

Rich South High School
Senior Graduation Packet



Sunday, May 20, 2012
9:00 am

Tinley Park Convention Center

Senior Class Sponsors:
Mrs. Foster-Thomas
Mrs. Varnado

Mrs. Cynthia Hudson, Principal
Mrs. Iman Ellis-Bowen, Associate Principal of Operations
Mrs. Jennifer Bednarczyk, Associate Principal of Teaching and Learning

Graduation Ceremony

The Class of 2012 Rich South Commencement Ceremony will be held at the Tinley Park Convention Center, which is located at 18501 S. Harlem, Tinley Park, Illinois.

Doors will open at 8:00am for all guests

There are no reserved seats! Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

All graduates must be present no later than 7:30am in the graduate room. All guests must be seated by 8:45am. **NO one will be seated during the processional of graduates!**

Balloons, flowers or any gifts will **not** be permitted in the convention center! Parents and family members are asked to stay off of the main floor during the graduation ceremony!

Handicapped seating will be available on the main floor of the convention center. This seating will be limited to the handicapped individual and **one** family member.

Credits/Financial Obligations/Diploma

In order to qualify for graduation and participate in the graduation ceremony, seniors must successfully complete all graduation requirements by May 14, 2012. Students enrolled in alternative placement (Ombudsman, American School, RISE, etc...) must complete their courses and provide official transcripts by 2:00pm. on May 14, 2012. The official transcript must be presented to your counselor before these deadlines.

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT COMPLETE ALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY!

Participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege. Seniors, who create discipline problems during the remainder of the school year, including the graduation ceremony, may be denied the privilege of participation. The diplomas are distributed after the ceremony. Therefore any senior who causes a problem during the actual ceremony will not be given a diploma until a parent conference has been held with the administration and consequences are given.

**Graduation Rehearsal is Mandatory!!!
All Graduates Must Attend!!
Friday, May 18th at 8:30am**

Attendance is crucial during the remainder of the year. The attendance policy will be followed. You do not want attendance problems to interfere with the successful completion of graduation requirements.

Cap and Gown



A cap and gown must be worn by all participants in the graduation ceremony. All caps and gowns have been ordered! Caps and gowns will be distributed Friday, May 18th after graduation rehearsal practice. Senior Picnic will be May 17th.

ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE MET! STUDENTS WILL NOT RECEIVE THEIR CAP/GOWN OR THEIR TICKETS UNTIL ALL FEES ARE PAID!!!!

Shorts and or gym shoes will not be permitted

Flowers or corsages are not to be worn

Purses are not to be carried during the ceremony

Please leave your cell phones and other electronic devices with your parents

WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST ITEMS

Graduation Tickets



Due to the limited amount of seating in the convention center, each graduating senior will receive only 6 tickets. Each person including toddlers (infants must have a carrier) must have a ticket! Tickets will be distributed after graduation rehearsal practice on May 18th.

Senior Trip



KALAHARI RESORT, WISCONSIN DELLS OVERNIGHT: APRIL 24TH & APRIL 25TH

Trip Cost: \$325.00/person

Deposit: February 8, 2012 - \$100.00 + Permission Slip
NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN

Final Payments: April 14th
Includes: Transportation
Lodging (4) room
Continental Breakfast (April 24th)
Lunch Buffet (pizza & Chicken) (April 24th)
Dinner (student choice)
Breakfast (student choice) (April 25th)
Lunch (student choice) (April 25th)
Theme Park Resort Passes
Water Park Passes
Go Cart Passes
Bowling

Departure: 4am April 24th***
Return 8pm April 25th****

*****There will be NO refunds for tardy students that are left behind!
We WILL leave on time!*****

*****Please arrange for your transportation to be at the school on time to pick
you up!*****

Eligibility

- Must have senior status (a classification of 12 on your ID)
- Must have a 3rd quarter 2.0 GPA
- Must not have any in school (full day) or out of school suspensions for the 2nd semester, beginning January 17th 2012
- Administration reserves the right to refuse ANY student from participating in senior class trip.

Trip Requirements

- There will be round the clock supervision of the rooms
- All students in one area/hallway and we will have rotation of adults in the hallway all night.
- Students will be designated a specific chaperone; whom they will check in with every 2 hours. Failure to check in on time will cause the student to lose activity privileges for the remainder of the day.
- Curfew for all students to be in their rooms is 12:30am
- After room checks are done, 12:30am-1:00am we will place tape on the door, to assure that students do not leave the rooms. If seal is broken, it must be for an emergency reason. If there is not a valid explanation for leaving your room after room checks the student or students will be banned from participating in activities on the following day (April 25th). If serious misconduct occurs, the student may be banned from participation in graduation ceremonies.
- We will check all bags prior to loading the bus, to assure that no alcohol or drugs are brought on the trip.
- The consumption of alcohol, tobacco or drugs is prohibited during the trip.
- All students will be required to have their cell phones (when not in water)
- All participants must attend a meeting for the senior trip
- Both parent and student must sign an accountability statement
- All students will be given all chaperones' cell phone numbers

Students that violate the rules or conduct themselves in an inappropriate and disobedient manner will be banned from further graduation activities including the ceremony! Those students whose violations may be considered minor will be accompanied by a chaperone for the remainder of the trip and will be subjected to further disciplinary action upon return to school.

Chaperone Information

- We will attempt to have an equal amount of gender specific chaperones to fulfill the student/chaperone ratio.
- We will assure proper student chaperone ratio 10:1
- Chaperone orientation will be conducted prior to the trip and will cover the following points:

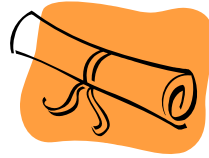
National/State laws of the travel destination
Board policies and procedures
Student supervision policies
The abused and Neglected Child Act
Family Educational Rights (FERPA privacy laws)
General Liability issues
Medical training requirements

Medical/Physical History Recommendations

Parents and students will need to submit up to date health information including:

- Previous student hospitalizations
- Prior surgery information
- Current medications or injections
- Restrictions on student's participation in physical activities
- Student's ability to swim
- Known allergies
- Student health limitations or diet restrictions
- Copies of any prescriptions

Diploma Distribution



Rich South Staff distributes the diplomas to their students after the ceremony in the graduate room. Students who do not show respect during the ceremony will not be issued a diploma until the completion of a parent/administrative conference.

Transcripts

Students will complete a **FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM** at graduation rehearsal to be mailed to their college or vocational school of their choice. This form must be completed and returned to the PPO office by the end of graduation rehearsal.

The “Rights and Privacy Act” requires that Rich South be given a written request to release information regarding individual students.

Health Records

Students may begin to pick up health records from the nurse, Ms. Christain, beginning, March 12, 2012 for a cost of 50 cents. Please retain these records in a secure place in the event you need them at a future date. We suggest that you make copies.

PSAE: GRADUATION REQUIRMENT

**PER THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, ALL STUDENTS MUST TAKE THE
PSAE GIVEN BY THEIR SCHOOL. THIS IS ONE OF THE
REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION!**

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2012!

