TJ Class of 2023

Senior Parent Information Session
Agenda:

★ Greetings
  ○ Dr. Ann Bonitatibus, Principal
  ○ Thomas Williams, Class of 2023 President

★ Prom/Important Dates/Obligations
  ○ Ms. Chrystal Benson, Assistant Principal
  ○ TJ Finance Office

★ Graduation
  ○ Mr. Brandon Kosatka, Director of Student Services

★ All Night Graduation Party (ANG)
  ○ PTSA

★ Important Dates and Resources
  ○ Ms. Sara Genetin, Associate Principal
Dr. Ann Bonitatibus
Principal
Thomas Williams
President of the Class of 2023
Prom

Sunset Room

Saturday, April 22, 2023
National Harbor, Maryland
8pm to 11pm
Prom

Guests

★ Only one (1) guest per TJ senior
★ Cost for a guest is $50, paid by the TJ senior on MySchoolBucks
★ TJ senior and guest must enter and exit the prom together
★ TJ senior is responsible for the appropriate behavior of their guest
★ Guest permission slip was due on April 11th
Senior Final Exams

Thursday, June 1- Math/Computer Science/Science
Friday, June 2- Math/Computer Science/Science
Monday, June 5- Humanities/World Language/Make-ups
Tuesday, June 6- Humanities/World Language/Make-ups

These are full days of school, even if your senior does not have a final exam.
Graduation

EagleBank Arena
Campus of George Mason University
Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 7:30pm
Seniors arrive at 6:00pm
Doors open to public at 6:30pm
Tickets are NOT required
Graduation Rehearsal

★ Dates
  ○ Wednesday, June 7 - Last opportunity to clear up any outstanding obligations.
  ○ Thursday, June 8 - MANDATORY PRACTICE

★ Arrive after 9:00am

★ Must be seated in the gym by 9:25am

★ Attendance is MANDATORY
Graduation To-Dos

The following should be done:

★ Complete the Graduation Program Name Google Form in Schoology. (Mr. Kosatka)

★ Complete the Google form to record their cap and gown size. This can also be found in Schoology. (Ms. Fisher)

Please speak with your senior to ensure that these tasks are complete. If they are not complete, they can be found on the Class of 2023 Graduation Schoology page.
Graduation

Attire

★ The FCPS Dress Code is in effect.
★ Gowns will be worn throughout the entire ceremony. Please don’t iron your gown.
★ Although the arena is air conditioned, it will get warm.
★ Caps cannot be decorated.
★ Tassels will be worn on the right side.
★ Modest heels and flat shoes are recommended.
Graduation

Accommodations

★ EagleBank Arena is fully accessible for families with handicap needs.
  ○ Parking at the South & West entrances.
  ○ Portals 4, 8, 13, & 17.
  ○ Rows are reserved for families to sit with their family members who need handicap accessible seating.

★ ASL Translation: Please email Student Services at TJHSSTDSS@fcps.edu if ASL services are needed.
Graduation

Audience Expectations

★ Stand during the processional and recessional.
★ Remain seated throughout the ceremony.
★ Eagle Bank Arena (EBA) conducts bag checks on all guests. No exceptions. EBA encourages guests to not bring a bag.
★ EBA prohibits various items including the following:
  ○ No air horns, bells, noise makers, or other distracting items
  ○ No weapons
  ○ No outside food or beverage
  ○ No flags/banners that could block someone’s view
  ○ No bottles/cans/containers/coolers
  ○ No projectiles (frisbees, footballs, inflatable balls, etc.)
  ○ No unapproved pamphlets/handouts/etc
Graduation

After the Graduation Ceremony:

★ Parents should establish a meeting place in advance to reunite with your graduate after the ceremony for pictures.

★ Graduates will process out of the arena and towards the East Balcony and North side of the building.

★ Seniors will only be permitted to have their car keys with them - no cell phones.
FCPS Senior Survey

A message will be sent to all seniors to complete the FCPS Senior Survey in May. The survey will be completed asynchronously in Naviance Student.

The survey is the method by which students request their final high school transcript be sent to the college, university, or program they have chosen to attend after high school.

