

GRADUATION PLANNER

FPHS CLASS OF 2020



“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 on Saturday, June 6, at 11 am, at the Washington State Fair Events Center. 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, unless pre-approved by administration.

Graduation Rehearsal

In order to practice for the formal ceremony, students will do a walk through rehearsal on June 5 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. Caps & gowns are not required for rehearsal.

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, if it occurs, 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 advisor Christi Angermeir or ASB advisor Chimere Hackney.

Caps and Gowns

NEW THIS YEAR Rather than assigning gown color by gender, all FPHS students will now wear red caps & gowns for graduation.

Jostens provides information about graduation gear and memorabilia to our seniors at a class meeting that is scheduled to occur on Friday, October 11. Our official Jostens order day takes place the following Wednesday, October 16th. Orders may also be placed online at www.jostens.com or by phone at 1-800-567-8367. To receive the best pricing on caps & gowns, orders should be placed 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. If you are unable to be here on delivery day, but have paid for your order in full, it will be left with the main office and can be picked up from Ms. Cawthra. If you still owe on your order, Jostens will keep it until final payment is made then mail it to your home. this year FPHS is moving to a single color of cap & gown for all students (red).

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 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 2020 are:

President:	Ryan Marinelli
Vice President:	Bailee Jamison
Treasurer:	Marissa Escobedo

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 Senior Academic Intervention 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.

Jaime Fineman (A-E)

Letysa Plaskett-Rosario (F-Le)

Breanne Skolrud (Li-R)

JulieAnn Detweiler (S-Z)

Hannah Scroger (Grad Specialist)

Parents and students can also keep track of student grades by frequently checking their grades in TeacherEase. Parents and students can access TeacherEase from the district website at www.fpschools.org, by selecting "Student Grades" from the "For Parents" or "For Students" dropdown menus. Please note: if parent's or student's email is not on file in our system, that email must be provided to the registrar and entered in Skyward in order to receive initial log-in instructions.

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 and suffixes, 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 11 a.m. the Monday after graduation. This year that is Monday, June 8th. ***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

Any celebratory recognition of your graduate should be positive and specific to your student(s). 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 by 3 pm on June 4th in order to receive your diploma and final transcripts in a timely fashion. FP's bookkeeper is available to take payments from students during lunches and right after school. The bookkeeper will take payments from parents between 8:30 am and 3 pm (closed for lunch from 1-2). Checks should be made payable to Franklin Pierce High School. Credit cards are also accepted.

Financial Aid

In order for students to be eligible to apply for financial assistance for their post-secondary plans, an application for financial aid must be completed via www.readysetgrad.com. Financial aid applications for the next school year become available for completion every October 1. Our counseling department offers multiple opportunities for families to receive assistance in completing these forms. Specific dates will be communicated via email and auto-dialer.

Grad Parade

FP's 5th annual grad parade will take place on Thursday, June 4th, at 10 am. Seniors who have signed up to participate and have successfully completed their checkout process will travel to our four feeder elementary schools wearing their full graduation regalia to provide encouragement and inspiration to our elementary students. They then converge at Ford Middle School for a parade there, and after which they return to FPHS marching across the bridge.

Graduation Programs

Graduation programs are distributed to graduates and their parents at the graduation ceremony. The program is a nice keepsake that includes the order of the

ceremony, a list of graduating seniors (another reason why checking your name is important), and a list of awards received by the student.

PLEASE NOTE: Awards received through the Franklin Pierce Scholarship Application, as well as honor cords and other awards given through FPHS, will automatically be listed in the Graduation Program. *Students who have received scholarships outside those awarded through the Franklin Pierce Scholarship Application and wish to have that information included in the program must provide evidence of the award to the CCC by May 14th. Due to production deadlines, information received after that date cannot be included.*

Grades and Transcripts

Final grades and transcripts will be available two to three weeks after the last day of the school year (June 11). Report cards and final transcripts will be mailed at the end of June or beginning of July. Students who have applied to and been accepted by a post-secondary program that requires a final transcript will need to complete a final transcript request in the CCC before the end of July. Final transcript request forms will be available at graduation rehearsal and from the registrar during the summer. All transcript requests must go through the registrar and not individual counselors. Please remember official transcripts will be held until all fines and fees are paid.

