

May 2024

Class of 2024 Graduation Season News and Updates

First and foremost, congratulations to the Class of 2024! You are almost to graduation. This newsletter is meant to provide seniors and their families an overview of the upcoming end-of-year and graduation events and provide answers to questions you may have. If there are any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

- **Prom-Friday, May 17th, 7pm-11pm**
 - Fairview Marriott in Falls Church
 - Tickets are currently on sale through MySchoolBucks for \$65.
 - No physical tickets will be distributed.
 - Ticket sales end May 16th. There will be no ticket sales at the door.
 - If you are purchasing a ticket for a guest who is not a current LB student, seniors must complete the Guest Form which is available in their Subschoools.

- **Senior Fees**
 - Senior fees typically cover all school-based costs for the students related to their graduation such as payments for diplomas, flowers, caps, gowns, program and transportation.
 - Senior fees do not include the costs incurred by individual students such as yearbooks, graduation announcements, All Night Grad Party tickets, or graduation photos.
 - For more information on Senior Fees and how to pay, please see our website [here](#).

- **Caps and Gowns**
 - Seniors completed a google form with height and weight earlier this school year. Caps and Gowns were ordered and will be distributed after the second graduation rehearsal. All seniors have been assigned a cap and gown.

- **Obligations**
 - Seniors must pay their senior dues and clear all obligations before receiving their caps and gowns.
 - You can check in MySchoolBucks or with your student's subschool to see if your senior has any outstanding obligations.

- **Graduation Ticket Information**
 - This year there will be no tickets allocated to seniors. Eagle Bank Arena's capacity allows us to host open seating on a first come, first serve basis.
 - Our recommendation is for groups to be limited to 10 or less individuals.

- **Senior Meeting-Cafeteria - May 30th - 8:30 am**
 - Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am in the Cafeteria
 - Senior Meeting will be at 9am
 - This meeting is mandatory for all seniors.

- **Senior Awards Ceremony - Thursday May 30th - 1:30 pm**
 - Senior Awards @ 1:30 p.m. in the Little Theater
 - Invitations will be sent out for students receiving these awards.
 - Awards will be given out for the following recognitions:
 - Students accepting outside scholarships
 - Students receiving military awards
 - Students receiving department awards
 - Students receiving special scholarships

- **First Graduation Rehearsal - Gym - Friday May 31st - 8:00 am**
 - First Graduation Rehearsal: Students need to arrive at the gym no later than 8am and will be seated alphabetically by subschool. We ask students to enter through Door 14 by the theater. We will practice the entire ceremony (processional, seating, etc.). Anticipate this rehearsal lasting approximately 3 hours.

- **Second Graduation Rehearsal - Gym - Monday June 3rd - 9:00 am**
 - Second Graduation Rehearsal: Students need to arrive at the gym no later than 9 am. We will practice the entire ceremony (processional, seating, etc.) Anticipate this rehearsal lasting approximately 3 hours.
 - Caps and Gowns will be distributed after this rehearsal.
 - **If a student has any outstanding financial obligations, they will not receive their cap and gown until all obligations are paid in their SubschooL.**

- **Class of 2024 Elementary Graduation Walk - Monday June 3rd - 1:00 pm**
 - The Class of 2024 Graduation Walk will take place on June 3rd at the various Lake Braddock Pyramid elementary schools (Cherry Run, Kings Glen/Park, Ravensworth, Sangster, White Oaks).
 - Seniors are invited to walk through the halls of their elementary school as a full circle event! The young elementary students love cheering you on as they see themselves in the future! Please complete [this form](#) if you are interested in walking!

- **Graduation Ceremony at Eagle Bank Arena - Tuesday June 4th - starting at 2:00 pm**
 - Arrival for Seniors
 - **Seniors arrive at 12:30 pm via the loading dock.**
 - Professional dress is expected
 - Doors will open for families at approximately 1:00 pm.
 - We encourage carpooling or dropping students off
 - Seating for Spectators
 - EagleBank Arena provides ample accessible seating for patrons in wheelchairs as well as those who may have difficulty with steps. All entrances to the arena are at street/concourse level and are wheelchair accessible. Portals 4, 8, 13 and 17 are reserved for guests in wheelchairs. Rows E, F, and G in every section will be labeled "Reserved for the Handicapped." These rows have 1, 2 or no steps to maneuver.
 - EagleBank Arena has a wheelchair that can be used to assist guests to and from one location to another but must be returned after each use rather than kept for the duration of the event. To request a wheelchair, please see event staff (in green vests).
 - *Parking is available for guests with disabilities* at both the South and West entrances, including a drop-off location near the West entrance. Van accessible parking spaces are located adjacent to the South entrance. These spaces are well-marked and are monitored. Please remember that all vehicles must display state-issued accessible parking tags or placards to park in these spaces.
 - [Please complete this google form](#) if you have a guest attending who would need sign language interpretation.
 - For additional **information**, please contact EagleBank Arena at **703-993-3001**.
 - Graduates in the first half of the alphabet will be seated on the left side of the stage; parents and guests should be seated on the North side of the Eagle Bank Arena.
 - Graduates in the second half of the alphabet will be seated on the right side of the stage; parents and guests should be seated on the South side of the Eagle Bank Arena.
 - The Ceremony
 - The ceremony will start at 2:00 pm. and last approximately 2 hours.
 - We ask for your cooperation to help ensure the ceremony gets the respect and dignity it deserves. Please no air horns, beach balls, or other distracting behaviors. Our seniors have worked extremely hard and every student deserves to hear his/her name read aloud.

- Guests and family members are asked to remain in their seats during the ceremony. Standing in the aisles or going on the arena floor for any reason is not permitted.
 - Students will then exit the Eagle Bank Arena via the **North side** of the Arena. Please wait for your student outside of the **North** exit. This location is a change from previous years.
 - Victor O'Neill Studios will provide commencement portraits with no obligation to purchase. Information for purchasing portraits will be inside the graduation program.
 - Memory Videography will be the graduation videographer. Information for purchasing a video will be inside the graduation program.
- **PTSA-sponsored All Night Graduation Party (ANGP) - Tuesday, June 5th**
 - 11 pm – 5 am at the St. James Sports Complex
 - Please see the [PTSA website](#) for ticket information.

If you have any questions, please contact the Class of 2024 Sponsors or Administrators:

Class of 2024 Sponsors: [Ms. Amy Soos](#) and [Ms. Kat Young](#)

Class of 2024 Administrator: [Mr. Scott Darwin](#)

Graduation Administrator: [Mr. Chris Farmerie](#).

This is an exciting time of year, and we are all proud of our students. Again, congratulations!!!