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"Home of the Tigers"

Spring 2018

Dear Class of 2018 Parents/Guardians and Graduates

After four years of perseverance and dedication at San Luis Obispo High School, we are planning numerous memorable events, culminating with Commencement. These activities reflect our shared pride in our students' achievements. Please review this letter carefully, as it contains important information for you and your senior.

Key Dates and Events:

- **Thursday, April 19, 2018/** Senior Contract mailed home
- **Monday, April 23/** Senior Meeting (Mandatory)
- **Friday, April 27, 2018/** Senior Contract due to the ASB Office
- **Saturday, May 19/** Prom
- **Tuesday, May 22/** Senior Recognition/Teacher of the Year Assembly
- **Wednesday, May 23/** Spring/End-of-the-Year Sports Award Night
- **Thursday, May 24/** Golden Tiger Awards Night
- **Thursday, May 24/** Deadline to submit Self-Reported Honors & Awards to College & Career Center
- **Friday, May 25 /** Deadline to submit Field Trip Permission for Senior Picnic
- **Friday-Tuesday, June 1-5/** *Senior Finals*
- **Monday, June 4/** Senior Check Out Card handed out during 2nd Period
- **Tuesday, June 5/** Deadline to submit Senior Check Out Card/Counseling Office (4:00 p.m.)
- **Tuesday, June 5/** Mayor's Award for Community Service
- **Wednesday, June 6/** Senior Picnic
- **Thursday, June 7/** Commencement Rehearsal followed by Senior Showcase Rehearsal
- **Thursday, June 7/** Senior Showcase
- **Friday, June 8/** Commencement
- **Friday, June 8/** Grad Night
- **Starting on Monday, June 11/** **Diplomas** will be available for pick-up in the Counseling Office 8:00am - 4:00pm.
Please bring identification.



Senior Meeting: Monday, April 23, 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM, SLOHS Big Gym

This *mandatory* meeting for all seniors will be held Monday, April 23, 8:15 a.m. in the big gym. Topics will include senior mailing, prom, graduation speakers, Senior Recognition Assembly, Golden Tiger Awards, Senior Picnic, Senior Showcase, Graduation Rehearsal, Graduation, Grad Night and more!!!



PROM: Saturday, May 19, 8:00 – 11:00 PM, Mountainbrook Church, SLO

Tickets on sale in the ASB office. With ASB card: Single \$40 / Couple \$80; Without ASB card: Single \$45 / Couple \$90. Checks should be made out to **San Luis Obispo High School ASB**. No admittance to Prom without proper ID or after 9:30 pm. Guest Passes must be completed and turned in by **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 17 to Mr. Frost.**



Senior Recognition & Teacher of the Year: Tuesday, May 22, 9:00 AM, Big Gym

This special assembly celebrates the hard work of our senior students. Seniors will be recognized in various ways; President's Educational Excellence Awards, CSF (California Scholarship Federation) Lifetime Membership Gold cords, National Merit finalists and commended students, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) graduation cords

awarded, CTE (Career Technical Education) Pathway Completers graduation cords awarded, College Bound (CSU, UC, Community College, Private & Out-of-State Institutions) and those students entering the military. This special assembly will take place in the presence of the entire student body, incoming 9th grade students, faculty and parents. (During Senior Showcase Senior Self-Reported Honors & Awards will be recognized. Be sure to submit the self-reporting form included in this packet.) We will also recognize the Teacher of the Year as voted on by SLOHS students.



Golden Tiger Awards Night: Thursday, May 24, 6:30 PM, Big Gym

Students in all grade levels will be honored for their outstanding academic achievement in the classroom. This is an invitation only event. *Invitations will be mailed out 2-3 weeks prior to the event.*

Senior Check Out Cards: Monday, June 4, Distributed in 2nd Period Class

Seniors will be given their "senior check out card" on June 4, in their 2nd per. class. The completed check out card should be turned in to the counseling office by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, June 5th. ***Failure to do so will result in your diploma being held.***

Senior **PICNIC (Complimentary): Wednesday, June 6, 9:15 AM, Big Gym**

The annual Senior Picnic is a day of fun activities and a delicious BBQ, just for our seniors. If you would like to help serve or donate food (see flyer enclosed), please contact Mr. Stewart at cstewart@slcusd.org.

