 70% of practices will not be allowed to participate in the program. You must listen to announcements to know when practices are. There is a dress rehearsal at Faith Community Fellowship (Trussville location) on **Monday, May 13th at 7 a.m. If you do not come to the practices, you cannot be on the stage at the baccalaureate service.**

NOTE: Baccalaureate is an optional program. Please keep in mind that this is an opportunity for your family members to come to see you in a graduation activity in the event they can't come to graduation. Please advise your parents on what baccalaureate entails before you decide that you do not want to participate. Also, please remember that graduation is not just about you. Your parents are very proud of you and your accomplishments and would like you to be involved in all graduation events. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

BACCALAUREATE

Seniors must be dressed in gowns and on stage at **5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14th** at Faith Community Fellowship in Trussville. **The baccalaureate program will be presented at 6:30 p.m.** Seniors will wear gowns without caps during this program. Please follow dress code guidelines listed.

ISSUANCE OF CAP/GOWN

Seniors will receive their cap and gowns on **Monday, May 13th beginning at 1:00pm.** All fees (includes lost books, class fees, lunch fees, senior fees, school issued laptop, bag, and charger, and athletics) must be paid prior to receiving cap and gown. Check with your teachers now to see if you owe any money.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL/SCHOOL WALK THROUGH

Seniors will meet at SHS at **7:45 a.m. on Friday, May 17th** to ride a bus to Margaret Elementary School and then to Springville Elementary School for senior walk through. Students will need their cap and gowns for this activity. Rehearsal for graduation will be at **10:00 a.m.** on the football field. Attendance for this rehearsal is required unless excused by Dr. Moore.

GRADUATION

Seniors must be dressed in caps and gowns and in the **SHS gymnasium at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, May 17th.** At that time pictures will be made for the yearbook.

Seniors will leave gymnasium and proceed to football field at **6:50 p.m. and graduation ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m.**

In the event of rain on May 17th, graduation will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. In the event of rain on May 18th, graduation will be held in the gymnasium at 10 a.m. Students will receive 5 rainy day graduation tickets for admission. This will be given out at practice on May 17th.

Thank you for letting us work with your senior and for making this a successful year. We congratulate you for years of hard work and achieving this important goal in your lives.

Springville High School Senior Sponsors:

Kayla Brinson, Jennifer Eidson, Jonathan Ford, Maranda Hicks, Warren House, Brandon Preston, Nena Rich, John Paul Taruc, Amanda Umphrey

Counselor – Sarah Whiteside

Principal – Dr. Greg Moore

Seniors:

If your parents would like to buy a senior ad to go in the yearbook your money and information are due to the Yearbook Staff no later than **April 15th**.

Full Page: \$200

Half Page: \$100

Quarter Page: \$60

SAMPLE TEXT:

Dear Sally,

I can't believe that you are graduating from high school. You have worked so hard, and we are so proud of all that you have accomplished so far in your life. We wish you nothing but the best in your future.

We Love You!

Mom and Dad

Photos can be emailed to shsyearbook@sccboe.org – reference student name in subject or can be sent on disk or thumb drive if possible. If not, please make sure to put names on the back of each individual picture so that we can return when completed.

Also, if you are interested in purchasing a brick to place outside the gym in honor of your senior, please go to school website, click on our school, and click on Commemorative Brick Fundraiser.

Calendar of Events

February 26, 2024	Cap/gown pictures will be made
April 19, 2024	Senior fees due (\$125)
April 4, 2024	Local scholarships due (Ms. Whiteside)
April 15, 2023	Deadline to purchase ads for the yearbook
Week of April 22, 2024	Baccalaureate practice starts
May 6 – 17, 2024	AP exams
May 9 – 10, 2024	Senior exams
May 13, 2024	Baccalaureate practice at Faith Community Fellowship– 7:00 AM
	Seniors will pick up their cap and gowns at 1:00 PM (will need to make sure all fees are paid)
May 14, 2024	Baccalaureate at Faith Community Fellowship - 6:30 PM
May 15, 2024	Senior Awards at 9:00 AM – SHS gymnasium
May 17, 2024	Meet at SHS at 7:45 AM – MES and SES walk-through 10 AM graduation practice at SHS football field 7 PM graduation at SHS football field