Handicapped Seating Accommodations

Handicapped seating accommodations at graduation are managed by fair personnel. If you need to request handicapped seating accommodations, please contact Ms. Cawthra at 253-298-3805 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 this year will be distributed at our Moving Up Assembly on June 1st. They may also be worn at other awards ceremonies 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 and stoles may also be worn.

Parking

Free parking for graduation will be available in the Red and Gold Lots at the Washington State Fair Events Center (110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup WA).

Pictures

B&B/Perler (253-770-5672) is the official 2020 commencement photographer. They will have two photographers set up below the stage to take a picture of each student at the moment he or she shakes hands with the school board member who awards the diploma. Information about how to view and order these photos will be available when you pick up your diplomas from the bookkeeper after graduation. If you have any photo concerns or ordering issues, B&B/Perler should be contacted directly.

Families 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.

For reasons of safety, security and equity privately hired photographers will not be permitted on the tarmac or allowed to move about in the grandstand.

Portfolio Presentations

The senior portfolio presentation is a graduation requirement. This year, senior portfolio presentations will take place May 18-20. ***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 20th.*** 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 (*see attached calendar for due date deadlines*). 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.

This application may be found on our FPHS website under Student Services / Scholarships. Once on the Scholarship page scroll down to the set of tabs and choose the one labeled FPHS Scholarship. There will be a live link posted during the time that the application is available for completion. Hard copy applications are also available upon request, but you are strongly encouraged to complete the electronic version. This year, FPHS Scholarship applications will be accepted beginning on Monday, February 3rd, with a final submission deadline of 3 pm on Thursday, February 28th. ***Please note: incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered for awards.*** Please direct all questions to our College & Career Specialist, Elisa Price (253-298-3934).

Senior Checkout

Seniors will be required to complete a checkout process as the final step to being approved to graduate and walk in the commencement ceremony. To complete a successful checkout, you must be passing all classes required for graduation, have successfully completed your portfolio requirements, paid all fines and have met all district and state credit and testing requirements. Your last stop will be with your counselor to approve your check-out card and verify your graduation status.

You will receive your check-out form in Cardinal Connections. Your initial opportunity to complete the final checkout with your counselor will be following the Moving Up Assembly on Friday, May 29th. May 29th will also be the last day of school for those seniors who have successfully completed their checkout. Seniors still working to complete current coursework or other graduation requirements will continue to attend class through June 3rd.

Students who wish to participate in the graduation ceremony must have completed their checkout by 2:45 pm on June 3rd. If you have not met all graduation requirements by June 3rd at 2:45 pm, you will not be allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony.

Students who do not meet the check-out deadline may still be granted a diploma once all requirements are met, but will not be eligible to walk.

Senior Recognition Night

At 6 pm on Wednesday, June 3rd, a formal ceremony will take place to recognize 2020 scholarship recipients and Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9 or higher) academic scholars. Students who qualify for this recognition will receive invitations from their counselors and are encouraged to invite their immediate family members to join them at the event. Space is somewhat limited, so we do ask that you RSVP to your counselor or Ms. Cawthra no later than Friday, May 29.

Dress for this event is semi-formal, and dessert will be served. Representatives from the Franklin Pierce School Board will be in attendance to help celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2020.

Senior Prom

This year's Senior Prom is scheduled to be held from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, April 25th. Planned by senior class leadership, the venue for this year's prom is still being decided. Additional information, as well as ticket prices, will be announced in the Daily Bulletin during the month before the event. Contact senior advisor Christi Angermeir (253-298-3811) for more information.

Student & Faculty 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 to 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.

In addition, the senior class selects a faculty member each year to speak at graduation. The faculty speaker also addresses the graduating class early in the ceremony. Faculty speaker selection occurs in April or May.

Senior Academic Intervention

Seniors who are at risk of failing courses required for graduation, including APEX courses, as well as students who are credit deficient (less than 22 credits) and/or have incomplete portfolios will be placed in Academic Intervention.

Intervention meets after school on early release Wednesdays until 4 pm. Teachers will inform students that they are required to attend. Counselors will also monitor their progress.

Attendance is required and will be monitored by counselors and administration. All FPHS attendance policies will be enforced. Failure to attend Academic Intervention when assigned could result in not being allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony and possibly not receiving a diploma at all.

Testing

AP testing will be conducted during the weeks of May 4th & 11th. Fall semester finals will be held the week of January 20th, and spring semester senior finals will be held May 26-28.

