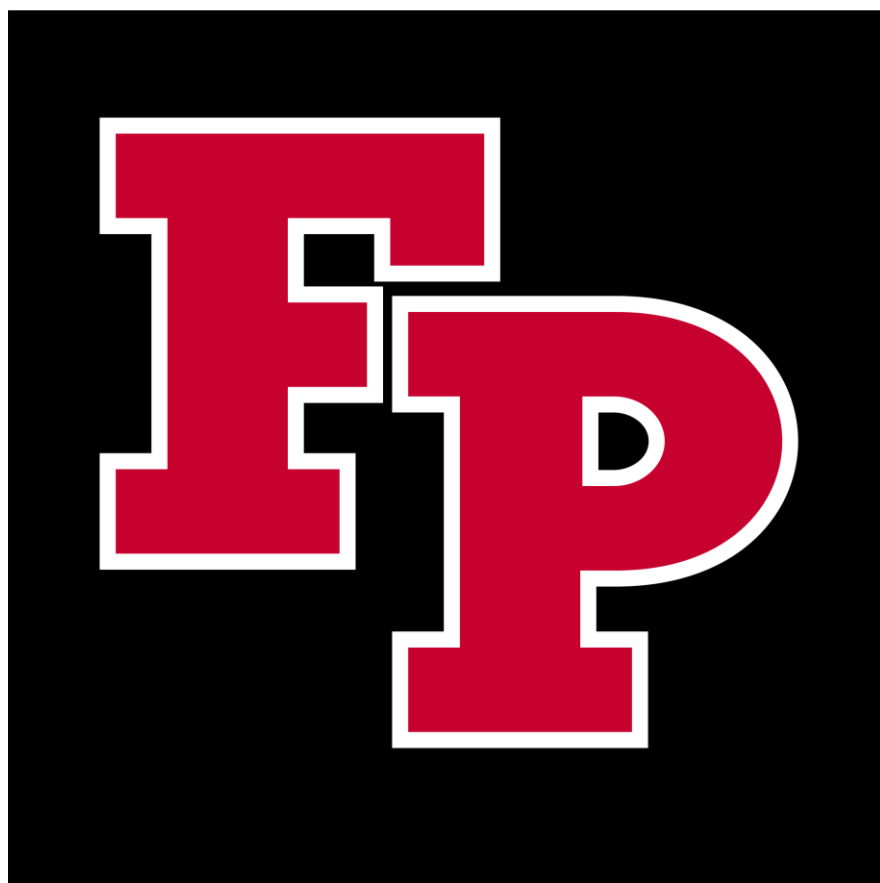


Senior Planner



Class of 2021

Congratulations to the Cardinal Class of 2021! Throughout this planner you will find information and resources regarding all things Senior Year and Graduation. Please take some time to look through these materials (topics are arranged alphabetically) and contact us at FPHS (253-298-3800) if you have any questions.

Caps and Gowns

Jostens, our cap & gown supplier, provided information to Seniors at a virtual meeting in October. A recording of this meeting is available [here](#).

To receive the best pricing on caps and gowns, orders should be placed before December 15 this year. After December 15, costs will increase. Caps and gowns are generally delivered sometime in April, and the format of our pick up event will depend on what stay healthy regulations are in place at that time. If you can't pick up your items on delivery day, but have paid for your order in full, you will be able to pick it up from Ms. Cawthra in the main office. If you still owe on your order, Jostens will keep it until final payment is made then mail it to your home.

Caps and gowns may be ordered quite late, when necessary, but other items, such as announcements may not be available. Depending on the timing of the late order, it may be sent directly to the school, where it can be picked up from Ms. Cawthra in the main office, or it may be mailed directly to your home. Jostens will inform you of the delivery method being used

Our Josten's representative is Rick Morton (253-210-0575), and orders can be placed at www.jostens.com. Rick and his staff are always very happy to help you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your orders with them.