- All Seniors attending the picnic must be transported by District buses to and from the event.
- Seniors will meet in the SLO High Big Gym at 9:15 AM. Buses will return to school by 2:30 PM.
- **No private transportation is allowed. Students will be asked to leave if they use transportation other than district buses.**
- **All students must submit a signed permission slip in order to board the bus. The enclosed permission slip MUST be returned to the box outside of Room 130 (ASB Room), by Friday, May 25.**



Commencement Rehearsal: Thursday, June 7, Big Gym, 8:30 AM

Students must report to the Big Gym on Thursday, June 7th at 8:30 AM to rehearse the line-up, procession and diploma presentation. The rehearsal, including cap and gown distribution, will be completed by 11:30 AM. **Students must attend the entire rehearsal in order to participate in commencement on Friday evening.**

- **CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION** will take place immediately following the Commencement Rehearsal. **All obligations must be cleared prior to cap and gown distribution.**

Showcase Rehearsal: Thursday, June 7, Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Cal Poly, 12:00 PM

All scholarship recipients and performers for *Senior Showcase* should arrive promptly at noon at the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center. Rehearsal will end at approximately 2:00 PM for scholarship recipients and 4:00 PM for performers. **All award recipients and performers should arrive back at the PAC at 5:00 PM in their gown (no caps) and appropriate attire.**



Senior Showcase: Thursday, June 7, Performing Arts Center (PAC), Cal Poly, 6:00 PM

Senior Showcase is an opportunity to recognize our senior class. This celebration will not only honor academic achievement, but will showcase our seniors' talents. Scholarships awarded to our seniors will be announced. (Self-Reported Honors & Awards due no later than Thursday, May 24). Seating will begin at 5:30 PM in the PAC at Cal Poly on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no charge to attend *Senior Showcase*, but *a parking fee of \$10.00 will be charged to park in the parking structure outside the Performing Arts Center.* **Graduates will sit together at the performance and should arrive in gown (no caps) and appropriate attire.**

Please share your good news with us. Submit the *Self-Reported Honors & Awards form NO LATER THAN Thursday, May 24* to the College & Career Center to be announced at Senior Showcase.

Commencement: Friday, June 8, Holt Field, 4:30 PM (Students Meet in Big Gym at 3:30 PM)

San Luis Obispo High School's graduation has a long-standing tradition of being a respectful and dignified ceremony. Our graduates have worked hard towards this milestone in their young adult lives. We know you share our respect for the significance of Commencement and all it represents to our students, community and school.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask for your cooperation in making Commencement an important and meaningful event for **all** seniors. We request that you and your graduate please discuss and observe the following guidelines for the Commencement ceremony:

Seniors are to arrive at San Luis Obispo HS Big Gym by 3:30 PM to participate in the ceremony.


- Dress: Example dress: dress slacks, skirt, dress, collared shirt, blouse, tie, dress shoes, etc...
- Cap/Gown: Nothing is to be attached to, drawn on the gown or cap, or carried (i.e. leis, bouquets of flowers, buttons, boutonnieres, corsages, etc.).
- Tassel: Worn on the right side.
- Sunglasses: May be worn. We request that you leave them on your seat when you rise to approach the stage. Lifetouch Photos will take a graduation picture as you receive your diploma.
- CSF, AVID Honor Cord
Place around neck with tassels hanging in front.

Any student dressed inappropriately will not participate in the event. Casual attire (i.e. bare feet, shorts, flip-flops, etc.), is considered inappropriate.


