



Atlantic Community High School

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Anthony Lockhart, Ed.D., Principal

Class of 2013

March 13, 2013

Dear Senior,

Just think, in less than three months you are scheduled to graduate. That is an exciting reality. These final months of high school will pass swiftly. I encourage you to embrace your experiences and the joyfulness that accompanies your inevitable accomplishment. Find delight in every moment, but do not lose sight of your goal to graduate on time and in good standing.

The following activities are scheduled with you in mind. These special events will help make your senior year one of the most unforgettable years of your life.

Requirements for Graduation

Students must complete all required credits by Monday, May 13, and must participate in the Graduation Rehearsal, Thursday, May 16, to be able to take part in the graduation ceremony, May 18. There are no exceptions to this district policy. Seniors who complete work after May 13, may attend the July, 2013, summer graduation ceremony.

Financial Obligations

All financial obligations should be rectified on or before May 13, 2013. Please be mindful of the obligations for which your student is responsible. At this time, Atlantic Community High School is only accepting cash or money orders to clear obligations. It is imperative to remember that **students will not participate in any senior activities until all obligations have been cleared.**

Checkout

May 13, 2013 will be the mandatory checkout for seniors from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please enter the Media Center by the South East doors only. Students are not to be anywhere on campus except the Media Center. Upon completion of this procedure, caps & gowns will be distributed.

Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal will be held at Atlantic High School's Auditorium on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 1PM. Graduates who must be absent, must have a parent "stand in" or they will not be placed in line for the actual graduation. This rehearsal is mandatory.

Graduation Attire

Be sure the gown is pressed; Females should wear white dresses and comfortable white shoes. Males should wear white shirts, ties, slacks, socks and dark shoes. Athletic shoes are not permitted. Students inappropriately dressed will not be permitted to participate.

Graduation Tickets

Seven tickets will be issued to each graduating senior for family and friends. Admission to graduation will be by ticket only. All children must also have tickets. Tickets will be issued to the students at the conclusion of the 1:00 p.m. graduation rehearsal on May 16, 2013 if the student has no financial obligations. We are urging families who do not need all of their tickets to share with other families.

Commencement

The Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2013 will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at the South Florida Fair Grounds. Seniors are to report to the convention center no later than 6:45 a.m.

Behavior

Graduation is a joyous celebration, but it contains serious components that include inspirational messages, speeches, and the official pronouncement that the class has met the graduation requirements. Therefore, it is imperative that proper etiquette is maintained throughout the ceremony.

Graduation Pictures

A professional photographer will take individual pictures of each graduate as he/she exits the stage. Parents and friends may not come on the floor or stage to take pictures or to video during any portion of the ceremony. It is recommended that all pictures of students in caps and gowns be taken before commencement as caps and gowns are collected immediately after the ceremony.

Important Graduation Reminders for Parents

On Saturday, May 18, 2013, the doors to the main floor of the South Florida Fair Grounds will be locked from 7:50 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. as the processional begins. Parents and guests are asked to be at the Fair Grounds no later 7:30 a.m. to ensure that they do not miss any part of the ceremony. Parents and guests are also reminded that the traffic entering the Fair Grounds can be quite heavy just before the ceremony.

Please contact me if there is anything I can do to help you graduate and to make the finale of your high school career as positive an experience as possible.

Appreciative to be Your Principal,

Anthony Lockhart, Ed.D.

*Your contact for a cap & gown and announcements is Mr. Joe Griffin, Herff Jones, (561) 266-9477.

Atlantic High School - Class of 2013 Senior Dates to Remember

March

- 21 Purchase Cap and Gown - Herff Jones on Campus (prices go up each month)
- 25-29 Spring Break

April

- 8-26 Prom tickets go on sale
 - must have 20 hours of community Service to purchase tickets
 - Seniors \$45 and underclassmen/others \$55
 - Prices will go up every week
- ***Non Atlantic students as guests: If you would like to bring someone from out of the school, you must have the form completed and checked off before you purchase their ticket (forms must be submitted 10 days prior to prom). Pick up the form from Mr. Maloney at lunch. ***
- 12 Grad Bash, Universal Studios Orlando
- 12 Herff Jones on Campus - Purchase Cap and Gown
- 12 Herff Jones will deliver previously ordered announcements
- 26 Junior/Senior Prom - South County Civic Center

May

- 2-22 IB Exams
- 14 Pathfinder Awards Ceremony, for Nominees and Family Members, Kravis Center.
- 8 Senior Exams 1, 2, 4, & 6
- 9 Senior Exams 3, 5, & 7
- 13 Senior Check Out by alpha in the Media Center
 - 8AM - 12PM
- 15 IB Check Out at 11 a.m. in the Media Center
- 16 Graduation Rehearsal in the auditorium at 1PM
 - 7 Graduation Tickets per student
- 16 Senior Awards Night at 7PM
- 18 Graduation, South Florida Fair Grounds at 8AM
- 21 IB Senior Celebration