

FRUITPORT HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR NOTES

It is hoped that the following dos and don'ts will serve as a guide during the closing days of your senior year.

ITEMS TO BE RETURNED/FEEES

Return all textbooks/materials to appropriate people. Return all library materials and pay all fees on or before Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

CHROMEBOOKS

Seniors will have the option to purchase their Chromebook and Charger for \$25.00 (cash or check only). Chromebook case and charger bag must be returned regardless if you are purchasing the other items. All purchases and returns will only be handled in the media center during the published times on the senior calendar. This is for both in person and full virtual students. You must turn it in during the times listed. Do not bring it to the office to turn in.

SENIOR DUES

Senior dues of \$10 are due to the guidance office by May 19, 2025. *Dues paid after 5/19 will be \$15.* Senior dues cover the cost of the senior luncheon and colored pictures in the yearbook. If there is a financial hardship with this cost, please contact Mrs. Chesney immediately at lchesney@fruitportschools.net.

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for senior activities are **required**. Out of fairness to all other seniors, everyone must be present and on time to avoid confusion.

During rehearsals, seniors **DO NOT** wear their cap and gown. Treat dress rehearsals seriously so that we can get the job done without unnecessary delays.

CAPS AND GOWNS

Check the condition of your cap and gown as soon as you receive them. The gown may need pressing prior to senior activities. This should be done with a cool iron, a steamer or in a steamy room. Put your cap well forward on your head with the short point almost between your eyebrows. Caps should be worn straight and level and NOT on the back of your head.

If your student is planning on decorating his/her cap, do not put heavy or jeweled items on it. **Also, any items that are added to the cap must not stick out or above the cap. This includes feathers and nothing hanging off the cap including bows.**

Make sure your name is written on the inside of the cap so that the right hat is claimed if tossed. The cap has a front and back; when worn the wrong way it looks most peculiar. The tassel of the cap is worn over the right ear.

The following clothing is required to be worn under gowns:

Women: are expected to wear professional dress. Extremely high heels should not be worn. This will be extremely difficult to walk up the stairs to the stage.

Men: dress pants, shirt, tie and dress shoes. **Pressed shirt and tie are required.**

NO shorts or pajama pants will be allowed. If these items are worn your student will be removed from Commencement ceremonies.

NOTE: Please remember that all school dress code rules apply for ALL senior activities.

If you did not order a cap and gown, you need to reach out to Jostens immediately, at 616-330-2141 or email at brooke.hein@jostens.com. The school does not have caps and gowns for those who did not order.

COMMENCEMENT

Report to the Trinity Health Arena by 6:00 p.m. Processional line-up will begin approximately 20 minutes prior to commencement. **Be on time, we will start with or without you.** Free parking is available in the lot behind the arena.

Caps and gowns are worn and will be zipped. **No gowns will be allowed to be unzipped during the ceremony. No sunglasses** Appropriate clothing must be worn under your cap and gown. Remember all school dress code rules apply or you will be removed from the Commencement Ceremony if not followed. Be sure to have your honor cords and/or cowls. We do not have extras available at the arena.

You will not receive your diploma after commencement if you have any outstanding fines at the high school. Fines will need to be paid before Wednesday, May 28, 2025. No items or money will be taken at the arena.

DIPLOMAS

Your diploma insert must be picked up after the graduation ceremony behind the stage. Please do this right away as the counselors will only be there a short time. If you do not pick it up after the ceremony, you may pick it up at the High School office on Monday morning. **The inserts will not be mailed home.**

TRANSCRIPTS

Final transcripts must be requested through your Parchment account no later than June 1, 2025. After this date, there may be a delay in processing your request until September. Class of 2025 will receive free transcript requests up until July 1, 2025. After this date, alumni will be charged for any transcript requests.

If a final transcript is not requested, this may delay fall college classes and/or job applications.

Graduates are also reminded to update their Parchment account with a personal email no later than June 1, 2025. If you do not do this, you will not be able to log in after you graduate and will have to contact Parchment to unlock your account.