

Providence High School Class of 2018 Graduation

Ceremony Date: Monday, June 11, 2018

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Bojangles' Coliseum

Mandatory Rehearsal Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Bojangles' Coliseum

Graduation day is quickly approaching for Providence High School seniors. Please take time to view this document in its entirety to be informed of the expectations we have for our seniors and their guests on this important day.

GRADUATION DAY EXPECTATIONS: The graduation ceremony is one of dignity. The administration and staff want to provide your graduate with a memorable occasion to honor years of academic work. We expect the ceremony to be an appropriate ending to the high school years and the beginning of a bright future.

Seniors do not receive tickets for graduation. You may bring as many family members and friends as you wish as the coliseum will accommodate everyone.

Great care is being taken to ensure our seniors are models of good behavior. **Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated**. Any student who seeks to spoil this day for others will be promptly removed from Bojangles' Coliseum by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police. The diploma for that senior will be held until appropriate consequences are fulfilled as determined by Dr. Harrill.

On graduation day, seniors must be at Bojangles' Coliseum, attired in cap and gown, at 7:30 a.m. Coliseum doors will open at 7:30 a.m. for guests.

At the end of the ceremony, graduates will receive their diplomas from senior homeroom teachers immediately following the recessional out of the coliseum. They will then be directed to the parking lot to meet family and friends.

At no time are parents or guests allowed on the floor of the coliseum.

GRADUATION ATTIRE: Because the graduation ceremony should be free of anything that detracts from the dignity and the pride we all feel for our seniors, we are requiring graduates to adhere to the following rules regarding attire:

- Young ladies must wear an appropriate dress or skirt/top with dress shoes or dark dress pants and top with dark dress shoes under the gown.
- Young men must wear a white dress shirt and tie with appropriate dark dress pants and dark dress shoes.

- No blue jeans, shorts, clogs, flip flops, tennis shoes, or other athletic footwear may be worn with the graduation robe.
- No additional outside decoration will be allowed on the cap or gown other than the senior medallion, Providence High School honor cords, the Eagle Scout pin, and/or the Girl Scout Silver Award pin. The senior medallion will be distributed to each graduate at rehearsal.

Teachers will check seniors on graduation day to verify there are no deviations from these rules. **Inappropriately dressed seniors will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.**

GRADUATION REHEARSAL: Rehearsal is mandatory for all seniors. It is the "practice run" and every senior's participation is required to insure a smooth graduation ceremony. It is not necessary to wear your cap and gown to rehearsal.

Please do not schedule college visits or orientations during the week prior to graduation as these are not valid reasons to miss rehearsal. Orientations and visits can be completed on various days throughout the summer, so please plan accordingly. Also, please adjust your work schedule to attend rehearsal. Senior homeroom teachers will take attendance and student absences will be noted and reported to Dr. Harrill.

We are allotted 90 minutes for rehearsal; therefore, seniors must be prompt. Parents and guests are not allowed in the coliseum during rehearsal.

Seniors who have outstanding fees due to Providence will not be allowed to participate in graduation rehearsal. All fees must be paid by Monday, June 4th. Reminders regarding fees owed were distributed in homerooms throughout the year. These reminders will also be distributed in May and early June. Any and all fees must be paid to Mrs. Lazo, our financial secretary (980-343-5390 ext. 234.) Fees are assessed through the end of the school year. **If your senior does not have a current outstanding obligation, that does not mean they will not have any fees due at the end of the school year.**

HANDICAPPED ACCESS AND SEATING: Associates and personnel at Bojangles' Coliseum are more than happy to assist any families with physically handicapped guests in and around the coliseum.

Upon arrival to the ceremony, please look for coliseum personnel to assist your family members to the handicapped seating areas. There is handicapped parking available on site and wheelchairs are available upon request.

One additional family member is allowed to sit in the handicapped seating area with the handicapped individual.

GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHER: Rusty Transou

of www.ProvidenceSportsPhoto.com will be the photographer for graduation. Candid crowd and processional/recessional photos will be taken throughout the ceremony. However, the main images captured will be the diploma cover exchange from Dr. Harrill ("handshake") and a posed image of each graduate as they exit the stage. Seniors at the podium will have additional images.

Within 2 days following graduation (by June 13th), all images will be posted and available for purchase at www.providencesportsphoto.com.

When at the site, select the GRADUATION link at the top of the home page, then the 2018 Graduation sub category. Your graduate's images can be easily located in the alpha galleries by last name.

From this site, you may order prints or digital downloads directly from the gallery. If you are a current Concierge Subscriber to Mr. Transou's services on Providence Sports Photo, your original digital images of graduation are included in your subscription with all your other images from the 2017-2018 school year.

If you have any questions or special requests, please contact Mr. Transou directly at rtransou@gmail.com or 704-578-8967.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If you ordered your cap and gown, but have not picked it up, please see Mrs. Bowen in room 117. If you have not purchased your cap and gown or announcements, please go to www.highschool.herffjones.com. Type "Providence High School" in the search bar and choose the correct location in the drop down menu. Choose the "Shop Grad Products" icon and proceed with your order. Please order as soon as possible as prices continue to increase.

2018 Prices (subject to change):

Cap/Gown/Tassel/Medallion unit \$70.00

Cap only \$10.00

Gown only \$36.00

Tassel only \$10.00

Medallion only \$13.00

Please direct any additional graduation questions to Mrs. Bowen at fritzg.bowen@cms.k12.nc.us.