

# *Stilwell School of the Arts -- Revised Class of 2017 Information*

## **Graduation Requirements:**

In order to graduate and participate in the May 25<sup>th</sup> ceremonies **all** academic requirements must be successfully completed by May 16, 2017. If all graduation requirements are not met, seniors will be asked to enroll in summer virtual credit recovery and considered for the August 2017 graduation where seniors will still be considered part of the Class of 2017, otherwise they will be expected to enroll at Open Campus in the fall and graduate as a member of the class of 2018.

## **Mandatory Graduation Rehearsals:**

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 8:50-10:30am, Stilwell Gym  
Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, 8:50 – 11:30am, at the PAC, Stroud Hall

## **Graduation 2017:**

- Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the Georgia International Convention Center, 3:30pm.
- Senior Report time: 2:00 pm in Exhibit Hall A (students arriving after the verification of line-up at 2:45pm will be placed at the end of the graduation line-up).
- Graduation will begin promptly at 3:30pm.
- Entry for family/guests will begin at 2:45pm.
  - Family/Guests enter through Exhibit Halls B, C, or D
- Parents and guests will not be allowed in the graduation holding area at any time.
- **NO** balloons, noise makers, confetti, banners, food, beverage, back packs or other large bags should be brought into the GICC – this is a very dignified occasion and students deserve all the attention. (It is difficult to hear the next graduate's name when noise makers and excessive cheering takes place – **be kind** to the next family.)  
*Flowers are allowed.*
- Audience members are to remain in their seats during the processional and during the recessional.
- Graduates should bring **ALL** graduation attire (robe, cap, tassel, stole, cords, medallions, sash, etc) with them to graduation. Make sure you are in the correct graduation attire (see below).
- Graduates **do not bring** gum, cell phones, cameras, purses, or anything else that would have to be carried into the graduation ceremony. Do not bring items with you into the graduate holding area – we cannot leave ANY items in that area, ask your parents to keep them for you.
- Immediately after the recessional, graduates will pick up their graduation packets from the Diploma Distribution area in Exhibit Hall A. If you have not cleared your outstanding obligations your diploma **will not** be available for you to pick up.

## **Graduation Attire:**

Male Attire: White Shirt with dark tie, black pants, black socks, and black dress shoes. Absolutely – NO TENNIS SHOES, you will be asked to remove them and locate your parents for an appropriate pair of shoes.

Female Attire: Black dress/skirt suit with no collar, dress should not fall beneath the length of your graduation robe, black shoes (make sure they are easy to walk in), small earrings. No large jewelry. Absolutely No – Tennis Shoes, you will be asked to remove them and to locate your parents for an appropriate pair of shoes.

## **Graduation Messages/DVDs:**

Graduation message order forms are available on the Counseling Shelves. All orders and payments (\$10 per message - cash or money orders only) should be submitted by Monday, May 1, 2017, by 3pm to Ms. Jones, the Counseling Department Secretary.

Graduation DVD order information will be shared as soon as it is received.

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## **Senior Dues/Graduation Fees:**

Students owing senior dues will not be able to participate in graduation ceremonies and will not receive their diploma until dues have been paid. Herff Jones graduation fees must be paid. (This fee covers the cost of your diploma, diploma covers, and graduation robes). Contact Herff Jones if you are having any difficulties with this payment, a representative will be at Stilwell on Friday, April 14, 2017, during the lunch periods.

## **Outstanding Obligations:**

Outstanding Obligations must be cleared by Tuesday, May 16, 2017, no later than 4:00pm. Seniors who have not cleared all outstanding obligations will not receive their diploma until all obligations are cleared and will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies.

## **Senior Clearance forms:**

All textbooks must be turned in on your last day of class. All seniors will be required to complete a **Senior Clearance Form** which must be submitted to Mrs. Stanfield **by 4:00pm on Tuesday, May 16, 2017**. Clearance forms will be available on Thursday, May 11, 2017 and will be located on the Counseling Shelves and in the cafeteria – **Do not misplace this form.**

## **College Acceptances and Scholarship Award Letters:**

Have you received a college acceptance letter, or two, or three? Bring in all your acceptance letters to Mrs. Stanfield. Every high school collects college acceptance information - it helps us honor your achievements. Also share with Mrs. Stanfield all your scholarship award letters – **even if** you do not plan to attend the college that has given you a scholarship offer. Past senior classes have received over \$1 million in scholarship awards!

## **Senior Final Exam Exemptions:**

Students who are passing a course that does not require an EOC/GMAS shall have the option of exempting a class examination if he/she meets **ONE** of the following criteria:

- Student has perfect attendance (*provided they have a passing grade going into the final exam*)
  - Student has earned an “A” for the second semester (PRIOR TO FINAL EXAM)
- AND**
- Student has no office referrals in the class being exempted

**Perfect Attendance:** 1) No absences, 2) No late check-ins, and 3) No early check-outs.

\*\*Seniors who have not cleared outstanding obligations by May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will not be allowed to exempt any final exams. Obligations include but are not limited to lost or damaged textbooks, calculators, or library materials, fees not paid, and uniforms or equipment not returned. This can be from the current school or a previous school.

**There will be no exceptions granted for any reason, no matter how critically important the reason.**

**“A second semester senior who meets the criteria for exemption but chooses to take the semester examination is worthy of commendation. If that student’s examination grade increases his/her final grade, the examination shall be counted. If, however, that student’s examination grade lowers the final average, the examination grade shall not be counted.” - 2017 Student Handbook**

**Senior Final Exam Exemption forms will be available beginning Monday, May 1st through Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**