

Graduation “2019”

Date:

Ceremonies – June 6 & 8, 2019

Senior Trip – Week of June 10 - 14, 2019 (TBA) – 5 days

Fund Raising – Year Round: Sales, games, etc

Requirements:

- Tuition must be paid in full
- All books must be returned or purchased
- All term papers and or exams completed
- Grades in core subjects must average a “C” or better

Fees:

Graduation fee is \$225.00. **Kindly remit \$100.00 by the third week in September to purchase gowns for picture day in November.** The balance will be due by the end of March. All Checks should be made out to ‘Oakview Preparatory School.’ However, please send payment directly to Mr. Linden Hislop so that accurate records can be kept. Once payments have been recorded they will be turned in to the office. All fees are due by March 29, 2019 in order for your child to participate. Your memo should indicate “graduation fee.” The fee includes:

- Cap and Gown
- Invitations
- Decorations
- Programs
- Awards and Gifts
- Yearbook

Guidelines for attire: Please pay attention to the following recommendations

Girls

- Modest church dress, may be “T” length, no longer – Knee length dresses minimum
- No spaghetti straps or low cut

- Clear nail polish/very light make-up (if any)

Boys

- White Shirt with matching tie
- Black, Navy or Dark Gray pants.
- Black socks, black shoes

Guidelines for Choosing valedictorian and salutarian:

While one of the primary criteria for choosing these officers is academic achievement it is not the only criteria. Students must possess the following qualities:

Character – these students must display a character that is of the highest standard.

Leadership – students must show the ability to lead their classmates positively.

Achievement – Students must achieve academically.

Service – Students must participate in community outreach and school promotion programs.

NB: The Valedictorian and Salutarian must be students at Oakview for the 3 years leading up to graduation – grades 6, 7, and 8

Determining Honors:

The GPA is used to determine students with honors. Grades from grade 6 and 7 seven are used as well as the grades for the first 3 marking periods in grade 8. Grades in core subject areas are used. The various levels of honors is determined using the following criteria:

Highest Honors: 3.67 – 4.00

High Honors: 3.34 – 3.66

Honors: 3.0 – 3.33

Senior Trip:

Tentative fee for the senior trip is \$750.00 - \$800 if the class will be going to Orlando Florida. Other destinations may cost more or less based on location. The fee for parents coming on the trip will be \$100 more than the student fee. This fee includes airline ticket, breakfast and dinner, accommodation, transportation (coach bus), tickets for two days to amusement parks, and cleaning cost. Parents are encouraged to give their children an additional money of at least \$100 for personal spending money. Those who have trouble with school discipline cannot participate in the

senior trip unless a parent accompanies them. Those going on the trip will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$200 by the end of December, 2019.

GRADUATION – Time Table

The following is a tentative graduation timeline-

- Complete a grade 7 GPA assessment to give students an idea of what they need to do to graduate with honors – that is assuming it is still attainable – mid September
- Determine graduation budget – mid September
- Determine and implement monthly fundraising activities – mid September
- Have yearbook information for each student – October
- Decide on graduation speakers - October
- Elect graduating class officers – October
- Select or have class song written by class poet, also choose aim, motto, text, colors, trip destination, and class sponsors – November
- Decide on awards and gifts to be given out - November
- Decide on teacher/student committees and have them chosen - December
- Order graduation robes – January
- Graduation pictures – Early February
- All yearbook items completed – End February
- Graduation practice – April/May
- Refreshments and food organization - April
- Calculate GPA's – April
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian speeches – Early May

Note: Graduation is a school activity and reflects positively or negatively on the entire school. It is therefore my aim that all teachers play an integral part in the ultimate success of the graduation weekend. Bi-monthly graduation update and decision making sessions will be held with the grade 8 class – sponsors as much as possible should try to attend.