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"Home of the Tigers"

Spring 2016

Dear Class of 2016 Parents and Guardians,

After four years of hard work 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:

- **Monday, April 25th Senior Meeting (Mandatory)**
- **Saturday, May 21st Prom**
- **Wednesday, May 25th Senior Recognition/Teacher of the Year Assembly**
- **Thursday, May 26th Golden Tiger Awards Night**
- **Friday, May 27th Deadline to submit Self-Reported Honors & Awards to College & Career Center.**
- **Friday, May 27th Deadline to submit Field Trip Permission form to participate in Senior Picnic to ASB.**
- **Friday-Tuesday, June 3rd thru June 7th Senior Finals (See enclosed calendar)**
- **Monday, June 6th Senior Check Out Card handed out during 2nd Period**
- **Tuesday, June 7th Deadline to submit Senior Check Out Card to the Counseling Office (4:00 p.m.)**
- **Wednesday, June 8th Senior Picnic**
- **Thursday, June 9th Commencement Rehearsal**
- **Thursday, June 9th Senior Showcase**
- **Friday, June 10th Commencement**
- **Friday, June 10th Grad Night**
- **Starting on Monday, June 13th-Diplomas will be available for pick-up in the Counseling Office during regular school business hours (8:00am - 4:00pm). Please bring proper identification.**

Senior Meeting: Monday, April 25th, 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM, SLOHS Gym

Mandatory meeting for all seniors on Monday, April 25th at 8:15 a.m. in the new gym. Topics will include senior information packet, prom, graduation speakers, Senior Recognition Assembly, Golden Tiger awards, Senior picnic, *Senior Showcase*, graduation rehearsal, graduation, Grad Night and more!!!

Senior Recognition & Teacher of the Year Assembly: Wednesday, May 25th, 9:00 AM - New Gym

This special assembly celebrates the hard work, perseverance and dedication 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, 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. We will recognize the Teacher of the Year as voted on by SLOHS students.

Golden Tiger Awards Night: Wednesday, May 26th, 6:45 PM, New Gym

Students 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.**

Prom: Saturday, May 21st, 8:00 – 11:30 PM, Pavilion on the Lake, Atascadero

Tickets on sale in the ASB office - \$70.00 for a couple with ASB Card, \$80.00 without ASB Card; Single tickets cost \$35.00 with an ASB card, and \$40.00 without. Checks should be made out to **San Luis Obispo High School ASB.**

Senior Check Out Cards: Monday, June 6th, Distributed in 2nd Period Class

Seniors will be given their "senior check out card" on June 6th, 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 7th. **Failure to do so will result in your diploma being held.**

Senior Picnic (Complimentary): Wednesday, June 8th, 9:15 am, New 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 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 Activities Office, Room 13, by Friday, May 27th.**

Commencement Rehearsal: Thursday, June 9th, New Gym, 8:30 AM

Students must report to the New Gym on Thursday, June 9th 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 9th, Performing Arts Center 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 9th, Performing Arts Center (PAC) at 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 are due no later than Friday, May 27th) 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 \$6.00 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.**

Commencement: Friday, June 10th, Holt Field, 4:30 PM (Students Meet in New 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 New Gym by 3:30 PM to participate in the ceremony.**
- Boys: Dress slacks, shirt, tie and dress shoes.
- Girls: Dress/skirt, blouse and dress shoes.
- 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. You 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, 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 noise makers 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. ***Disabled seating will be provided for any individual in need and one escort. 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 5th. 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 805-614-6888 with any questions after receiving the information.

Commencement Parking: Parking at the San Luis Obispo High School site will be on a first-come, first-served basis. 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 "not" be available for pick-up following the ceremony.*** Diplomas will be available for pick-up starting the following week on Monday, June 13th and may be picked up in the Counseling Office during regular school business hours (8:00-4:00). Please bring proper i.d.

Grad Night 2016 – Friday, June 10th, 9:30 PM to Saturday, June 11th, 3:30 AM

Parents of our SLO High students have been busy planning a safe and sober graduation party for the Class of 2016. We ask you to support this activity and give our seniors an opportunity to share some last moments and memories together. Grad Night 2016 will be held **Friday, June 10th, 9:30 PM, until Saturday, June 11th, 3:30 AM.** This will enable your family to enjoy time with your seniors before this late night party begins. Beginning on **May 25th**, and every Wednesday and Thursday thereafter, tickets will be sold at lunch in front of the new gym, by the Grad Night committee for **\$55**. They will also be sold at the Senior Picnic on June 8 and at Cap and Gown Distribution on **June 9th**.

Seniors may check in at 9:30 PM at the New Gym, prior to boarding buses to the event. **NO BACKPACKS** will be permitted and purses will be checked. Given reasonable suspicion, a student may be searched. 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 **Bonnie Burt 805-748-3522**. **Grad Night questions may be directed to Shelly Phillips (704-3127).**

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.slcusd.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

