

## 2021 Senior End of the Year Items to Know

We are so proud of the Class of 2021! You have handled the ups and downs of the last year with grace and resiliency. As the last months of the school year are upon us, please start watching for regular communication from FHS to graduating seniors.

### End of the Year Events

- Homecoming Week is planned for April 19-23
  - This will include a socially distanced “reverse parade” where groups gather around the school and cars can drive past to recognize them. Masks will be worn.
  - There will be games and activities during the week.
  - Weather permitting, a Homecoming Celebration will be held on the turf following the game.
- Prom - Juniors and Seniors
  - Prom will need to be held outside with masks and with a tent. Location: SportsPlex.
  - Prom will occur on May 1 as originally planned. Outside dates can be invited.
  - Attendees would need to sign a waiver and will be offered COVID antigen testing.
  - Prom attendees should be looking for dresses/outfits for an outdoor Prom party. Flat shoes would be a good option.
- Graduation, Sunday, May 23, 2 pm.
  - Graduation and Convocation will be held together this year in the Pretzel Stadium. A rain date will be announced closer to the event.
    - Due to stadium capacity restrictions, students will be allotted 2 tickets each for guardians to attend, and the ceremony will be live streamed the day of (details to come). If stadium capacity increases, we will increase the total number of tickets available for each graduate.
    - Students must wear flat shoes for graduation due to the turf. No heels. With masks.
    - Convocation (Honors) awards will be included with students’ diplomas in the same ceremony. Honors students will be recognized during Graduation.
  - Graduation Gowns: Gown package= \$30 + tassel of your choice + shipping (\$9 per order). Students do not have to purchase a new gown if they can borrow from a friend or family member who is near their size. Must pay **in full** online. [JOSTENS LINK](#)
- Blood Drive Cords
  - A competition started last week to get the most blood donations. Each school in our area and conference competes against each other to have the most donations by May 29.
  - Sign up with the Rock River Valley Blood Bank and tell them you’re there to donate for FHS!
  - We will give you a blood donor cord to wear at graduation if you attempt to give or give blood at the Blood Bank across from Cimino’s. 815-232-5663 or 1-779-210-8380
  - Bonus: Automatic antibody testing for COVID is completed for every donation.

### Senior information we will go over during the Class Meeting on 3/31 on Zoom (Link to be sent soon)

- *Grades--are you passing all of your classes to graduate?*
- **Due by Sunday, May 2**
  - *FAFSA Completion or opt-out form* - see Mr. Jackson in the College and Career Center
    - Beginning with the 2020-21 academic year, [state law](#) now requires all Illinois public high school seniors to complete either the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or the [Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid \(Alternative Application\)](#)
    - The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) makes available through their website a [FAFSA Nonparticipation Form](#) for this purpose (in English and [Spanish](#)).
  - *Notification to FHS Registrar of outside scholarships received* [LINK](#)
  - Graduation gown (should be ordered if you don’t have one already) [JOSTENS LINK](#)
  - *Notification to FHS Registrar if you are a Military Enlistee* [LINK](#)
- Graduation Tickets, Cords, Stoles and Medallions (will be handed out on May 19)

- **Graduation practice: Wednesday, May 19, 10 AM in the Stadium with masks.** We will go over details about the ceremony at practice. Here are a few details you need to know now:
  - Graduation: The ceremony starts at 2 pm. Tell your family not to be late. You need to arrive by 1 pm
  - Hats (mortar boards) CANNOT be decorated at all or grads will not be able to walk.
  - Attire: Cannot stick out from under the gown or if it does, should be dark pants/dress and dress shoes.
  - Shoes need to be walkable with flat bottoms to protect the turf. If you trip on the stage on your biggest day over fashionable shoes you're going to regret it.
- A paper Senior checkout [form](#) will be provided Wednesday, May 19. (No need to print this form.)
  - Chromebook and charger
  - Books, calculators, etc
  - Uniforms, costumes, etc.
  - Nurses Office (students with elevator passes, meds, etc)
  - Paid fines online [LINK](#)
- Additional Graduation Tickets process: sign up for more when you pick up from the business office. Tickets can continue to be picked up through 3 pm Thursday (then they will start to be redistributed)
- Graduation Speaker tryouts: Get more information from Mr. Connors.
- **Due by Wednesday, May 19, in order to pick up Graduation Tickets**
  - Final Transcript Release form [LINK](#)
  - Senior Plans form [LINK](#)
  - Senior Survey [LINK](#)
  - Senior Picture completed and submitted to: [fhsyearbook@fsd145.org](mailto:fhsyearbook@fsd145.org)
  - Blood Drive Donor Survey (Must complete to receive blood donor cord) [LINK](#)

■ Holding strong in first place!  Great job Freeport!

WEEK 4: 3/1-3/28		
TOTAL DONORS	784	
1st	Freeport	109
2nd	Boylan	66
3rd	Winnebago	59
4th	Guilford	50
5th	Jefferson	49
6th	Oregon	45
7th	Stockton	44
8th	Auburn	41
9th	Hononegah	35
10th	Dakota	32

- Materials Turned In
- Outstanding Fees/Fines Paid
- Lockers cleaned out
- Checkout form completed. Final checkout at the Business Office to pick up your tickets.

- Senior Picnic: Wednesday, May 19 in the Stadium with masks

**Senior Turn In for Chromebooks/Books/etc on Seniors' Last Day: May 19.**

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 19. This is Seniors' last day and will be used to turn in all supplies and uniforms, take care of any outstanding fees or fines, and have an opportunity to turn in any remaining paperwork. We will also have the Senior Picnic on May 19.

**Final Fees to be Paid**

Your parents should all receive notice of any charges or fees on your account via a mailing home near May 1st. An additional mailing will be sent in the next week for those who have outstanding balances. If you want to know your current balance now, please email [kayla.winter@fsd145.org](mailto:kayla.winter@fsd145.org). She would be happy to help answer any questions you might have. Please know that everyone will receive a bill, even if the balance is zero. **ALL FINES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO PROM OR GRADUATION.**

This is an example of what your bill should look like:

STATEMENT DATE: 12/28/2015

Finchscr, James

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COURSE/MISCELLANEOUS FEES NOT ON PAYMENT PLAN						
CUST KEY	CUSTOMER NAME	DESCRIPTION	DATE	CHARGES	PAID	UNPAID
FINCHSYD000	Finchscr, Sydney	Arrear	09/01/2015	15.00	0.00	15.00
<b>**TOTALS**</b>				15.00	0.00	15.00

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PAYOR: FINCHJAM000	Finchscr, James	PREVIOUS BALANCE	:	15.00
		CHARGES	:	0.00
		FINANCIAL AID	:	0.00
		CREDITS	:	0.00
		PAYMENTS	:	0.00
		PRE-PAYMENTS	:	0.00
		UNAPPLIED PAYMENTS	:	0.00

  

PAST DUE AS OF 12/28/2015	:	15.00
CURRENT DUE	:	0.00
TOTAL DUE AS OF 12/28/2015	:	15.00

  

PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT	:	15.00
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Questions regarding your statement can be directed to Cindy at 222-4545 Ext 10

Please make arrangements to pay with a check or online. You can pay your bill online by going to our district page: FSD145.org (direct link: <https://www.fsd145.org/domain/1058>), look for the Parent tab, select Electronic Fee Payment, and from there follow the directions provided to you on that page, or by mailing in a check (Freeport High School, 701 W. Moseley St, Freeport IL, 61032).

Please ask if you have any questions!

See you soon!  
 Dr. Summers and all of the Staff at FHS