Please stay tuned to Schoology for more specific instructions and information when the survey is ready.
Student Obligations

Senior Dues

- Senior dues are $65
- Covers the cost of prom for each senior and graduation expenses
- Payable on MySchoolBucks (https://www.myschoolbucks.com/)
- Not covered by senior dues:
  - Yearbooks
  - Graduation Announcements
  - ANGP (All Night Grad Party)
  - Graduation Photos/DVD
- Contact your school counselor if payment creates a financial hardship
Student Obligations

Outstanding Fees Still Owed
(Textbooks, Class Fees, Field Trip Fees, Senior Dues)

★★ Sent on 4/11/23 to student’s fcpsschools.net accounts
★★ Please pay outstanding fees as soon as possible
★★ Check with the Finance Office if you have questions about past debts
★★ Must be paid before caps and gowns are issued
★★ Fees can be paid on MySchoolBucks or with cash/check at the school finance office, Room 105
★★ Athletic Uniforms must be turned into coaches or activities office after last competition date
Student Obligations

To pay using MySchoolBucks (MSB) after logging in:

★ **Class Fees**: Click on “Invoices” to pay

★ **Lost/Damaged Items**: Click on the search field (magnifying glass) and type in “Lost” to pay

★ **Senior Dues, Field Trips, Club Fees**: Click on the search field (magnifying glass) and type in the name of the obligation (ex. “Class of 2023 Senior Dues” or “NHS Dues”) to pay

★ **Questions?** Email TJHSSTFinance@fcps.edu
Optional Expenses

Yearbook
Parents can pre-order yearbooks by visiting www.yearbookordercenter.com (school code 13621) until April 29. The cost of $100 includes the yearbook, literary magazine, scientific journal, and a year of TJ Today.

Graduation Announcements/Class Rings/Additional Tassel
Graduation announcements can be ordered through Balfour. Please go to the website to place your order.

All Night Graduation Party (ANGP)
ANGP is sponsored by the PTSA. Please go to their website for more information, tjpsta.com/angp23/.
Photographs

Prom
Professional photographer hired. Students can purchase pictures.

Senior Class Panoramic Photo
Purchase directly from www.legacystudios.com. Use code 4551E23. Images should be ready to view 3-5 days after the picture is taken.

Graduation
• Professional photographers take a picture of each graduate while receiving their diploma and a candid photo off stage. Directions for ordering these pictures will be included with the diploma packet.
• Cameras and video cameras at graduations are allowed. You may only film from seats. Standing in aisles or portals is strictly prohibited as are electrical cords, tripods, or selfie sticks.

Graduation Video
Graduation will be recorded. We will provide more information when it becomes available.
PTSA
All-Night Grad Party (ANGP)

Yvette Rivers  PTSA President  president@tjptsa.org
Mary Alice Heretick  ANGP Coordinator  angp.chair@tjptsa.org
Connie Fan  Senior Class Parent/PTSA Liaison
Kelley Denny  Senior Class Parent/PTSA Liaison
Alice Wang  Senior Class Parent/PTSA Liaison
Summary of Important Dates

Saturday, April 22  Prom - Sunset Room, National Harbor 8-11pm
May 30 - June 5  Early Laptop Collection- Room 281
Thursday, June 1  Final Exams (full day for seniors)
Friday, June 2    Final Exams (full day for seniors)
Monday, June 5   Final Exams (full day for seniors)
Tuesday, June 6  Final Exams (last full day/last day to return laptops)
Summary of Important Dates

**Wednesday, June 7**  
No School for Seniors  
All outstanding obligations must be cleared by this date. If obligations are not cleared by the end of the day, your senior’s cap and gown will be pulled.

**Thursday, June 8**  
MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL  
Arrive after 9:00 am and be in assigned seat by 9:25am  
Senior Luncheon

**Saturday, June 10**  
Graduation Day!  
Seniors arrive at 6pm  
Doors open to the public at 6:30pm  
Ceremony begins promptly at 7:30pm
POC’s and Resources

Ms. Benson  Assistant Principal- cpbenson@fcps.edu
Mr. Kosatka  Director of Student Services - bpkosatka@fcps.edu
Ms. Elliott  Transcripts- kelliott@fcps.edu
Ms. Wolf  College and Career- sswolf@fcps.edu
Finance Office  TJHSSTFinance@fcps.edu
Tech Office  TJHSSTTechteam@fcps.edu
Ms. Broadhead  AP Testing - lkbroadhead@fcps.edu
Ms. Fisher  2023 Class Sponsor - jmfisher@fcps.edu
Dr. Locklear  2023 Class Sponsor- lllocklear@fcps.edu
Mary Alice Heretick  PTSA ANGP Coordinator - https://tjptsa.com/angp23/
Website  https://tjhsst.fcps.edu/TJGraduation2023
Schoology Page  Class of 2023 Graduation
We’re All In This Together!