

GRADUATION PLANNER

FPHS CLASS OF 2018



“HOME OF THE CARDINALS”

WELCOME to the final year of an educational journey begun in kindergarten! You're almost there! Senior year is the gateway that marks the end of adolescence and the beginning of full participation in the adult world. We hope both parents and students find this planner helpful in navigating through the activities of this eventful year. Please feel free to call us at the school, if you have questions or need information of any kind.

Graduation Ceremony

This year's graduation ceremony will be held at the Washington State Fair Events Center on Saturday, June 9, at 11 am. Students should arrive at the designated staging area by 10:15 am, in order to assemble for commencement. Our staff dresses formally in gowns, and all attend. Gates open at 10 am. Seating will be first come, first served. The ceremony lasts about an hour and fifteen minutes. Programs will be available that day which list the order of events, as well as all members of the senior class and their awards. Students should dress formally and comfortably. Shoes are required, and no messages are allowed on the mortar boards.

Graduation Rehearsal

To practice for the formal ceremony, students will do a walk-through rehearsal on June 8 at 1 pm at the fairgrounds. Rehearsal attendance is mandatory for all students who wish to participate in the commencement exercise.

At the rehearsal, students will have the opportunity to select their walking partners, and we will practice pronouncing names, organize graduate seating, run through the order of events, music, etc. The rehearsal lasts about one hour, depending on the attention of the class. Dress is casual.

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate is a non-denominational religious service sponsored by the community for graduating seniors and their families during the week of commencement. This ceremony is organized by parents and/or local clergy. The school does not arrange for this service or require students to attend. If information is provided, the school will publish the date and time of the ceremony, and allow informational flyers to be posted.

Traditionally, graduating seniors wear their gowns to this optional service, which generally includes a student speaker(s), motivational speakers, and music. School contacts for those planning Baccalaureate would be office manager Lynn Cawthra (298-3805), senior advisors Jesse McNeil and Christi Angermeir or ASB advisor Amy Clark.

Caps and Gowns

Jostens provided information about graduation gear and memorabilia to our seniors at their class meeting on October 23rd. Students who were present at this meeting were also given order packets. Order packets are also available in the main office.

Our school order day will be Tuesday, November 14th. Jostens reps will be here in the school foyer from 11:30 am until 5:30 pm on the 14th to take your orders and answer your questions. Orders may also be placed by mail or online. To receive the best price on caps & gowns, you should order before December 10. After December 10, cost increases substantially. Jostens generally returns to the school in April to deliver all items which have been ordered.

Caps & 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 is usually quite good at letting you know which process will be used.

Our local Josten's representative is Rick Morton (253-210-0575). He and his staff are always very happy to help you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your orders with them.

Class Officers

Senior class officers are responsible for future class reunions. It is important that you have some means by which to locate each other in the years ahead. We often get calls about reunions, but we generally have very little information, unless it has been provided to us by the class officers. Officers for the Class of 2018 are:

President:	Alice Torres
Vice President:	Rudu Wani
Treasurer:	Sam Gorrell
Honorary Ambassador:	Ayjanai Vaughn

Credit Checks

Each year there are seniors who fall behind in credits for whatever reason, or who slack off during their senior year, especially as graduation approaches. **No exceptions will be made for those who do not meet all course, portfolio, presentation and state testing requirements for graduation.** Remember — students should work hard all the way through their last day of school! (*See information about the Senior Success Program later in this planner.*)

To check on your student's credits, or to turn in other forms such as Running Start, see your student's guidance counselor or call 298-3834.

A-E Jonathan Love
F-Le Letysha Plaskett-Rosario
Li-R Hannah Scroger
S-Z JulieAnn Detweiler

Parents and students can also keep track of student grades by using online grades often. From the district website at www.fpschools.org, select "Online Grades" from the "For Parents" dropdown menu. Student IDs and passwords can be obtained from the main office, Counseling Center, or from your student's advisor.

Diplomas

Sometime in late February or early March, seniors will be asked to come to the main office 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, listed and spelled correctly for their diplomas. Reminder announcements are made in the Daily Bulletin.

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 be available from the bookkeeper beginning at 10 am the Monday after graduation. This year that is Monday, June 11th. 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.

End of the year conduct

Although emotions run high as senior year winds down, it is important that seniors exit the school year with decorum and class. Monikers, signs, stickers, and window slogans on cars that depict FPHS or individual students in a demeaning or negative way are prohibited.

