

**Terry Sanford High School  
Beginning of Year Senior Packet  
Class of 2020**

**Greetings Seniors!**

We know you are just as excited as we are about beginning the 2019-2020 school year. Our goal is to make sure you are as prepared as possible for what awaits you after graduation. This packet contains valuable information each of you will need to know about your senior year...here at FTS! Take your time and review all of the information and share it with your parents.

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**2019-2020 Senior Series**

Session I	I'm A Senior, Now What?	Tuesday, September 17 10:15 am Auditorium
Session II	Show Me the Money!	Wednesday, October 10 5:00 pm Auditorium
Session III	Oh, the Places You'll Go!	Tuesday, November 5 5:00 pm Auditorium
Session IV	It's the Final Countdown	Wednesday, April 22 10:15 am Auditorium
Session V	Senior Awards Ceremony	Wednesday, May 13 6:00 pm Main Gym

**Senior Parent Night**

- September 26 @ 5:00-6:00pm **\*Grad ticket opportunity\***
- April 22 @ 5:00-6:00pm **\*Grad ticket opportunity\***
- FTS Auditorium
- Graduation requirements, attire, expenses, noted dates, etc.

**Jostens**

- September 30 - Grade level presentations for JRs and SRs
- October 3 - Order Night 4-7pm
- October 4 - Make-up Ordering during lunches

**SAVE THE DATES!**

October – College Application Month! Visit [cfnc.org/cam](http://cfnc.org/cam) for more information.

- October 1 – CACRAO College Fair, 4-7pm, Crown Expo Center
  - Free College Application Week is October 21-25
  - FAFSA Day is October 26 from 9am-12pm @ FTCC
  - Other events TBD

- Cap & Gown pictures will be taken in February/March – **date TBD**
- Live United Volunteer Cord Forms and Hours are **DUE April 30, 2020**
- Graduation practice in FTS Gym on May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-11:15 am\*
- Final Dress Rehearsal at Crown Coliseum on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm (**arrive by 11:15am**)\*
- Senior Awards Night in FTS Gym on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm\*
- Graduation at Crown Coliseum on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm (**arrive by 12:30pm**)\*
- Grad practices at FTS and the Crown Coliseum are ALL REQUIRED (Schedule college orientation, open houses, appointments around these dates)

### **Graduation Coordinator:**

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### **Class of 2020 Senior Advisors**

Thomas Hatch, Andrea Allen

### **Google Classroom Code:** rtbk8pr

Please join for updates on senior activities, scholarships, college visits, etc.!

Additionally, there is a Google Calendar link in the Classroom for you to stay updated with important events and dates specifically for seniors. The calendar is called “FTS Class of 2020 Important Dates & Events”.

### **Jostens & Herff Jones School POC:**

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### **Senior Year Checklist**

- **Pay your senior dues to Ms. Allen! \$85**
- Accumulated fines—missing textbook? Missing uniform? Library fees? Etc.—You will not receive your tickets with any fees/fines still owed.
- Cap and Gown—REQUIRED (If you are planning to participate in ceremony)
- Graduation attire—Must follow the dress code—dress code attire on next sheet
- All graduation practices are REQUIRED—failure to attend could jeopardize your participation in graduation exercises.

### **Graduation Ticket Incentives**

All students will be guaranteed to receive 7 graduation tickets. Each person admitted to the Crown Coliseum must have a ticket; to include infants and toddlers. Each student will be required to turn in a ticket request form listing all guests. Tickets will be distributed at the final dress rehearsal at the Crown.

Students will have the opportunity to earn additional tickets. In order to receive these tickets, you must meet the following criteria:

- Pay your senior dues by September 30, 2019 = 2 additional tickets
- Pay your senior dues after September 30 = 1 additional ticket
- No fees owed by May 1, 2020 = 1 additional ticket
- A parent/guardian volunteers to proctor school exams = 1 additional ticket
- Attend any evening senior parent meeting or informational session = 1 additional ticket
- Any student that receives a SILVER or above on the CTE WorkKeys Assessment = 1 additional ticket
- Any senior who donates blood on campus at a HOSA event = 1 additional ticket
- Submit verification that you have completed the FAFSA process = 1 additional ticket
- Submit verification of your plans after high school = 1 additional ticket (college acceptance letter, military enlistment, proof of employment after graduation, etc.)
- Terry Sanford HS reserves the right to refuse a ticket request if deemed necessary to protect the integrity of the graduation ceremonies and/or safety of those in attendance.
- Additional opportunities for graduation tickets will be announced by Mr. Hatch.

### **Class of 2020 Graduation Dress Code**

You will not be admitted to Graduation Practice or Graduation if you are dressed inappropriately.

- If wearing a dress or skirt that is shorter than the gown--any color is acceptable
- If wearing pants or a dress/skirt that is LONGER than the gown, solid black or solid navy is the required color
- Shoes: Solid black ONLY! Heels must be enclosed or strapped around the ankle.
- It is recommended that shoes be no higher than 2" for safety purposes. There are two sets of escalators you will have to walk down. Spiked heels are also discouraged for your safety on the escalators. Flats are acceptable.
- Solid white button down shirt—short or long sleeve acceptable
- Tie/bowtie is optional
- Dark color socks—NO WHITE!
- Minimal jewelry, especially facial, due to flash of cameras possibly distorting pictures of you receiving your Diploma. Professional photos will be taken at Graduation Practice at the Crown Coliseum and at Graduation

***All cords and stoles must be approved by Cumberland County Schools Board of Education Policy. General rule of thumb: if the cord or stole is NOT academic in nature, it cannot be worn at graduation.***

***Non-academic cords and stoles may only be worn at the Senior Awards Night Ceremony.***