

A Commencement Guide For Seniors and their Parents



The Class of 2009



**Third Commencement Exercise
Auburn Mountainview High School**

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Official Senior Activity and Commencement Guide

Date: **Saturday, June 13, 2009**

Place: **Auburn Memorial Stadium**

Time: **Ceremony begins at 11 a.m.**

Auburn Memorial Stadium gates open to ticket holders at 9:45 a.m. Please plan on arriving at the stadium by 10:30 a.m. to allow time for seating.

Graduates please assemble in the AMHS gym at 9 a.m. for practice. Please be prompt..

Tickets: Each graduating senior will receive six (6) admission tickets (no charge). Tickets will be released to GRADUATES ONLY on June 4. No exceptions. Ticket distribution is based upon the size of the graduating class and the district facility accommodations. Those graduates who need additional tickets may enter a lottery (at time of ticket pick-up) for the opportunity to obtain extra tickets on June 10. Seniors who remain in jeopardy of graduating will only receive tickets upon written verification from their counselors that graduation requirements have been met. (See your assistant principal for tickets.)

Entrances: Fourth Street NE will be closed from 3rd Street to H Street from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Guests may enter at the west gates of Auburn Memorial Stadium only.

General Parking and Seating

General seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Parking is offered in the following areas: The south lot off East Main, the Administration Building parking lot, the east lot off "J" Street, the west lot off of 3rd Street, or on the streets in the area. Fourth Street NE will be closed from E Street to H Street from 9 am – 6 pm.

Handicapped Parking and Seating

Please request special handicapped/injured passes for seating from Tiffeny Beyer in the Activities Office after June 1. This special pass will not reserve you an individual seat, but will allow you and one escort to sit in a designated area for guests with special needs. Please plan on arriving early. Other family members will be expected to sit in general seating. Special parking is also available with this pass. You will be allowed to enter 4th Street to deliver disabled person(s) and park in the lot across from the pool, on a first come, first served basis until filled.

Camera/Video Recorders

Professional photographs will be taken as each graduate receives his/her diploma, posed position and action shots. These will be made available for purchase after commencement. Information on commencement photographs, including pricing, will be distributed to graduates when they pick up their tickets.

You may take pictures from your seat; however, no one will be allowed to take pictures in the aisles or near the walkway railings. No tripods will be permitted.

Fourth Street will be closed after graduation, enabling you to use that area for photographs.

Special Senior Events

Cap and Gown Distribution – Ongoing

Main Office

Senior Prom – Saturday, May 9

Harbour Country Club in Seattle, @ 9 p.m. – Midnight

Graduation Ticket Distribution – Thursday, June 4

Activities Office during the morning per published designated time

Yearbook Distribution - Monday, June 8

3:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the gym

Senior Awards Night – Monday, June 8

TAM @ 6:30 p.m. Must wear Grad Gown (No caps)

Senior Awards Assembly – Tuesday, June 9

Gym @ 1:50 p.m. (All-School Assembly)

Senior Finals – Thursday and Friday, June 11 (periods 2, 4, 6) and June 12 (periods 1, 3, 5)

Regular Daily Bell Schedule

Senior Video Presentation – Friday, June 12

TAM @ 12:45 p.m.

Graduation Commencement – Saturday, June 13

Auburn Memorial Stadium @ 11 a.m. Graduates arrive AMHS @ 9 a.m. Wear Grad Cap & Gown

Grad Night Party 2008 – Saturday, June 13

Depart from AMHS bus zone @ 7 p.m.; return @ 6:30 a.m.

Diploma and Scholarship Check Pick Up – Beginning June 29, 2009

Issued from Bookkeeper's Office between 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Senior Awards Assembly

The Senior Awards Assembly will take place on Tuesday, June 9 at 1:50 p.m. in the gym. During this special event we will honor our seniors with academic achievements and special awards scholarships with the entire student body in attendance. White-colored honor cords to be worn on graduation day will be presented for department excellence students of the year in both academic and citizenship categories.

Senior Grad Night 2009 (Non-district event)

What: Grad night is an unforgettable all-night party planned by the parents for graduating seniors. There will be dinner, dessert, music, entertainment, games, dancing, breakfast and loads of fun.