Fines and Fees

All fines and fees for lost textbooks, supplies, materials, etc., must be paid prior to graduation. FP's bookkeeper is available to take payments during lunches and right after school. Checks should be made payable to Franklin Pierce High School. Fines should be paid no later than 3 p.m. on June 7th. If fines and fees have not been paid, or cleared by returning the items in question, diplomas and final transcripts will not be released.

Financial Aid

It is recommended that any student planning to pursue education beyond high school complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA). Online applications became available on October 1, 2017. Seniors and their parents had the opportunity during fall student conferences to complete these forms with assistance from college representatives. If you haven't yet completed these important applications and need assistance, be sure to stop by and make an appointment with your counselor. (*see also Scholarships*)

Grades and Transcripts

Final grades and transcripts will be available two to three weeks after the last day of the school year (June 19). Report cards and final transcripts will be mailed at the end of June or beginning of July. ***If a student needs to have a final transcript sent to a college or other post-secondary program, he or she must complete the Final Transcript Request form in the CCC.*** Transcripts will then be mailed as per the instructions on this form. **Please remember** transcripts may be held until all fines and fees are paid.

Handicapped Seating

Handicapped seating at graduation is managed by fair personnel. If you need to request handicapped seating, please contact Ms. Cawthra after Memorial Day, and we 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, and are distributed at Senior Awards Night. They may be worn at the awards ceremony and graduation. 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 are also acceptable.

Line Leaders & Faculty Speaker

Every year the senior class honors faculty members by selecting a faculty member to speak at graduation and another four to act as Line Leaders. The faculty speaker addresses the graduating class early in the graduation ceremony. Line Leaders lead the seniors as they enter and leave the stadium, and facilitate movement during the awarding of the diplomas.

Parking

Parking will be available in the Red & Gold Lots at the fairgrounds. More information regarding parking specifics will be available a few months in advance of graduation. Parking in these lots will be free of charge.

Pictures

B&B/Perlens is the official photographer for our 2018 commencement. They will have two photographers set up below the stage to get a picture of each student at the moment he or she shakes hands with the school board member who awards the diploma. You will be able to view & order these photos online. More information about this procedure will be provided to the students when they pick up their

diplomas. We do not handle picture problems through the school, so if difficulties occur, the studio should be contacted directly at 253-770-5672.

Family 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.

Portfolio Presentations

Senior portfolio presentations will take place May 21-23. ***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 23rd.*** Students will be notified of their presentation times at least one week in advance. Once students receive their assigned presentation times, they should notify Mrs. Price in the CCC immediately if any conflicts exist. Students should remember that portfolios cannot be presented until advisors have cleared them, so be sure to take care of this ***before*** presentation week. 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 on their portfolios.

Scholarships & the FPHS Scholarship Application

Every year, Franklin Pierce students receive thousands of dollars in scholarships. Many of these scholarships require that 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.

Seniors at FP are also 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.

These applications may be found on the Counseling Center section of our school website. Go to the Counseling Center drop down and choose "Scholarships." Hard copy applications are available upon request, but you are strongly encouraged to complete the electronic application. This year, the application is due by 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2018.

Senior Awards Night

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, a formal ceremony will be conducted to honor the Class of 2018 and to distribute scholarships and awards. This awards night is a tradition at Franklin Pierce High School. **All seniors and their families are invited to attend.** Dress is semi-formal. Arrive early for the best seat. Many community members will be present to honor the class.

Students should also be sure to notify the CCC **no later than May 15th** of any outside awards they have accepted, so these can also be recognized in the awards and graduation programs. Distinguished portfolios are honored that evening as well.

Senior Prom

This year's Senior Prom (formerly known as Senior Ball) is scheduled to be held from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, May 5th. Planned by senior class leadership, the venue for this year's prom is the Pavilion at Pioneer Park. Additional information, as well as ticket prices, will be announced in the Daily Bulletin during the month before the event.

Senior Party

For many years, the all-night, alcohol-free senior party was a tradition at FPHS. In the past few years, interest in such a party has declined, and the party has not taken place. Like Baccalaureate, the senior party would be planned, organized, and executed by parents and/or other community members. The school is not involved with this party, as the students have graduated and are no longer the responsibility of the school or district. The school will, however, allow party organizers to be present at lunch time to collect money, and may also provide a drop place for flyers and information. School contacts for those planning a senior party would be office manager Lynn Cawthra (298-3805), senior class advisors Jesse McNeil & Christi Angermeir, or ASB advisor Amy Clark.