Credit Checks

To check on your student's credits, or to turn in other forms, email your student's school counselor or call (253) 298-3834 to schedule an appointment.

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Parents and students can also keep track of student grades by frequently checking their grades in TeacherEase. Parents and students can access TeacherEase from the district website at www.fpschools.org, by selecting "Student Grades" from the "For Parents" or "For Students" dropdown menus. Please note: if a parent's or student's email is not on file in our system, that

email must be provided to the registrar (sfintak@fpschools.org; 253-298-3977) and entered in Skyward in order to receive an initial log-in invitation and instructions.

Diplomas

After first semester is over, Ms. Cawthra will be asking seniors to check the spelling and presentation of their names for their diplomas. This is their chance to make sure that we have their full legal names — including middle names and suffixes — listed and spelled correctly for their diplomas. Reminder announcements may be made via email, auto-dialer and student announcements. This information will also appear on the Class of 2021 Graduation page (under Student Services).

At the graduation ceremony, students receive a red diploma cover as they cross the stage. The actual diploma (the insert with the student's name on it) will generally be available from the bookkeeper beginning at 11 a.m. the Monday after graduation. ***Students must pick up their diplomas; we do not mail them out.***

Diplomas and final transcripts will be held if students owe the school fines or fees. The documents will be released once all fines owed have been paid or cleared.

Final Grades and Transcripts

Final grades and transcripts will be available two to three weeks after the last day of the school year (June 22). Report cards and final transcripts will be mailed at the end of June or beginning of July. **Students who have applied to and been accepted by a post-secondary program that requires a final transcript will need to complete a final transcript request form before the end of July.** Final transcript request forms will be available online. Paper transcript request forms will also be available in the CCC upon request for those without computer access..

All transcript requests must go through the registrar and not individual counselors. Please remember official transcripts will be held until all fines and fees are paid. If you have questions, please contact our registrar, Sabine Fintak by phone (253) 298-3977 or via email at sfintak@fpschools.org

Financial Aid/Scholarships

In order for students to be eligible to apply for financial assistance to support their post-secondary plans, an application for financial aid must be completed via readysetgrad.com. Links for both the FAFSA (Federal Application for Federal Student Aid) and [WASFA](#) (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) are available on that site. Financial aid applications for the next school year become available for completion every October 1. Our counseling department offers multiple opportunities for families to receive assistance in completing these forms. Specific dates will be communicated via email, counselor canvas pages, voicemails, website posting, etc.

Every year, Franklin Pierce students receive thousands of dollars in scholarships. Many of these scholarships require specific applications and other information be submitted directly to the chosen college or program, and application deadlines vary. It is important to be aware of all deadlines involved in the scholarship application process.

Fines and Fees

All fines and fees for lost textbooks, supplies, materials, technology, etc., must be paid prior to graduation to receive your diploma and final transcripts in a timely fashion. The bookkeeper will take payments from parents between 8:30 am and 3 pm (closed for lunch from 1-2). Checks should be made payable to Franklin Pierce High School. Credit/Debit cards are also accepted.

FPHS Scholarship Application

Seniors at FP are offered the opportunity to complete an FPHS Scholarship Application, which highlights their academic and extracurricular achievements. This application is used by some local organizations, including the Franklin Pierce Foundation and Franklin Pierce High School, to determine scholarship recipients.

This application may be found on our FPHS website under Student Services / Scholarships. Once on the Scholarship page scroll down to the set of tabs and choose the one labeled FPHS Scholarship. This year, FPHS Scholarship applications will be accepted beginning on February 1, 2021, with a final submission deadline of 3 pm on February 28, 2021. ***Please note: incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered for awards.*** Please direct all questions to our College & Career Specialist, Elisa Price (eprice@fpschools.org).

Grad Parade**

Seniors who have signed up to participate and are on track to graduate will travel to our four feeder elementary schools wearing their full graduation regalia to provide encouragement and inspiration to our elementary students. They then converge at Ford Middle School for a parade there, and after which they return to FPHS marching across the bridge.