Tickets

Each graduating senior receives six (6) free tickets from Franklin Pierce High School. **NEW THIS YEAR** *In order for seniors to receive their six complimentary tickets, they must have completed the formal checkout process and been approved to walk in the graduation ceremony;* therefore, students will receive their free tickets from their counselors when they complete their final checkout, beginning on May 29th. Students will sign for these tickets, and if they are lost, they cannot be replaced. Students may, however, trade tickets with each other if their families do not need all of them.

Additional tickets will be available for purchase at a cost of \$7 each beginning on Tuesday, May 26th. Due to certain logistical constraints, there is a maximum number of tickets we may distribute, 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.

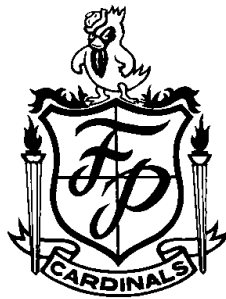
Please help us by reminding friends and family in the audience that respectful behavior is an integral part of a successful ceremony, and that we request all friends and family remain seated during the ceremony.

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 late May or early 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>October 2019</h1>					<i>Counselors will be meeting with each of their seniors during the month of October for post-secondary planning.</i>	
	Sept. 30 3.5-hr Early Release for Fall Conferences	1 Conferences 12-7p FAFSA/WASFA 12-6p 3.5-hr Early Release for Fall Conferences	2 Conferences 12 -7p FAFSA/WASFA, 12-6p 3.5-hr Early Release for Fall Conferences	3 November SAT registration deadline 3.5-hr Early Release for Fall Conferences	4 NO SCHOOL Teacher Training	5
6	7 1-hr Assembly between 2 nd & 3 rd	8 Senior Class picture during Connections	9 Early Release @ 1:15p	10	11 Jostens Meeting with Seniors (during Connections)	12
13	14 Homecoming Spirit week	15 →→→→	16 →→→→ Senior order day, 10:30a - 5p (Main Foyer) Early Release @ 1:15p	17 →→→→	18 →→→→ Homecoming Assembly (45-min between 2 nd & 3 rd) Homecoming Game vs Foster, 7p	19 Homecoming Dance, 7-10p @ the FPHS Gym
20	21	22 Blood Drive #1	23 Early Release @ 1:15p	24 Band & Choir Concert, 6:30p	25	26 ACT test administered, various locations
27	28	29 Have a senior portrait to submit to yearbook? Be sure to upload it before the Nov. 1 deadline!	30 Early Release @ 1:15p	31 1 st Quarter Ends		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2019						
					1 Deadline: Senior portrait submission upload to Yearbook	2 SAT test administered, various locations
3	4 Bowling begins	5 Deadline: ActSix Scholarship application	6 Key Club Talent Show, 7p Early Release @ 1:15p	7	8 December SAT & ACT registration deadlines Veteran's Day Assembly Daffodil Selection, 7p	9 Booster Club Bingo Night, 6-9p
10	11 NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Winter sports begin	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Special Programs 3.5-hr Early Release	28 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday	29 NO SCHOOL →→→→	30

