

# GRADUATION INFORMATION – Class of 2009

*As of April 13, 2009*

## **Baccalaureate Service**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. – Rockdale County Auditorium**

Optional attendance, Spiritual, religious ceremony

Graduates report at 6:30 P.M.

## **Graduation Exercises**

**Saturday, May 30, 2008 – 9:00 A.M. – SEMINOLE STADIUM**

Optional attendance

Graduates report to the GYM by 7:30 A.M.

In order to participate in Baccalaureate and Graduation exercises, graduates must be attired properly including:

- 1) black cap and gown, Salem tassel with '09 charm, SHS hood
- 2) Females: black skirt or dress (if it hangs below graduation gown), black shoes, light -colored blouse.
- 3) Males: black slacks, black socks, dark shoes, white-dress shirt, appropriate tie.

## **Practices**

**Senior Close-Out Day: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 – 9:00 A.M until 1:00 P.M.**

- ALL Senior fines and outstanding obligations must be paid or satisfied by 2PM, if the student plans to walk at graduation.

**Thursday, May 28, 2009 – 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M**

- Meet in the home stands of Seminole Stadium
- Casual dress

**Friday, May 29, 2009 – 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.**

- Meet in the home stands of Seminole Stadium
- Cap and gown required – graduation picture will be taken.

**Note:** In order to participate in Graduation exercises, all graduate candidates **MUST ATTEND BOTH Graduation Practices and must be on time.** Failure to attend or failure to be on time will result in the graduate NOT marching in the graduation exercises.

## **Graduation Fees**

In order to stage Graduation and Baccalaureate, a graduation fee will be assessed for each student who chooses to participate in the ceremonies. The fee is \$45.00 and is DUE no later than Friday, May 15, 2009.

***ANY fees collected after this date will be assessed a \$25.00 LATE FEE.***

***NOTE: No Graduation Fees will be accepted after Friday, May 22.***

- All payments must be made in cash or by money order.
- Fees should be paid to Mr. Chris Wood, co-graduation and senior class advisor. The Fees are used to pay for diplomas, diploma covers, chair rental, flowers, sound equipment usage and other expenses in staging the ceremonies.

Please note: *Both ceremonies are optional.* If a senior does not participate in Graduation, the graduate may receive his/her diploma from Ms. Joyce Jones, counselor to the Class of 2009, on M, June 1 in the Counseling Office.

### **Graduation Tickets**

The ceremony will be held outside in Seminole Stadium; however, there is a maximum occupancy. Therefore, tickets are needed to make sure that we do not exceed capacity. **TICKETS ARE FOR ADMISSION INSIDE THE STADIUM.** They are not needed to stand or sit along the stadium fence.

Each graduate candidate will be issued 12 (twelve) total graduation tickets. Tickets will allow the ticket holder to be admitted to the stadium beginning at 7:30 AM. (Both sides of the stadium seating will be used.) Handicap seating will be available, but does require a regular graduation ticket for admission. All children, except those who will sit in an adult's lap, do require a ticket for admission.

***Note: There will be no process for requesting extra graduation tickets. Any extra tickets must be handled among students.***

### **Fines**

All fines or fees owed by a graduation candidate **must be PAID no later than Wednesday, May 27, 2008 at 2:00 PM.** If any financial obligation (including accumulated fines from past years or books, uniforms, manuals, etc... needing to be returned) is not met, the candidate will not participate in the Graduation Exercises.

### **Student Speakers or Performers for Baccalaureate and Graduation**

There will be at least one-student speaker at both services, and there may be student performers at either or both services. Any candidate for graduation may apply to be a student speaker or performer. Please note that Valedictorian and Salutatorian must apply to speak and be chosen through the selection process.

### **Honor Graduates**

Honor graduate status is conferred upon any graduate candidate who has earned a 3.5 or higher GPA on the weighted scale for his/her high school career. Honor graduates will be announced at Graduation practice on Thursday, May 28 at the end of the rehearsal where gold honor cords will be distributed to the Honor Graduates for the Class of 2009. At the same time, the names of the valedictorian and salutatorian will be announced, and medallions awarded.

*Other honor cords or sashes will be awarded by the organization that is granting the honor.*

Additional information on graduation will be announced later. If you have questions, see or e-mail Mr. Wood ([cwood@rockdale.k12.ga.us](mailto:cwood@rockdale.k12.ga.us)) or Mr. Smith ([jdsmith@rockdale.k12.ga.us](mailto:jdsmith@rockdale.k12.ga.us).)

### **IMPORTANT:**

In order to be allowed to participate in the Baccalaureate and Graduation exercises, students must meet **ALL** requirements and rules for Graduation.

### **Remaining Jostens's Service Dates:**

**Make-Up Senior Delivery – F, April 17, 2009**

During all lunches (11:00-1:15)