- The audience should remain seated throughout the entire ceremony. Please do not disrupt the reading of student names. ***Air horns or any other noise devices are NOT permitted and use of air horns may result in you being asked to leave.***
- Staff members may conduct an open-gown check of any graduate given reasonable suspicion of misconduct. Students possessing inappropriate items will be excluded from the ceremony. No inflatables or noisemakers are allowed.
- If, at any time, behavior of any participant(s) does not meet acceptable standards of dignity and decorum, the graduate(s) involved in the disruption will be removed.
- **Please keep your graduate's valuables (purses, cell phones and/or cameras) until the end of the ceremony.**


Seating: 

Commencement exercises will be held in our home stadium, Holt Field. Seating will accommodate all family members and guests. However, we would like to remind you that seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Gates will open at 3:00 PM. ***Seating for a disabled individual or any individual in need and one escort will be provided. Any student with a guest who requires handicapped seating should contact Nick Frost, Assistant Principal (nfrost@slcUSD.org 596-4040), for handicapped seating before June 4th. No other reserved seating will be available.***


Graduate Photos:  A photo will be taken of each graduate receiving his/her diploma. Information about purchasing graduation photos will be mailed to you at home after commencement. You can contact Lifetouch Photos at 800-334-3697 with any questions after receiving the information. Pictures will be available for viewing through Lifetouch events viewing portal, <https://events.lifetouch.com/findphoto.aspx>, approximately 10 days after graduation. Just follow the instructions provided.

Commencement Parking: Parking at the San Luis Obispo High School site will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to construction, we will have less parking available this year. Please plan on carpooling and arriving early. There will be designated areas for vehicles with handicapped placards. Several parking/traffic attendants will assist in the flow of traffic to help us avoid bottlenecks.

 **Diploma Pick-Up:** Diplomas will be available for pick-up starting the following week on Monday, June 11th and may be picked up in the Counseling Office 8:00-4:00. *Please bring proper i.d.*

Grad Night 2018 – Friday, June 8, 9:30 PM to Saturday, June 9, 3:30 AM 

Parents of our SLO High students have been busy planning a safe and sober graduation party for the Class of 2018. We ask you to support this activity and give our seniors an opportunity to share some last high school moments and memories together. Grad Night 2018 will be held **Friday, June 8, 9:30 PM, until Saturday, June 9, 3:30 AM**. This will enable your family to enjoy time with your seniors before this late night party begins.

 **Tickets for Grad Night may be purchased online at: www.slohsgradnight.org from April 1st to June 7.** Beginning on **May 23** and every Wednesday and Thursday thereafter, tickets will be **sold at lunch in front of the big gym, by the Grad Night committee for \$65.** Please make checks out to **SLOHS GRAD NITE**. Committee members will also sell tickets at the Senior Picnic on **June 6** and at Cap and Gown Distribution on **June 7**. *Seniors may check in at 9:30 PM at the Big Gym, prior to boarding buses to the event. NO BACKPACKS* will be permitted and purses will be checked. Any student(s) found with drugs or alcohol will have their parents called to take

them home. Anyone wishing to donate money to help make this a successful event please contact **Cathy Manning at (805) 234-2933**. **Grad Night questions may be directed to Mike Smith at (805) 361-0801**.

End of the Year Expectations:

The success of senior activities depends upon the understanding, cooperation and support of you and your graduate. Please remind your son/daughter that anyone involved in "any infraction/violation of school rules that is suspendable, which occurs within 42 calendar days of graduation, will be subject to the loss of some or all of the senior activities including graduation."

If you have questions, please visit the school website at: <http://slohs.slcsd.org> or contact the school directly 596-4040.

We believe that a positive beginning four years ago should culminate on a positive note. We look forward to an enjoyable senior activity schedule and a meaningful commencement ceremony. Together we will make it happen with Tiger pride. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Leslie O'Connor
Principal