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Graduation Ceremony**

The format and date of the Class of 2021's Graduation Ceremony is still being determined. Additional updates and information will be posted on the FPHS website under Student Services > Class of 2021 Graduation Information. The formal ceremony generally lasts about an hour and fifteen minutes. Programs will be available which list the order of events, as well as all members of the senior class and their awards. Students should dress formally and

comfortably and will be required to carry (rather than wear) their cap & gown into the staging area. Shoes are required and no ancillary materials, i.e., purse, phone, wallet, keys, etc., may be carried by the graduate. No messages are allowed on the mortar boards, unless pre-approved by administration.

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Graduation Programs

Graduation programs are distributed to graduates and their families at the graduation ceremony. The program is a nice keepsake that includes the order of the ceremony, a list of graduating seniors, and a list of awards received by the students.

PLEASE NOTE: Awards received through the Franklin Pierce Scholarship Application, as well as honor cords and other awards given through FPHS, will automatically be listed in the Graduation Program. ***Students who have received scholarships outside those awarded through the Franklin Pierce Scholarship Application and wish to have that information included in the program must provide evidence of the award to the CCC. Due to production deadlines, information must be received thirty days prior to the graduation ceremony.***

Graduation Rehearsal

If a full graduation ceremony is conducted, students will do a walk-through rehearsal before the formal event. Rehearsal attendance is mandatory for all students who wish to participate in the commencement exercise. The rehearsal lasts about one hour. Caps and gowns are not required for rehearsal.

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Handicapped Seating Accommodations

Handicapped seating accommodations are generally handled by the venue; however, you may request handicapped seating accommodations in advance by contacting Ms. Cawthra at 253-298-3805 after Memorial Day. She will add you to the list we provide to the ushers.

Honor Cords

Honor cords are awarded to graduates with a cumulative GPA of 3.30 and higher. These may be worn at graduation and other award ceremonies. Please note that students must be passing all their current semester classes in order to receive their honor cords. Members of the National Honor Society may also wear the Honor Society honor regalia, and other academic honor cords and stoles may also be worn.

Pictures*

Lifetouch (mylifetouch.com) is the official 2021 commencement photographer. They will have two photographers set up below the stage to take pictures of every student as he or she accepts the diploma. Information about how to view and order these photos will be available when you pick up your diplomas from the bookkeeper after graduation.

Families will be able to take pictures before and after graduation. During the ceremony, all spectators need to stay seated. Please be considerate of the people behind you who also want to see their own students' special moments.

*** For reasons of safety, security and equity privately hired photographers will not be permitted on the tarmac or allowed to move about in the grandstand.**

Portfolio Presentations

The senior portfolio presentation is a graduation requirement. This year, senior portfolio presentations will take place May 17-19. ***Students who wish to have their portfolios considered for distinguished status and be eligible for the Distinguished Navigation Scholarship will be required to present their portfolios on April 19th.*** Students will be notified of their presentation times in advance and should arrange other obligations/work schedules accordingly. Once students receive their assigned presentation times, they should notify Mrs. Price (epprice@fpschools.org) in the CCC immediately if any conflicts exist. Presentations cannot be scheduled until advisors have cleared your portfolio, so be sure to take care of this before portfolio deadline (*see attached calendar for due date deadlines*). Students should also be aware that if they do not show up for their assigned presentation times, or if they reschedule their presentation times during presentation week, they will be ineligible to receive a distinguished rating and may be ineligible to walk in the commencement ceremony. Failure to meet deadlines will result in additional reflection assignment(s).

Senior Checkout**

Seniors will be required to complete a checkout process as the final step to being approved to graduate and walk in the commencement ceremony. To complete a successful checkout, you must have

- Passed all classes required per graduation plan
- Successfully completed portfolio requirements
- Paid all fines
- Met all district and state credit and testing requirements

Your last stop will be with your counselor to approve your check-out card and verify your graduation status. You will receive your check-out form in Cardinal Connections.

