



# South Florence High School

*Shand Josey, Principal*



Dear South Florence Graduate and Family,

April 4, 2025

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! We are excited to celebrate your accomplishments during the South Florence graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 29 at 10:00 am. Graduates must complete 24 required units and adhere to the district's attendance policy to receive a high school diploma and participate in the graduation ceremony.

### **Senior Yard Signs:**

Florence One is pleased to once again provide each graduating senior with a "Class of 2025" yard sign. Signs will be distributed May 1. Seniors will be notified when signs are ready for pickup. We look forward to seeing our Bruin graduates represented throughout our community.

### **Senior Week Celebrations:**

#### **Senior Week Events – May 18-23**

We have some exciting events planned for our seniors!

- **Sunday, May 18:** Baccalaureate Service in the SF Auditorium at **2:00 pm**
- **Monday, May 19:** Movie Night for Seniors in Bruin Stadium at **7:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, May 20:** Academic Awards Night in the SF Auditorium at **6:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, May 21:** Senior Sunrise Breakfast in Bruin Stadium at **6:30 am**
- **Thursday, May 22:** Powderpuff Games in Bruin Stadium at **6:30 pm**
- **Friday, May 23:** Senior Field Day in Bruin Stadium from **10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Seniors must have their 24-25 SF Student ID for entry to all events. Movie Night, Senior Sunrise, and Field Day are for graduating seniors only.**

### **Senior Walks at Elementary and Middle Schools:**

Senior Walks at elementary and middle schools are scheduled for May 16. Each elementary and middle school will schedule a specific time for their former students to come and walk the halls in their caps and gowns. Seniors will be notified of each school's designated time.

### **Academic Awards Ceremony:**

The 2025 SFHS Academic Awards Ceremony will be held in the SF Auditorium at 6:00 pm Tuesday, May 20. Students and parents of students receiving an award received an email with an invitation to the ceremony. If your child is the recipient of any scholarships or awards given from outside organizations, please notify our counseling department by May 1 so we may honor them during awards night.

### **Baccalaureate Services (Optional):**

The SFHS Baccalaureate service will take place Sunday, May 18, at 2:00 pm in the South Florence High School Auditorium. Graduates should wear caps and gowns for this ceremony. Graduating seniors and Junior Marshals must report to the SFHS media center no later than



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1:00 pm on Sunday, May 18. Guests will report to the auditorium upon arrival for the Baccalaureate service.

Baccalaureate is a wonderful opportunity for graduates and families to take graduation photos on the SFHS campus.

### **Senior Turn In:**

Seniors may turn in Chromebooks and textbooks to the media center upon completion of exams. Senior exams will take place May 12-15. Final Chromebook and textbook turn in will take place at the exterior door of the media center May 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm.

To participate in graduation, all outstanding fees must be paid no later than 1:00 pm May 16. Students who have outstanding fees and/or materials will not be allowed to pick up graduation tickets during Senior Checkout on May 22.

### **Graduation Tickets and Senior Checkout:**

Senior Checkout Day is scheduled for **Thursday, May 22 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm**. During checkout, seniors who have been academically cleared for graduation and have paid all fees will receive 12 graduation tickets and any honor cords they have earned. Please do not wait until May 22 to pay fees and turn in materials.

Seniors may begin turning in Chromebooks and textbooks to the media center beginning May 12. Seniors should keep textbooks and Chromebooks until individual final exams are complete. Final Chromebook turn in will take place at the exterior door of the media center on May 16.

### **Graduation ticket pickup times Students are sorted by last name.**

**10:00-11:00 am: A-H**

**11:00 am-Noon: I-R**

**Noon - 1:00 p.m. S-Z**

### **Graduation Rehearsal (Required for all seniors participating in the graduation ceremony):**

Graduation rehearsal is Wednesday, May 28 from 7:45 am until 10:00 am. at the Florence Center. Rehearsal allows graduates to become familiar with the graduation process and ensures that every graduate is at ease for the May 29 graduation ceremony.

Seniors should wear regular school attire and meet at the Florence Center on Wednesday, May 28 at 7:45 am and remain until the end of practice at 10:00 am. To participate in the ceremony, candidates must be present for practice. ***Seniors who do not plan on participating in graduation exercises must notify their guidance counselor by May 1, 2025.***



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## **Graduation Ceremony (Graduate Information):**

**South Florence Graduation is Thursday, May 29 at 10:00 am. Graduates are expected to be at the Center by 8:15 am. Florence Center doors open for guests at 8:30 am.**

Graduates will park in Gate 3 (South Parking Lot). All graduates will receive a parking pass to display in their car window. After parking, graduates will take the path around the Florence Center, walk down the stairs, enter the facility through Door #7, and proceed to the ballroom. Graduates will take his/her assigned seat in the ballroom while waiting for the procession into the arena for the ceremony. Please see the attached map for more information.

Graduates must have gowns unzipped before entry to the Ballroom for security pre-screening. Please refrain from bringing bags, purses or other items as no items will be left in the holding area once the procession begins. Graduates will be seated alphabetically for the graduation ceremony.

## **Graduation Seating and Recognition During the Ceremony (Graduates):**

The Florence 1 Schools Board Policy IKF-Graduation Requirements outlines the requirements for recognition as the Valedictorian or Salutatorian, Board of Trustees Scholar, Double Cord, or Single Cord graduate. The policy establishes the seating order for graduates. All graduates will be seated and called in alphabetical order rather than grouped by honor designation. Honor graduate designations will still be recognized with medallions or cords as well as printed in the graduation program.

## **Graduation Attire:**

All graduates should wear graduation caps and gowns for the graduation ceremony. Graduating seniors should have already ordered their caps and gowns. Any graduating senior who has not ordered his or her graduation attire needs to see Mrs. Cue immediately.

Male graduates are expected to wear a button down collared shirt with a tie. Males should wear dress slacks (brown or black) and dress shoes. Females should wear a dress, skirt, or dress slacks and blouse. Females should wear comfortable dress shoes that will allow them to walk safely across the stage. Extremely high heels are discouraged. No graduate may wear jeans, sneakers, crocs, bedroom slippers, or flip-flops. Graduates may wear approved stoles and honor cords for the ceremony.

**Graduation caps and gowns may not be decorated or altered in any way.**



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## **Graduation Ceremony (Guest Information):**

All guests are required to have an entry ticket. Children ages 3 and under seated in an adult's lap are permitted without a ticket. Doors to the Florence Center will open at 8:30 am and seating is general admission. Guests are asked to park in the West Lot, Gate 3. Overflow parking will be in Lot 5 as needed. Please follow all traffic signs. Please refrain from parking in neighboring business parking lots. Cars parked in business parking lots will be towed.

Upon entering the Florence Center, guests will enter through designated doors and participate in a pre-screening process. Please note that balloons, banners, noise makers, flags, flowers, or posters will not be allowed into the facility. **Please note that the F1S Clear Bag Policy will be enforced.**

Guests are asked to remain seated during the ceremony. Late arrivals to the ceremony will not be permitted to enter the arena until the graduation processional is complete. Guests are not allowed onto the arena floor before or after the ceremony.

To allow every graduate to be recognized and have his/her name heard, we ask that guests hold applause until each group of graduates has been recognized. This is a formal ceremony and the expectation is that all guests maintain proper decorum.

Again, congratulations on your outstanding academic achievement. I encourage you to take full advantage of all the senior activities planned to celebrate YOU over the next few weeks! Senior Week will be a time to celebrate with your classmates! This is a special time in your life, and you have worked hard for your achievements. I am honored to be your principal and am incredibly proud of you and your accomplishments.

Sincerely,

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