Student Speakers

Each graduation ceremony includes two student speakers selected from a group of interested students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and who have presented their speeches in front of a faculty committee. Students who qualify to try out will be notified by letter, generally in April.

These speeches are intended to be an inspiring reflection about the class's educational journey and future prospects. Student speakers address the graduates early in the program.

Senior Success Program

The senior success program has been created to increase our students' success in school and to provide the necessary support to make sure our seniors do not fall short of graduation.

The program works as follows: Senior grades will be checked on a Friday, and seniors who are failing any class required for graduation, or who are taking a correspondence course necessary for graduation, will be notified the following Monday that they are required to attend the Senior Success Program. Seniors who qualify for this program will then participate in a **4-week intervention**. The program is a mandatory guided study hall, supervised by our counselors, on Wednesday afternoons from 1:20 to 2:10 on early release days, and from 2:50-3:30 on regular schedule days.

Attendance is required and will be monitored. All FPHS attendance policies will be enforced. Not attending when required constitutes a truancy. Failure to attend or to meet the qualifications for being excused from Senior Success will also result in students being withheld from extracurricular activities.

Summa Dinner

The Summa Dinner is a celebration of and for students who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.9 or higher. Students receiving this award are encouraged to invite one teacher in addition to their families. Summa students will be treated to a fine dining experience while being honored by administrators and counselors. In late spring, students who meet the summa criteria will receive invitations to the Summa Dinner, scheduled this year for May 30th.

Testing

AP testing will be conducted during the weeks of May 7th & 14th. Fall semester finals will be held the week of January 22nd, and spring semester senior finals will be held June 5 & 6.

Tickets

Each graduating senior receives six (6) free tickets from Franklin Pierce High School. Students will pick up their free tickets from the bookkeeper, who will record their receipt, and if these tickets are lost, they cannot be replaced. Students may, however, trade tickets with each other if their families do not need all of them. Students will be able to pick up their six complimentary tickets beginning on Tuesday, May 29th. **Please note: Students must be passing all classes necessary for graduation in order to pick up their graduation tickets.**

Additional tickets are available at the cost of \$7.00 each. Tickets will also be available for purchase beginning Tuesday, May 29th. Due to certain logistical constraints, there is a maximum number of tickets we may sell, depending on our final number of graduates. 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.

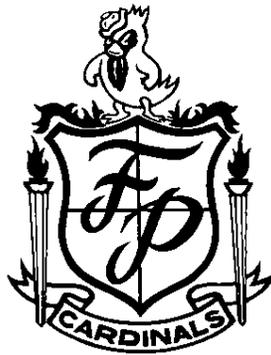
Please help us by reminding friends and family in the audience that respectful behavior is an integral part of a successful ceremony, and that we request all friends and family remain seated during the ceremony.

Walking Partners

Students who have qualified to walk at graduation will choose their walking partners at graduation rehearsal. Once partners are chosen, seating will be organized. Each student will be given a name card to present to the announcer when he or she walks up to the stage, so there will be no confusion with names.

Yearbooks

Please stay tuned to the announcements for information about when yearbooks will be distributed. They generally arrive early in June, and distribution plans are not yet complete.



