

Class of 2018 News

Seniors and Senior Parents,

The end of the year is almost here. The following are some reminders and answers to questions that we have been receiving:

Dues: Dues are currently **\$120** and are payable through cash, cashier's check, or money order only. No personal checks can be accepted at this point in the year. Dues must be paid in order to participate in the Willy's luncheon/Senior Carnival, prom, and graduation. Last day to pay is **Monday, April 23, 2018**.

Lost Textbooks: Students who have lost textbooks need to submit payment for the book(s) or the book(s) themselves to Assistant Principal Sylvester Nelloms in the Media Center by **Friday, May 4, 2018**.

Yard Signs: Yard signs are on sale now! The cost is \$25 (cash only!) The deadline for ordering will be **April 23** and yard signs will be ready for pickup at senior night, May 10.

Graduation Announcements. Seniors who ordered graduation announcements will receive them at their home address. Announcements will not be delivered to Lakeside.

Saturday, April 28. Prom, The High Museum of Art, 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30309, 7-11 PM. Ticket Sales begin Monday April 23rd during all lunch periods in the cafeteria. On Tuesday, April 24th, tickets will be on sale from 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm in the Fine Arts building lobby. Wednesday, April 25th, tickets will be on sale during all lunch periods in the cafeteria. Thursday, April 26th tickets are on sale from 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm in the Fine Arts building lobby. Last, on Friday, April 27th, tickets will be on sale from 7:30 – 8:00 am in the Fine Arts lobby and during all lunches in the cafeteria. LHS seniors can purchase their personal ticket for \$25.00. Tickets are \$50.00 each for LHS Juniors and \$70 each for LHS sophomore and non-LHS guests. **Cash only.** Parking is \$15.00 and must be pre-purchased during prom ticket sales. Additionally, all dues must be current in order to purchase tickets. Students must have a valid school ID or driver's license present when purchasing tickets and then again to get into the prom. The deadline for LHS sophomores and non-LHS students to submit a guest application to Mrs. Tellis has passed. Last, students need an emergency contact form on file. The emergency contact form is on the homepage of the school's website and on the senior page.

Wednesday, May 2. Senior Carnival & Luncheon, 4th – 7th periods. The seniors will have a catered luncheon by Willy's outside during all of fourth period. Then they will remain outside on the track for the Carnival. The seniors will participate in several competitive events and will be provided with musical entertainment. The attire for the day is casual. Class dues must be paid for a senior to participate. Tickets will be distributed **April 23-27** from 7:30-8:00 am in room 2208 and after school from 3:15-4:00 pm in room 2605. Donations of 12 packs of Sprite, Diet Coke, Coke, Dr. Pepper, Powerade/Gatorade, and water are greatly appreciated and help to offset cost. Please have your seniors drop them off in room 2605. **Parent volunteers are needed.** If you have any questions about volunteering please contact Debra Mercaldo, debramercaldo@gmail.com or Susan McDaniel, susanjmcDaniel@bellsouth.net, Class of 2018 Parent Sponsors.

Thursday, May 3. Honors Night (Juniors & Seniors). This is an invitation only event and will be held in the auditorium at 6:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the event. Invitations will be hand delivered to students. Dual enrollment students will be notified by U.S. mail and by phone.

Thursday, May 11. Senior Night, LHS Cafeteria, 5:00-7:00 PM. This is an opportunity for seniors to be honored based on their performance for the year and by their peers and teachers. Also seniors will have a chance to pick up their preordered yearbooks and yard signs. Dinner will be served and the attire is semi-formal. Donations of 12 packs of Sprite, Diet Coke, Coke, Juices, and water are greatly appreciated and help to offset cost. Please have your seniors drop them off in room 2605.

Wednesday, May 16. Pick up caps and gowns during fourth period in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building. Caps and gowns will be divided based on homeroom. Senior Check Out Form, class dues, any lost textbook or media center fines, must be paid, transcript form turned into counseling office, and any other outstanding financial obligations must be taken care of for a cap and gown to be issued. These caps and gowns are for the seniors to keep. **Parent volunteers are needed.** If you have any questions about volunteering please contact Debra Mercaldo, debramercaldo@gmail.com or Susan McDaniel, susanjmcDaniel@bellsouth.net, Class of 2018 Parent Sponsors.

Remember, a cap and gown in hand does not guarantee graduation from Lakeside.

Wednesday-Thursday, May 16-17. Senior exams. Seniors will take their exams earlier than exams for the rest of the students and will return on Monday, May 21, 2018, for graduation practice at 9:00 AM in the gym. **Practice is mandatory.**

Sunday, May 20. Pre-Commencement (Baccalaureate) service at the Lakeside High School Fine Arts Auditorium at 1:00 PM. This is an optional nondenominational inspirational service with a reception afterwards. Seniors must be at school no later than 12:15 PM in order to line up for their march into the service. The cap and gown is worn. Dress is business casual and the female students' dresses should not extend below the hem length of the graduation gown. No ticket is required.

Monday, May 21. Graduation practice, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM in Lakeside's gymnasium. Attendance is mandatory if any senior plans to march in the graduation ceremony; there are no exceptions. If a senior is not there, we have no way of knowing whether or not he/she plans to march at graduation and therefore will not leave space for him/her. Guidelines for the ceremony and Lakeside pickup and drop-off time will be distributed at the practice.

Tuesday, May 22. Graduation, Georgia World Congress Center – 285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW Atlanta, GA 30313, 10:00 AM. Seniors will be required to be at Lakeside by 6:45 AM to board the bus to GWCC. All seniors are encouraged to ride the bus from Lakeside to GWCC. The buses will depart at 7:00 AM. No seniors will be allowed to participate in graduation if they arrive after the graduation ceremony begins. Permission slips will be secured for each senior to indicate if students need return transportation back to the school.

NO TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION. Seating is first come, first serve. A map will be available to the Georgia World Congress Center and given out at the practice Friday morning.

We do ask seniors to dress appropriately:

Guys: white shirt, dark tie, dark pants, and dark shoes;

Girls: dress should not extend below the hem of the gown.

Please do not bring large bouquets of flowers or balloon bouquets – you will not be able to bring them into the Georgia World Congress Center.

A DVD of the ceremony can be ordered from the district as well graduation pictures. Parents will not be allowed to come up to the stage to take pictures. You may visit <http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/grad-central-station/> to order pictures, the DVD and to find out information about graduation. The ceremony lasts about an hour.

Parking at GWCC. Visit the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) early bird parking website to pre-purchase parking tickets (See below).

<https://gwcc.clickandpark.com>

DeKalb's access code: DKCG

Early bird parking tickets are \$10, if purchased prior to the day of your visit. The parking fee without a pre-purchased ticket is \$15.

GWCC has also designated the entrance near West Plaza on Northside Drive as a feasible drop-off location for persons with limited walking abilities and persons with wheelchair accessibility requirements, if needed (See GWCC Venue Map).

We hope we have covered whatever questions you might have about the coming events. If any of the above information changes, we will inform you as rapidly as possible. As always, please feel free to e-mail Kizzy_Bess@dekalbschoolsga.org or Marcia_Jackson@dekalbschoolsga.org, if you have any questions.

Last, we wish nothing but joy and happiness to you and your family as we all share in this uniquely American rite of passage; it is a time for great celebration.

Thank you!

Class of 2018 Teacher Sponsors:

Kizzy Bess and Marcia Jackson