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Senior Prom

Planned by senior class leadership, the venue for this year's prom is still being decided. Additional information, as well as ticket prices, will be announced during the month before the event. Contact senior advisor Christi Angermier (cangermier@fpschools.org) for more information.

Senior Recognition Night**

A formal ceremony will take place to recognize 2021 scholarship recipients and Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9 or higher) academic scholars. Students who qualify for this recognition will receive invitations from their counselors and are encouraged to invite their immediate family members to join them at the event. Space is somewhat limited, so we do ask that you RSVP to your counselor. Dessert will be served, and representatives from the Franklin Pierce School Board and various community stakeholders will be in attendance to help celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2021.

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Tickets

Each graduating senior receives six (6) free tickets from Franklin Pierce High School. ***In order for seniors to receive their six complimentary tickets, they must have completed the senior checkout process and been approved to walk in the graduation ceremony;*** therefore, students will receive their free tickets from their counselors when they complete their final checkout. Students will sign for these tickets, and if they are lost, they cannot be replaced.

Additional tickets will be available for purchase at a cost of \$7 each beginning at 10:00 am the first school day after Memorial Day. Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis, and when we reach our maximum, we will be sold out, so we encourage you to purchase early. Tickets will **not** be sold at the door. Children under 5 who will be seated on an adult's lap are admitted free.

Please help us by reminding friends and family in the audience that respectful behavior is an integral part of a successful ceremony, and that we request all friends and family remain seated during the ceremony.



*The attached calendar contains additional information regarding other activities, as well as some pertinent senior reminders.

Please note: The dates & times listed in this planner and on the included one-page calendar may be subject to change, especially this year. Events may be added, rescheduled or otherwise changed depending on the pandemic. Keep an eye on our website for updates.

Some Dates to Remember in 2020-2021

Sept. 8	First Day of School	May 3	AP Test: US Govt & Politics (am)
Oct. 1	FAFSA & WASFA Applications open		Portfolios due
Oct. 5	<i>No School</i>	May 4	AP Test: Calculus AB/BC (am)
Oct. 22	Jostens' Virtual Senior Meeting		AP Test: Human Geography (pm)
Nov. 10	1 st Quarter ends	May 5	AP Test: English Lit & Comp (am)
Nov. 11	<i>Veteran's Day, No School</i>	May 7	AP Test: Chemistry (am)
Nov. 25	Financial Aid Application Assistance		AP Test: AP Art portfolio due (8 pm)
Nov. 26-27	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday, No School</i>	May 13	AP Test: Statistics (pm)
Dec. 15	Jostens priority order deadline	May 14	AP Test: Biology (am)
Dec. 21-31	<i>Winter Break, No school</i>		AP Test: Environmental Science (pm)
Jan. 1	<i>Winter Break, No school</i>	May 17-19	Portfolio presentations
Jan. 6	Financial Aid Application Assistance	May 28-31	Memorial Day Holiday, No School
Jan. 18	<i>MLK Day, No School</i>	June 1	Graduation tickets on sale; advance reservations for handicapped seating accommodations available
Jan. 25	<i>No School, Teacher Inservice</i>		
Feb. 1	FP Scholarship Application opens	June 22	Last Day of School
Feb. 3	1 st Semester ends		
Feb. 14-15	<i>Mid-Winter Break, No School</i>		
Feb. 28	FP Scholarship Application closes		
Mar. 16-19	Possible SLCs		
Mar. 26	Snow Make-Up Day (<i>possible No School</i>)		
Apr. 2	3 rd Quarter ends		
Apr. 5-9	<i>Spring Break, No School</i>		
Apr. 12	Distinguished Portfolios due		
Apr. 19	Distinguished Portfolio presentations		