*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 calendar are occasionally subject to change. Additional events may be added over the course of the year as well. Keep an eye on our website for updates.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2017</h1>						
			1 Early Release @ 1:15p	2 1 st Quarter Ends December SAT registration deadline	3 December ACT registration deadline	4 SAT test administered, various locations
5	6	7	8	9 Veteran's Day Assembly (Learning Lab)	10 NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day observed	11
12	13 Winter Sports begin	14 Jostens Order Day 11:30a - 5:30p	15 Early Release @ 1:15p	16 Winter Sports Parent's Night, 7p	17 Fall Play: The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon 7p	18 Fall Play: The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon 7p
19 Fall Play: The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon 2p	20	21	22 3-hr Early Release	23 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday	24 NO SCHOOL →→→	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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<h1>December 2017</h1>					1	2 SAT test administered, various locations
3	4	5	6 Early Release @ 1:15p	7	8	9 ACT test administered, various locations
10	11	12 Band & Choir Concert, 7p	13 Early Release @ 1:15p	14	15	16
17	18	19 Winter Wishes Assembly, 2p	20 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	21 →→→	22 →→→	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	26 →→→	27 →→→	28 →→→	29 →→→	30
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2018						
	1 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	2 →→→	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Early Release @ 1:15p	11	12 MLK Assembly (LL) February ACT registration deadlines	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL MLK Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 FINALS Early Release @ 1:15p	25 FINALS 3-hr Early Release	26 FINALS 1 st Semester Ends @ FP 3-hr Early Release	27
28	29 NO SCHOOL Teacher PRAD	30	31			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2018</h1>						
				1 <u>Deadline:</u> FPHS Scholarship Applications, by 3p	2	3
4	5	6	7 Early Release @ 1:15p	8	9 March SAT registration deadline	10 ACT test administered, various locations
11	12	13	14 Early Release @ 1:15p	15 Mr. Cardinal Pageant, 7p	16	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL Mid-Winter Break	20 →→→→	21 →→→→	22 →→→→	23 →→→→	24
25	26 Spring Sports begin	27	28 Early Release @ 1:15p			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2018</h1>						
				1 Blood Drive #2	2 Spring Sports Pep Assembly (EOD) Princess Bowl, 7p	3 Cardinal 5K Fun Run
4	5	6	7 Early Release @ 1:15p	8 Band & Choir Concert, 7p	9 April ACT registration deadline	10 SAT test administered, various locations
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 3.5-hr Early Release for Student Led Conferences	21 3.5-hr Early Release for Student Led Conferences	22 3.5-hr Early Release for Student Led Conferences	23 3.5-hr Early Release for Student Led Conferences	24
25	26	27	28 Early Release @ 1:15p	29 Musical: The 25 th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, 7p	30 Musical: The 25 th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, 7p	31 Musical: The 25 th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, 2 & 7p

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2018</h1>						
1	2	3	4 Early Release @ 1:15p	5	6 3 rd Quarter Ends May SAT registration deadline	7 Daffodil Parade
8	9 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	10 →→→→	11 →→→→	12 →→→→	13 →→→→	14 ACT test administered, various locations
15	16 <u>Deadline:</u> Distinguished Portfolios due	17	18 Early Release @ 1:15p	19	20	21 FPS Honor Band & Choir Festival @ PLU, 7p
22	23 Senior Presentations for Distinguished Portfolios	24	25	26	27 Snow Day Makeup (no school if we didn't have any snow days)	28
29	30					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2018</h1>						
		1 Blood Drive #3 National Signing Day (LL)	2 Early Release @ 1:15p	3 WE Day June SAT registration deadline	4 MultiCultural Assembly, 2p MultiCultural Night , 5:30p June ACT registration deadline	5 SAT test administered, various locations Prom @ the Pavilion in Pioneer Park, 7-10p
6	7 APTests: Chemistry (am); Psychology (pm)	8 APTests: Spanish (am); Physics (pm)	9 APTests: English Lit & Comp (am) Early Release @ 1:15p	10 APTests: US Govt & Politics (am); Environmental Science (pm)	11 APTests: APUSH History (am); Studio Art Upload due <u>Deadline:</u> Proficient Portfolios due	12
13	14 APTests: Biology (am)	15 APTests: Calculus AB & BC (am) <u>Deadline:</u> scholarship & award info for graduation & award night programs	16 APTests: English Language & Comp (am) Early Release @ 1:15p	17 APTests: World History (am); Statistics (pm) One Act Plays , 7p	18 APTests: Human Geography (am) One Act Plays , 7p	19 One Act Plays , 2p
20	21 Senior Portfolio Presentations	22 Senior Portfolio Presentations	23 Senior Portfolio Presentations	24	25 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Holiday	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Holiday	29 Graduation Tickets Get six (6) FREE & buy more @ \$7 each from Ms. Angemeir	30 <u>Deadline:</u> Last Chance Portfolios due, 3p Summa Night , 6p	31 Do you have outstanding fines? Check with Ms. Angemeir Band & Choir Concert, 7p		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2018</h1>						
					1 Moving Up Assembly, 2p	2 SAT test administered, various locations
3 Check Fines!!!	4 Last Chance Portfolio Presentations	5 Senior Final Exams	6 Senior Final Exams Senior Awards Night, 7p Early Release @ 1:15p	7 Graduation Parade & Senior makeups <u>Deadline:</u> all fines must be paid! Seniors Last Day!	8 Graduation Rehearsal WA State Fair Events Center, 1p	9 Graduation WA State Fair Events Center, 11a ACT test administered, various locations
10	11 Diplomas available @ Bookkeeper's Office, beginning @ 10a	12	13	14	15 July ACT registration deadline	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30