

May 4, 2017

Dear Senior Parent:

Graduation is almost here! Enclosed you will find a schedule for all graduation activities, dress requirements for seniors, senior video order form, class trip information and other details. The Graduation ceremony will be Friday evening this year. Ideally, this will provide a more comfortable temperature in the gym and leave ample time to celebrate with friends and family the rest of the weekend!

- **DRESS REQUIREMENTS:** The following dress code will be in effect for both Class Night and Graduation. Since these activities are formal, school-sponsored ceremonies, appropriate attire is required. **Men will be required to wear the following:** shoes and socks; full length slacks, dress or Docker-type; collared shirts with a necktie. **Women will be required to wear the following:** dress shoes or sandals; skirts, dresses or dress slacks; blouses or shirts. All seniors must wear the school-selected cap and gown. The following are **not permitted:** sneakers, boots, casual sandals, jeans of any color, flip-flops, tank tops, unapproved alterations to cap and gown, decorations not provided by the school. Any student who chooses not to cooperate with this dress code will not be allowed to march and may pick up their diploma on Monday, June 12th.
- **MARCHING PRACTICE:** Seniors are expected to attend all marching practices indicated on the attached schedule or they will not be allowed to participate in Graduation exercises as stated in RSU 19 policy #IKFB. Please, bring the shoes that you intend to march in to practice on Friday, June 2.
- **GRADUATION TICKETS:** Tickets will be handed out to seniors on Friday, June 2, following marching practice. Students will receive 8 tickets, 4 will be floor seating and 4 will be bleacher seating in most cases. A few extra tickets are available and will be issued on the following Tuesday, June 7. Any friend or family members with special needs for seating (wheelchair, hearing impaired, etc) should contact me as soon as possible so it can reflect in the proper ticket needed.
- **CAPS AND GOWNS:** These will be handed out to seniors on Friday, June 2, following marching practice as well. Caps and gowns need to be worn on the following dates: Wednesday June 7, Thursday, June 8, and Friday, June 9. **BE CAREFUL** when ironing because the material is very light. Students will not receive their cap and gown if they owe the school any dues, fines, books, uniforms, etc.
- **PINS/SASHES/CORDS:** Nokomis' graduation is a celebration of achievements at Nokomis, therefore, any pins, sashes and/or cords worn at graduation are limited to those issued by the school, **ONLY**. While we appreciate that many of our students are involved in activities outside of the school who may choose to give students some of these items, we want to keep the focus on Nokomis!
- **BACCALAUREATE:** Baccalaureate will be on **Sunday, June 4 at 6:00pm** at the Corinna United Methodist Church. Baccalaureate gives seniors, family and friends an opportunity to start the week of festivities on a spiritual note. This is a nondenominational ceremony, and it is not a church mass. The Baccalaureate Ceremony is not a school-sponsored activity, but it is planned and performed by the graduating seniors. Traditionally, seniors have selected readings to present, hymns to sing, and had an open mike time to share a few words with the group. After the ceremony there will be a small reception downstairs in the Sunday School room for the graduates and their families and friends. All seniors, family and friends are welcome to attend and/or participate, but this is an optional ceremony. **(Seniors wear gown, no cap.)**
- **END OF THE YEAR SCHEDULE:** Seniors will wrap up their semester courses according to the attached schedule.

- **CLASS TRIP:** The class trip will be on Monday, June 5, to Echo Lake in Acadia National Park and Wild Acadia Fun Park in Trenton. Students will leave at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to swim, participate in activities and have a BBQ lunch. Students should bring a swimsuit, towel, shoes for outdoor activities, and a jacket. Students must go on the bus. Rain Date is Tuesday, June 6.
- **CLASS DUES:** Senior class dues are \$40. They must be paid before marching practice begins. Checks are payable to Nokomis and can be turned in to the Senior Class Advisors Ms Fyrberg or Mr. Hanish or Mr. Prescott.
- **RANK CARDS:** Report cards will be mailed home after graduation.
- **SENIOR VIDEO PACKAGE:** Enclosed is an order form to purchase a senior video package. The multi-DVD set contains video from the Senior Assembly, Class Night, Class Trip, Graduation, and other activities. The cost of the entire package is \$25.00.
- **CLASS PICTURES:** Seniors will receive an order form from Lifetouch to purchase a group class photo and/or individual pictures in their cap and gown. Package prices range from \$10 to \$35, checks payable to Lifetouch. Pictures will be taken Thursday, June 9.
- **SENIOR ASSEMBLY:** On **Wednesday, June 7**, a senior assembly is held during school for the underclassmen to recognize the graduating class. This assembly is for the student body and not parents.
- **CLASS NIGHT:** On **Thursday, June 8**, Class Night will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Nokomis gym. Family and friends are invited to attend; **no ticket required**. Seniors should report to school by 6:00 p.m. with their cap and gown and appropriate attire.
- **GRADUATION:** On **Friday, June 9**, Graduation will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Nokomis gym; admission is **by ticket only**. There will be a reception immediately following in the cafeteria. Seniors should report to school at 6:00 p.m. with their cap and gown and dressed appropriately.
- **PROJECT GRADUATION:** The Project Graduation trip will follow graduation and the reception. Seniors who sign up will ride buses to the Old Town/Orono YMCA. They will leave at approximately 9:30 p.m. and will return to Nokomis early Saturday morning around 6:30 a.m.

I am looking forward to this exciting week for your family and our school. I hope this information has been helpful to you; please contact me if you have any other questions. I can be reached at Nokomis, 368-4354 ext.407, or e-mail me at wprescott@rsu19.org
Sincerely,

Wayne Prescott
Graduation Coordinator

Enclosures

SENIOR SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES CLASS OF 2017

Tuesday, May 30	Period 1b & 2b, Regularly Scheduled Classes Period 3b & 4b, Last Class	In-Class
Wednesday, May 31	Period 1a & 2a Regularly Scheduled Classes Period 3a & 4a, Last Class	In-Class
Thursday, June 1	Period 1b & 2b Last Class Senior Meeting & (Eat 1st lunch) Marching Practice <i>Last B-Day of TCTC Students Return at 11:30 p.m.</i>	In-Class 12:00p.m.
Friday, June 2	Period 1a & 2a Last Class Marching Practice/meeting – bring shoes <i>Last A-Day of TCTC Students Return at 11:30 p.m.</i> <i>Issue Cap and Gowns and tickets</i>	In Class 12:00p.m.
Sunday, June 4	Optional Seniors report to Corinna Methodist Church Optional **Baccalaureate	5:30p.m 6:00p.m
Monday, June 5	CLASS TRIP- Echo Lake and Wild Acadia Fun Park	8:30a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6	Marching Practice (rain date) Practice for Song and Speeches ONLY Extra tickets distributed	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 7	Marching Practice Senior Cookout ** Senior Assembly for study body	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 8 (All Day)	Marching Practice Dress Rehearsal **Senior Photo Seniors Report to Nokomis **Class Night	8:30 -12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 9	Graduates visit schools across district Seniors Report to Nokomis **Graduation Reception in Cafeteria Depart for Project Graduation	8:30 – 12:30 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. (Est.) 9:30 p.m. (Est.)
Saturday, June 10	Return from Project Graduation	6:00 a.m. (Est.)

**** Seniors wear cap and gown.**