



*Empowering Students Toward  
a Brighter Future*

Parents of Graduating Seniors,

As we inch closer to the big day, we want to reach out to you and give you some information regarding graduation. As with anything this important we must make you aware of NFCC facility rules as well as limitations we (JMPHS) are instituting for graduation.

NFCC has requested visitors follow the following rules in Van H Priest:

- Services animals only
- No candles or open flames of any kind
- No fog or smoke machines of any kind
- No dry ice
- No balloons anywhere in the Van H Priest Auditorium

JMPHS is requesting visitors follow the following rules:

- Please be in your seats by 10:00 a.m. (doors will open at 9:00)
- This day is about the Student and their accomplishment, it's not about how much noise or commotion you can make when your students name is called. We are asking all parents and visitors to hold **ALL** applause until after all names are called so that each student get the individual recognition they deserve.
- No one will be allowed inside the Van H Priest auditorium without a ticket. Students will be allotted 10 tickets and will be given the tickets at graduation practice. Students **may** give unused tickets to other students who may need more. I will try to set up a thread on our schools FACEBOOK page so that parents can communicate effectively concerning tickets.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME(S)	EVENT
TBD	JMPHS Front office	TBD	Senior Walk and Picnic (Need Cap and Gown)
5-21-17 MONDAY	First United Methodist Church	4:00	Baccalaureate Practice
5/22/17 TUESDAY	First United Methodist Church	5:30 p.m	Baccalaureate Service (Need Cap and Gown)
5/24/17 THURSDAY	Van H. Priest Auditorium	9:45 am till 11:00 am	Graduation Practice
5/25/17 FRIDAY	Van H. Priest Auditorium	9:45 am till 11:00 am	Graduation Practice
5/26/17 SATURDAY	Van H. Priest Auditorium	9:00 am.	Graduation (Need Cap and Gown)

**\*\*PLEASE DO NOT MAKE PLANS FOR THESE DAYS, PRACTICES FOR BOTH ACTIVITIES ARE MANDATORY IN THEIR ENTIRETY\*\***

Dress Code	
Females	Males
Dress- modestly sleeveless is ok (No strapless, spaghetti straps or halter tops.	Dark dress pants (black or navy is preferred)
Low heeled or flat dress shoes or sandals. (navy, black, or brown) No flip flops or leg laces allowed.	Dark dress shoes (no tennis shoes or boots)
Simple jewelry – Small hoops or stud earrings only.	White shirt with dark tie (or bowtie)

- This dress code will be checked at the time of the student's arrival on graduation day. Any senior not complying with the dress code could/will be pulled from the line. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- This attire is required any time the cap and gown are worn.
- If the cap or gown is altered in any way, you will be pulled from the lineup. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**\*Violations of the dress code will result in loss of participation in the ceremony.**

## CONDUCT

Graduation is the largest academic event held in the community each year. Graduation is a **DIGNIFIED** ceremony that will leave a lasting impression on all who attend. Exemplary behavior and flawless execution of the ceremony are essential. The ceremony is to honor an entire class of graduates. **An individual does not have the right to ruin the ceremony for everyone else.** All school rules will be enforced including the school dress code and the dress described above. During the ceremony, you should remain alert, quiet, and courteous at all times. Remind guests that they too should be quiet and only applaud at the appropriate time. Rude, unruly, or disruptive behavior will necessitate removal by security personnel.

## AFTER GRADUATION:

Students **MUST** return the graduation gowns before leaving the NFCC Campus. We will have a area at Van H. Priest, where students can check them back in. After turning in graduation gowns, students will then receive their personalized diploma

## Things to Remember concerning Graduation:

- All practices for graduation are **MANDATORY!** You must attend all practices and remain until dismissed in order to participate in the ceremony Saturday morning, May 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m..
- All disciplinary (detentions and /or suspensions) and financial obligations must be cleared before participating in graduation. This includes, but is not limited to, lunch order(s), returning textbooks, and class dues.
- **Graduation: May 26th 10:00 A. M. Van H. Priest Auditorium NFCC, you MUST BE THERE 1 HOUR EARLY.**
- **NOTICE: Graduating Seniors need to be at each practice and event on time or they will NOT BE ALLOWED TO WALK on Graduation day.**

If you or your parents have any questions, please contact members of the graduation committee at the following email addresses:

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