

Pine Tree High School Graduation Ceremony

Pirate Stadium

Friday, May 26, 2017

8:00 P.M.

Graduating Seniors report to the Pirate Center at PTHS
at 7:00 P.M.

For more information, contact Pine Tree High School

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General Information

PTHS Graduation will be held on Friday, May 26, at Pirate Stadium on Loop 281. The ceremony will begin at 8:00 p.m. Graduating seniors need to arrive at the Pirate Center by 7:00 p.m. Seniors should arrive dressed appropriately with their caps and gowns. Seniors will be transported to Pirate Stadium by bus. Buses will also be available after the ceremony for graduates needing a ride back to the high school.

Graduation Practice

There will be a **MANDATORY** graduation practice on Friday, May 26, at 8:30 a.m. Graduating seniors need to be seated in the Pirate Center by 8:30 a.m. Graduating seniors **MUST** participate in graduation practice.

Pirate Stadium Information

- **SEATING** - Adequate seating will be available at Pirate Stadium. Wheelchair access in and around the stadium is excellent. Handicapped seating areas are clearly marked and offer a good view of the stage. The stage will face the home (press box) side of the stadium, but the visitor side stands will be open for overflow seating. Seating and standing areas will also be available in the Pirate Plaza at the north end of the home side. **THERE WILL BE NO RESERVED SEATING AT GRADUATION. ALL SEATING WILL BE ON A FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED BASIS. SAVING SEATS FOR OTHERS IN THE STADIUM CHAIRBACK SECTION (BLUE AND GOLD SEATS) IS PROHIBITED.**
- **PARKING** - A large crowd is expected, so it is recommended that guests plan to arrive early to allow for traffic patterns and parking. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. Parking will be available at Pirate Stadium in both the home and visitor parking lots, and in lots at PT Middle School, Parkway Elementary School, and Lear Park. Shuttles will be available for guests who park farther away. Parking will be under the direction of stadium security and their instructions should be followed to ensure the smoothest possible flow of traffic.
- **PARKING FOR GRADUATING SENIORS** – Graduating seniors will park in the student parking lot at Pine Tree High School. After graduation, graduates may ride the bus back to PTHS or ride with family/friends to pick up their vehicle at PTHS. Graduates will **NOT** be allowed to leave their personal vehicles at Pirate Stadium before graduation for use after graduation.

Grades and Attendance

PTHS counselors and administrators will verify senior grades and attendance to determine that seniors are passing the requisite courses for graduation and to ensure that senior students are in compliance with Texas state law regarding compulsory school attendance. The principal or counselor will contact parents of those seniors who are in jeopardy of not graduating due to grades or attendance.

Dress for Graduation

Gentleman should wear a dress shirt with tie, dress pants and dress shoes. Ladies should wear dress attire (dress/skirt or slacks). If students have questions or needs, please contact Ms. Gabehart, Mr. Irvine, or Dr. Lightfoot.

General graduation ceremony guidelines:

- 1) Flip flops are **not** permitted.
- 2) Only cords related to school activities may be worn and the principal must approve all cords. If the graduate has a cord and stole, the cord should be on top of the stole.
- 3) Mortarboards are to be worn on the top of the head, parallel to the floor - NOT on the back of the head. No written messages, graphics, or decorations are allowed on the mortarboard.
- 4) **Textbooks and iPads MUST be returned and all fines paid in full before graduation.**
- 5) No gum, candy, food or drinks are allowed at the rehearsal or ceremony.
- 6) Graduates will refrain from using cell phones for any purpose during the ceremony.
- 7) A photographer will be at graduation and take each graduate's picture as he/she exits the stage.
- 8) Parent photography will be allowed from the parents' or family members' seats.
 - No tripods or photography will be allowed in front of the stage.
 - No one is allowed on the track or field at any time prior to or during the ceremony. Guests are asked to remain in the stands.
- 9) Anything that distracts from the ceremony will be confiscated (beach balls, air horns, etc.) and the person responsible for the distraction will be subject to removal from the premises.
- 10) Tassel begins on right side of the mortarboard.

Walking Order

The graduates in the top ten percent will walk by rank order across the stage first followed by the remainder of the senior class in alphabetical order. At the senior awards ceremony on May 18, students who have finished in the top ten percent will receive a medallion commemorating this accomplishment. Seniors should wear the medallion at graduation.

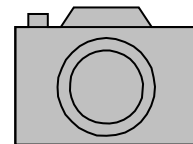
The Pine Tree High School staff wishes our 2017 graduates all the best!



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903-757-6595**



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