

## **INFO FOR INCOMING SENIORS**

**Your senior year is a fun and busy time as you prepare for graduation!  
Here is some basic info on what to expect:**

### **SENIOR PARKING**

Seniors are eligible to apply for a parking permit to park on the south-side of the Annex building and south-side of Hastings gym. Information will be sent along with registration materials in the summer and can be turned in during mass registration or after. Senior parking is on a first-come, first-serve basis. In order to qualify for senior parking, you must have at least 18 credits earned after your junior year, have a good attendance record, and a good discipline record. Student parking permits are \$75.00.

### **OPEN LUNCH**

Seniors qualify for open campus during lunchtime with written permission from a parent. Students who receive three or more unexcused absences within a semester may lose their open campus privilege.

### **SENIOR PICTURES**

Most senior students will elect to have their senior pictures taken by a professional photographer. Senior photos are due for submission to the high school by December 1st in order to be included in the school yearbook. Students will still need a photo taken through the high school for their student ID.

Senior Yearbook – Purchase prior to November 1 for cheapest price

Senior Quote – Due December 1

Senior Ad – Due Mid January to Yearbook Advisor

Baby Photo for Commencement Slide Show – Due May 1

### **SENIOR T-SHIRTS**

Senior t-shirt orders are taken during Mass Registration in August. Senior t-shirts feature the year of the class and are signed by the senior students. Proceeds from the t-shirt sales go towards Project Graduation.

### **GRADUATION SUPPLIES**

A representative from Josten's will do a presentation to senior students in the fall and will provide information regarding ordering caps, gowns, and graduation supplies. A cap and gown is required to be worn in order to walk in the commencement ceremony.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

A variety of scholarships are available for senior students to assist with college tuition expenses. If students are interested, they should see Mr. Nangle in the College & Career Center or check under the 'Career Center' on the website under 'Financial Aid'.

### **PCR APPLIED & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING REQUIREMENT**

All students are required by the state of Minnesota to complete an "Applied & Experiential Learning Opportunity" (Graded in PCR, Post-Secondary Career Readiness). Students are able to complete this component during the summer or school-year with a 1/2 day school related absence. The following classes meet the requirement: Work Based Learning, Mentorship, Early Childhood Experience, Graphics Mentorship, Mgmt & Market II Internship, SpEd Job Skills or AP Biology Experience. Students may also complete this by being a Step-Up Participant or students can complete a job shadow activity or experience on their own. Forms are available in the counseling office and on our website.

### **SCARLET CORD**

Students who complete at least 160 hours of community service in high school are recognized and wear a scarlet and white cord at the commencement ceremony. See the AHS website for more information.

### **DISTINCTION**

Students who receive a cumulative GPA of 3.6 to 3.89 at the end of their senior year will be honored by wearing a silver stole at the commencement ceremony.

### **HIGH DISTINCTION**

Students who receive a cumulative GPA of 3.9 or higher at the end of their senior year will be honored by wearing a gold stole and have the option of giving a speech at the commencement ceremony.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Sometimes seniors think that attendance is not important their senior year. It is very important! Students are expected to be in school every day unless there is a school, medical or legal reason. There is no 'Senior Skip Day' at Austin High School. Students with attendance issues may have their grades held and have to "make-up" time prior to commencement.

### **FINES**

All fees and fines need to be paid to the Cashier prior to graduation. **FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE YOUR STUDENT RECEIVES THEIR DIPLOMA THE NIGHT OF COMMENCEMENT.**

### **COMMUNITY BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

An ecumenical Community Baccalaureate Service is generally held the first week of June at Austin's Paramount Theater. All members of the graduating class, their friends and families, as well as all community members are welcome to attend.

### **GRADUATION WEEK**

The last full day of school will feature a 'Senior Walk' at the end of the day where senior students will proceed from Ove Berven Gym, down the first floor hallway, and out onto the east lawn of the high school.

Graduation Rehearsal is held the Thursday morning before Commencement. All graduates who are planning to walk at commencement are required to attend.

The Commencement Ceremony is held on the Friday evening after the school year is completed at 7:00pm in Knowlton Auditorium.

### **PROJECT GRADUATION**

Project Graduation is a parent sponsored post-graduation party, with support from the school and community, held each year with the purpose of giving Austin High, Pacelli High, and Home-Schooled graduating seniors a safe and fun farewell following the graduation ceremony. The ticket price includes a fun-filled evening of games, food and entertainment. More information will be available in the spring.

### **FINAL TRANSCRIPTS**

Final transcripts must be ordered through Parchment and will be sent once grades are finalized to the college or university your student has indicated on Parchment. Orders must be submitted by July 31<sup>st</sup> to not be charged a fee. Please note...after July 31<sup>st</sup>, there is a charge of approximately \$3.50 per transcript request.