



SENIOR INFORMATION MEETING

SIERRA LINDA HIGH SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 19, 2015
MS. SEMPKOWSKI, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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Senior Calendar – Important Dates Class of 2016

December 21 – January 1

January 4

January TBD

February 18

April 09

April TBD

April 19

April 25

May 2

May 11

May 13

May TBD

May 11, 12, 13

May 16 & 17

May 16 (Before Practice)

May 18

May 19th

Winter Break

1st Day of Spring Semester

Financial Aid Night

Senior Parent Meeting

Prom

AzMERIT Testing

ACT

Senior Debts Posted in Bookstore

Graduation Speeches Due

Cap & Gown Delivered – if debts paid

Credit Retrieval Program Grades Due

Scholarship Night

Senior Final Exams

Graduation Practice/Senior Breakfast

Final Date to Pay Debts in Bookstore and Participate

Graduation Ceremony!!!!!!!

Welcome to the Real World!

Bookstore Information:

- Seniors will be notified in April regarding books they have checked out to them and any debts owed. Any books currently in use may be returned to the teacher at anytime.
- All outstanding debts (lost books, lost athletic equipment, class fees, etc.) to the school must be paid to the bookstore by prior to graduation rehearsal.
- If a book has been lost a bookstore receipt for full payment of the book is necessary to clear the debt. All books and fees must be cleared before graduation practice **on Monday, May 16th.**

Guidance Information

- You should know where your students stand as far as credits are concerned. Many seniors receive one or more F's and/or incompletes for the first quarter. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE YOU STAND. If you have doubts, ASK!!!!
- Seniors applying for admission at colleges, universities or other postsecondary institutions should be submitting your applications NOW. Scholarship opportunities are posted in the newsletter that is posted online at the beginning of every month. Apply, apply, apply – scholarships are like the lottery . . . you can't win unless you buy a ticket .
- Requests for transcripts can be made in the Guidance Office by filing out the Transcript Request Form. If you anticipate needing a particular guidance service (letters of recommendation, fee waivers, counselor signatures, etc.) please make an appointment with your counselor. DO NOT wait till the last minute. Please allow us sufficient time.
- All Seniors should apply for financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.ed.gov) do so starting January 1, 2016.
- Please report any and all financial aid, scholarships and admission acceptance letters to your counselor as soon as possible. We will be hosting our Scholarship Night for all seniors in May. The Guidance Office will notify students who are invited to this event once they receive copies of acceptance letters.

Graduation Requirements:

- Senior Final Exam Schedule : Regular day schedule. Teachers have from May 13-15 to complete senior finals.
 - *Wednesday, May 11*
 - *Thursday, May 12*
 - *Friday, May 13*
- Counselors will notify seniors failing to complete graduation requirements by 4:00 pm on Friday, May 13, 2016.
- Graduation practice will be held at 8:00 am on Monday, May 16. Students will report to the gym and the practice will go until 10:30 am. A second practice is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17. Practice will start promptly at 10:00 am in the Gym and run until 12:00 pm. You must be present at both practices to participate in the formal graduation ceremony. There will be a senior breakfast or lunch specifics/time TBA.

GRADAUTION CEREMONY

- Graduation is on Wednesday, May 18 at 1 pm the University of Phoenix Stadium.
- Graduates are to report U of P Stadium no later than 11:30 am on Wednesday, May 18. No purses, backpacks, camera bags, food/drink, or any other articles will be allowed in the stadium. Graduates are to dress appropriately for graduation and are to bring their cap and gown with them. After Graduates arrive, Staff will assist students with the proper cap/gown placement.
- Parents and guests can start arriving at University of Phoenix stadium 45 minutes prior to the ceremony.
- The order of processional is as follows:
 - Administration
 - Department Chairperson
 - Senior Class officers
 - Student body officers who are seniors
 - Class members

Cap and Gown/Graduation Expectations and Guidelines:

- You must purchase your cap, gown, and tassel from Belfour. A Belfour representative will be coming to the school in the near future to take orders for the caps and gowns.
- Participation in the graduation ceremony is not mandatory. However, in order to be excused, you must make arrangements in advance with Mr. Madrid. If you choose not to participate, diplomas may be picked up in the Guidance office on May 19th from 7am – 11am.
- Students with outstanding debts in the bookstore will not be allowed to practice or participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Remember that graduation is a serious occasion and disruptive behavior (any behavior which distracts from the ceremony) will not be tolerated.

