

# Senior Newsletter

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**Graduation**  
**Thursday, June**  
**9th, 2015 at North**  
**Salem HS**  
**Auditorium-**  
**7:00 PM**

## What are your graduation plans?

You are now a senior and entering a very exciting time of life! Please take a moment and contact Tami Walter at 503-365-4805, stop by the front office (Room 109), or email Tami at: [water\\_tami@salkeiz.k12.or.us](mailto:water_tami@salkeiz.k12.or.us), and let us know if you plan to:

- \*graduate and walk in our graduation ceremony
- \*graduate and not walk in our graduation ceremony



## Cap and Gown orders

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The orders for caps/gowns/announcements/tickets are on sale now! You have 4 packages to choose from, and we will accept cash, or debit/credit cards only . You also have the option to include a 15'-16' yearbook in your Grad package. The number of **graduation tickets** for each family, will be determined closer to graduation. Please be advised that every guest attending graduation will need a ticket, no matter the age of the guest.

**Package #1- \$65.00**

- 15-'16 Yearbook (Pmt. by 2/26/16)
- Cap/Gown/Tassel
- 20 Announcements
- Graduation Tickets
- Senior Breakfast +1 guest
- Senior Gift

**Package #3- \$50.00**

- Cap/Gown/Tassel
- 20 Announcements
- Graduation Tickets
- Senior Breakfast +1 guest
- Senior Gift

**Package #2- \$30.00**

- Tassel only
- 20 Announcements
- Graduation Tickets
- Senior Breakfast +1 guest
- Senior Gift

**Package #4- \$45.00**

- 15-'16 Yearbook (Pmt. by 2/26/16)
- Tassel only
- 20 Announcements
- Graduation Tickets
- Senior Breakfast +1 guest
- Senior Gift

*“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”*  
~Anatole France

## Grad Requirements

Please do not forget about all of your graduation requirements! See the counselors, AJ DeBacker and Coleen Van Dreal, they are located in Building 50, Room 125. Please be proactive!!

## Essential Skills Graduations Requirements

Earning all of your credits for graduation and completing CRLS requirements are not the only requirements for graduation.

If you are part of the **Class of 2016 or later**, you must also pass the reading, writing AND math essential skills. Earlier Cohorts may have slightly different requirements, please check with your counselor if you are unsure. Passing these Essential Skills can be accomplished by passing Smarter Balance or by passing the appropriate work samples.

Even if you receive all of your credits for graduation, you will not graduate until you have passed the additional requirements that apply to you.

If you are not 100% sure, check with your counselor right away!

## It's Coming!

## Keep Your Contact Information Current

Because we do contact you throughout the year with graduation information, please make sure that we have your most current mailing address and phone number on file so that you don't miss any of this important information!



Please watch for upcoming newsletters with important dates, dates for placing cap/gown orders, reminders and other pertinent information. This is where you will find due dates for everything related to graduation.. Each newsletter will also be posted on the Early College website. **It is VERY important information!**

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**Cap & Gown orders are due by April 30th!!!**

## Credits/Fees and Graduation

All credits, Smarter Balance and Essential Skills must be completed to receive your diploma. **No exceptions. In addition to your graduation requirements**, all fees must be paid before graduation day. If you are unsure if you have any fees, you may inquire with Mrs. Garibay in room 125.

**Even if you believe that you are on track for graduation (this includes Cohort 3 students), you will need to check in with your counselors, AJ or Coleen. Please do not wait until the last minute!**

## SAT Dates

### Senior Photo Deadline

Senior photos need to be submitted electronically by **January 22nd** to be printed in our school yearbook. We would also like to include your senior photo in our Graduation slide show for the senior breakfast and the Graduation ceremony. Please upload photos at: <https://images.jostens.com/403793588>, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation, your photo has not been saved.

**January 23rd** must apply by December 28th

**March 5th** must apply by February 5th

**May 7th** must apply by April 8th

**June 4th** must apply by May 5th

Register at [sat.org/register](http://sat.org/register)

Money for college?



## Scholarship/FAFSA Information

The counselors can also help with information on financial aid or scholarships for college. If you plan to graduate this year, and attend Chemeketa in the Fall of 2016, the Chemeketa Foundation Scholarships are due by February 2016. Each college has their own scholarships, so check their websites for deadlines! There are many other scholarship websites to check out, please see AJ or Coleen in Room 125 for the list of websites. If you have a 2.5 GPA or higher, you should apply for the Oregon Promise Scholarship at <http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/oregon-promise.aspx>

**Be sure to plan ahead** for your college path. Some scholarship opportunities are due in November or December of this year to be applied for 2016-2017 school year! FAFSA help will be available the first 3 days after winter break from 9:00-11:00 am in Room 117.

Questions? Please call or stop by to see AJ or Coleen in Room 125.