When: Saturday, June 13, 2009. Students will be transported from and returned to AMHS by commercial bus and will be gone from approximately 7 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Where: It's a SECRET!

Why: The Grad Night tradition was started by parents who wanted to provide a very special alcohol free, drug free, safe celebration for their students.

Cost: \$200. Everything is included (food, transportation, fun all night long). Scholarships are available. Price goes up as date draws closer.

How Do Seniors Sign Up? Registration/permission form is available in the Activities Office. Checks should be made payable to AMBC Grad Night. Payment may be taken by Tiffeny Beyer in the Activities Office of the high school. Any questions? Available to help chaperone? Please call Michelle Celis, 253.804.6467 or Cindy Pridemore, 253.833.5735.

Senior Lineup

Seniors must be in the AMHS gym by 9 a.m. on the day of graduation for practice. PLEASE BE PROMPT. Only graduates and faculty will be allowed in the gym. Graduates must have their caps, gowns and tassels in their hands prior to entering the gym. Do not bring any other items into the gym. Please leave cell phones, etc. in your car)

Appropriate Attire

All graduating seniors will wear the official caps with tassels and gowns for commencement exercises. If you have not ordered your cap and gown yet, contact Tiffeny Beyer 253-804-4546 in the Activities Office or call Jostens at 800-922-7004 immediately. In addition to caps and gowns, graduates are expected to dress appropriately for a ceremony of this nature:

Male: A collar shirt with a regular tie should be worn. Shirt and tie should not clash with the color of the robe. Sport or suit coat should not be worn under the robe. Slacks/suit pants should be pressed and shoes should be shined/clean and appropriate. Flip flops and/or gym shoes will not be allowed. Sunglasses will not be permitted.

Female: Dresses are the most appropriate attire. Flat-heeled shoes are appropriate and preferably should coordinate with the color of the robe; however, you need not buy a new pair of shoes for this event. Flat shoes are recommended. Please, no flip-flop style sandals (beach shoes). A low hairstyle, so the mortarboard will fit properly, is recommended. Sunglasses will not be permitted.

Students who have religious/cultural imperatives that require accessories to the graduation apparel must appeal to the principal in writing not later than May 20, 2009.

Code of Conduct During Commencement

Only appropriate behavior will be accepted. Graduation is a sophisticated ceremony holding dignity for all, including participants, parents, and guests.

Audience

Please arrive with plenty of time to be seated prior to the 11 a.m. start of the commencement exercises. All guests must remain seated until the entire program is completed. Balloon bouquets will not be permitted in the seating area as they obstruct the view of others. Cell phones must be turned off, and bullhorns, air horns, or other noise makers are not allowed in the stadium.

Please withhold applause during the diploma presentation since shouting, cheering, and applauding as an individual crosses the stage can cause the next graduate's name not to be heard by the audience.

Students

Alcohol and/or tobacco use is not permitted and any student who is found to have been using alcohol or other drugs will not be allowed to participate in the ceremonies. The use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs are strictly forbidden at any school district event.

Students will not be allowed to make inappropriate comments or gestures when they receive their diplomas.

Inappropriate behaviors will require completed community service hours prior to a diploma being released.

Diploma Pick Up

Diplomas will be available for pick up after June 29 between 8 – 2:00 at the bookkeeper's office 253-804-4547. You will be unable to get your diploma if you have unpaid fines/fees, owe Thursday Night School, or have not earned the required credits for graduation. Diplomas will not be mailed.

Report cards and immunization records will be mailed to you at your last reported address. Please contact the counseling center at 253-804-4548 if your address has changed and you have not reported that change.

Optional Senior Events

Senior Awards Night

The Senior Awards Evening will take place on Monday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the TAM. During this special event we will honor our seniors with academic achievements, special awards and scholarships. Honor cords to be worn on graduation day will also be presented and include recognition for honor graduates with an accumulated GPA of 3.5–4.0 (silver cord) and graduates with an accumulated GPA of 3.2–3.49 (white cord). Parents and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend this important and memorable event. If your student is going to receive an award, parents will receive a personal invitation. All senior class members are welcome to attend.