Appropriate Dress:

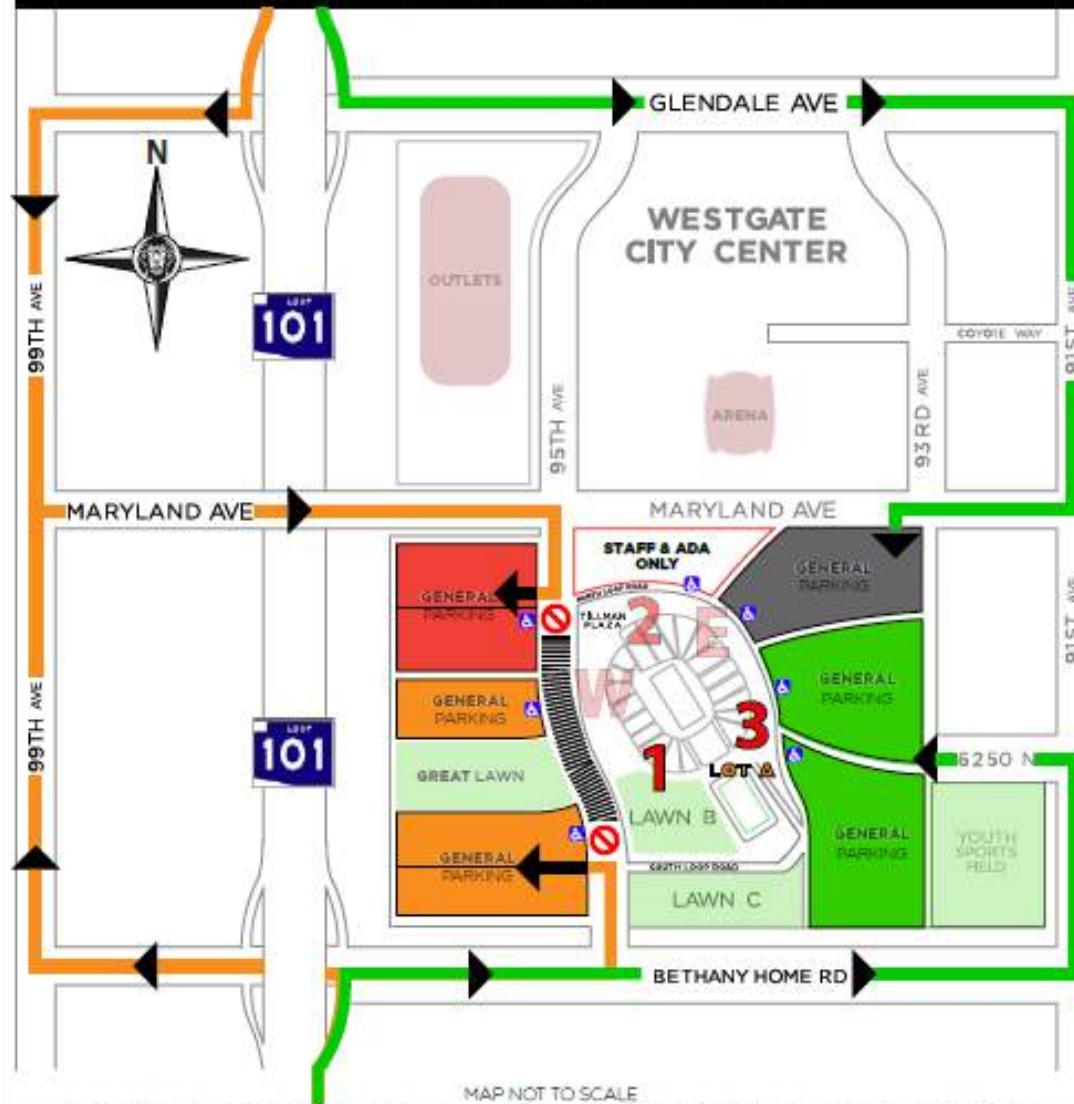
- All clothing should complement the academic regalia. Any clothing that draws attention to the individual and/or away from the assembled class is not acceptable.
- Girls may wear dresses that do not show below the lower hem of the gown or dress pants and dress shoes.
- Boys must wear dress slacks, dress shirt with a collar, and dress shoes or boots.
- Students arriving for graduation in casual attire (jeans, t-shirt, sandals, flip flops, tennis shoes, etc.) will not be permitted to participate.

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- TUHSD and SLHS expect this Commencement Ceremony to be **dignified**.
- Participation in the Commencement Ceremony is **voluntary** (Graduation does not depend upon participation in the Commencement Ceremony.)
- Obey all school rules, Governing Board policies, and Arizona state law
- Dress Appropriately (Think about colors, length and shoes you can walk in)
- Conduct yourself in a **dignified** manner
- Do not support or tolerate inappropriate behavior.
- **Inappropriate behavior is that which calls undue attention to one student (or students) while detracting attention from another.**
- A violation of any rules set forth in the graduation information packet may result in serious consequences.
- Exemplary behavior between NOW and GRADUATION is necessary.
- Discipline issues may prevent you from walking in the Commencement Ceremony.
- Please return the signed agreement to Sierra Linda High School Guidance Office by March 25, 2016.

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EVENT PARKING MAP



East Parking Gate 3

Questions



<http://www.timeanddate.com/countdown/to?iso=20160518T13&po=197&msg=SLHS+Graduation&font=cursive>