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December 2019						
1	2	3	4 Early Release @ 1:15p	5	6	7 SAT test administered, various locations
8	9	10	11 Early Release @ 1:15p	12 Ghosed Assemblies 1 & 2 (Special bell schedule)	13 Ghosed Assemblies 3 & 4 (Special bell schedule) Deadline: Senior Grad Ad submission to Yearbook.	14 ACT test administered, various locations
15	16 Winter Wishes Spirit Week	17 →→→→ Winter Wishes @ Harvard (85-minute EOD Connections) Band & Choir Concert, 6:30p	18 →→→→ Early Release @ 1:15p	19 →→→→	20 →→→→ Winter Wishes Assembly (45-min between 2 nd & 3 rd)	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	24 →→→→	25 →→→→	26 →→→→	27 →→→→	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	31 →→→→				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2020</h1>						
			1 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	2 →→→	3 →→→	4
5	6	7	8 Early Release @ 1:15p	9	10 February ACT registration deadline	11
12	13	14	15	16 Blood Drive #2	17 MLK Assembly (between 2 nd & 3 rd)	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL MLK Day	21	22 FINALS (Periods 1&6)	23 FINALS (Periods 2&3) 3.5-hr Early Release	24 FINALS (Periods 4&5) 1 st Semester Ends @ FP 3.5-hr Early Release	25
26	27 NO SCHOOL Teacher Training	28	29	30	31 Sports Assembly (30-min between 2 nd & 3 rd)	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2020						
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2	3 FPHS Scholarship Application become available for completion	4	5 Early Release @ 1:15p	6 Black History Assembly (between 2 nd & 3 rd)	7 Key Club Tolo, 7-10p @ the FP Cafeteria	8 ACT test administered, various locations
9	10	11	12	13	14 NO SCHOOL Mid-Winter Break March SAT registration deadline	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL Mid-Winter Break	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Early Release @ 1:15p	27	28 Deadline: FPHS Scholarship Applications, by 3p April ACT registration deadline	29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2020</h1>						
1	2 Spring Sports begin	3	4 Early Release @ 1:15p	5	6 Women's History Assembly (between 2 nd & 3 rd)	7
8	9	10 Band Concert, 6:30p	11 Electives Fair during lunches	12 Electives Fair during lunches	13	14 SAT test administered, various locations
15	16	17 3.5-hr Early Release for Student Led Conferences	18 Conferences 12 -7p 3.5-hr Early Release for Student Led Conferences	19 Conferences 12 -7p 3.5-hr Early Release for Student Led Conferences	20 3.5-hr Early Release for Student Led Conferences	21
22	23	24	25 Early Release @ 1:15p	26 Choir Concert, 6:30p	27 3 rd Quarter Ends	28 Cardinal 5K Fun Run
29	30	31				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2020</h1>						
			1 Early Release @ 1:15p	2 MultiCultural Assembly (between 2 nd & 3 rd) MultiCultural Night, 5-7:30p	3 May SAT registration deadline	4 Daffodil Parade ACT test administered, various locations
5	6 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	7 → → →	8 → → →	9 → → →	10 → → →	11
12	13 <u>Deadline:</u> Distinguished Portfolios due	14	15 Early Release @ 1:15p	16 Blood Drive #3	17 Autism/Disability Awareness Assembly (between 2 nd & 3 rd)	18
19	20 Senior Presentations for Distinguished Portfolios	21	22 Early Release @ 1:15p	23	24	25 Prom, 7-10p
26	27	28	29	30		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2020</h1>					1 Snow Day Makeup (<i>no school if we didn't have any snow days</i>)	2 SAT test administered, various locations
3	4 AP Tests: US Govt & Politics (am)	5 AP Tests: Calculus AB & BC (am) / Human Geo (pm)	6 AP Tests: English Lit & Comp (am)	7 AP Tests: Chemistry(am)	8 AP Tests: US History (am) <u>Deadline:</u> Proficient Portfolios due June SAT registration deadline June ACT registration deadline	9
10	11 AP Tests: Biology (am) / Env Science (pm)	12 AP Tests: Spanish Language (am) Band Concert, 6:30p	13 AP Tests: English Lang & Comp (am)	14 AP Tests: World History (am)	15 <u>Deadline:</u> scholarship & award info for graduation & awards programs	16
17	18 Senior Portfolio Presentations	19 Senior Portfolio Presentations	20 Senior Portfolio Presentations	21	22 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Holiday	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Holiday	26 Choir Concert, 6:30p Graduation Tickets on sale for \$7 each from Ms. Angermeir Senior Finals	27 <u>Deadline:</u> Last Chance Portfolios due, 3p Senior Finals	28 Do you have outstanding fines ? Check with Ms. Angermeir! BI Thesis Night, 5:30-7p Senior Finals	29 Moving Up Assembly (1-hr between 5 th & 6 th) <i>Last required day of school for seniors who successfully complete check-out. Students who successfully check-out pick up their 6 complimentary grad tickets from their counselor.</i>	30
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2020</h1>						
	1 Last Chance Portfolio Presentations	2	3 <u>Deadline:</u> Senior checkout deadline to walk at graduation, 3p Senior Recognition Night, 6p (<i>cafeteria</i>)	4 Grad Parade, 10a <u>Deadline:</u> all fines must be paid!	5 Graduation Rehearsal WA State Fair Events Center, 1p	6 Graduation WA State Fair Events Center, 11a <small>SAT test administered, various locations</small>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 ACT test administered, various locations
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				