



Class of 2019 Senior Bulletin

Dear Parent of a Staley High School 2019 Graduate Candidate,

It is an exciting time of the year for the Staley High School community as we graduate our senior class, the Class of 2019. For a school community, a Commencement Ceremony is a celebrated occasion like no other. Commencement has two parts. First, it is a formal ceremony that is approached with great dignity, and second, it is a time of celebration, which occurs after the ceremony is completed. We are working hard to plan our Commencement Ceremony, to be held Monday, **May 6, 2019** at the Community of Christ Auditorium (1001 W. Walnut Street, Independence MO 64050), so that it has both elements.

The information included in this bulletin will enable both you and your graduate candidate to become more aware of the activities that mark the close of their career at Staley High School. We hope that the information will prove helpful to you concerning end of the year senior activities. You can also refer to the Senior Section under 'Staley Features' on our website: <https://www.nkcschools.org/shs>

I want to assure you that the entire faculty and staff of Staley will do everything possible to provide an excellent Commencement Ceremony. Our ceremony will reflect the quality and pride of our school and community.

If we can be of service to you throughout this special time of year, please do not hesitate to contact us at 321-5330.

We look forward to sharing these special events with you and your family.

Respectfully,

Dr. Larry Smith
Principal, Staley High School

Vision Statement

Staley High School is a community where individual and collective gifts are celebrated to foster personal & academic excellence.

Mission Statement (Our Purpose)

We commit ourselves to create & sustain an inclusive environment of learning the challenges that inspires each of us to SOAR through: Service, Ownership, Achievement, Respect

Staley High School Senior Calendar 2018-2019



In order to assist students and their families as we approach graduation, we wanted to provide a list of dates, times, and senior activities. Please read this list carefully and keep it in a location where you can refer to it often. Details of these activities are included below the calendar.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
March 6	🦅 Jostens – Graduation Announcement Delivery during lunch	Great Hall
March 14	🦅 Mandatory Senior Meeting during Falcon Time	Performing Arts Center
March 15	🦅 Jostens- 2 nd Graduation Announcement Delivery during lunch	Great Hall
April 2	🦅 Mandatory Senior Meeting during Falcon Time 🦅 Senior Class nominates faculty speaker	Performing Arts Center
April 5	🦅 SOAR Scholarship Application Deadline (\$500)	Student Support Center
April 6	🦅 Prom 8-11pm	Marriott Courtyard
April 9	🦅 Application due to be a student speaker at Commencement 🦅 Senior obligation email to parents from Mrs. Longenecker	Main Office
April 11	🦅 Student Speaker Auditions (begin at 2pm)	Main Office Conf Rm #1
April 12	🦅 Deadline for seniors to complete A+ Tutoring Hours and Log Sheets 🦅 Deadline for seniors to complete Gold Medallion community service hours and internships and turn in all documentation 🦅 Deadline for National Honor Society members community service hours 🦅 Senior speaker announced	Student Support Center
April 16	🦅 Senior Mother's Tea 7:00 - 8:30pm	Flex Auditorium
April 18	🦅 Mandatory Senior Class Meeting 8:30am 🦅 Senior Picture 🦅 Field Trip to Community of Christ **load busses @ DAC** 🦅 Lifetrack Survey 🦅 Jostens- Cap & Gown Delivery	Performing Arts Center
April 24	🦅 Deadline for seniors to submit Honors Night Information Form 🦅 Additional Cap & Gown Delivery during lunch	Student Support Center Great Hall
April 25	🦅 Deadline for Seniors to submit Attendance Appeal Form 🦅 Deadline for Parent Letter to their Seniors 🦅 All library resources due to LMC ***Textbooks, if possible***	Student Services Main Office LMC
April 25-30	🦅 Senior Final Exams 🦅 EOC Window April 22 - 30: Biology; Government April 24 – May 2; Algebra I & II; English II	

April 28	Baccalaureate 6:30pm	Performing Arts Center
April 30	Senior Honors Night 6:30pm Senior obligation email to parents from Mrs. Longenecker	Performing Arts Center
May 1	Senior Meeting during Falcon Time National College Decision Day - photo booth, sign banner during lunch	Performing Arts Center Great Hall
May 2	Senior Checkout MacBook turn in Textbook Check in Senior Grades Due Senior BBQ Compliments of the Administration – 4 th Block	Performing Arts Center Great Hall Aux Gym DAC Soccer field
May 3	Seniors Last Day Senior Breakfast 8:30am - Compliments of Falcon Club Final Senior Meeting 1:00pm Senior Party sponsored by Falcon Club from 2-6pm	Small Gym Performing Arts Center Main Event
May 6	Staley High School Commencement 6:30pm Seniors arrive by 5:15pm Doors open to parents at 5:30pm	Community of Christ
May 6-17	Advanced Placement Exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 6- US Government and Politics • May 7- Seminar, Spanish Language and Culture, Physics 1: Algebra-Based • May 8- English Literature and Composition, French Language and Culture • May 9- Chemistry, Psychology • May 10- US History, Computer Science Principles, Studio Art • May 13- Biology • May 14- Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Human Geography • May 15- English Language and Composition • May 16- Comparative Govt and Politics, World History, Statistics • May 17- Music Theory, Computer Science A 	
June 7	Final transcripts will be sent no later than June 7	Student Support Center

<p>Senior Class Meetings</p> <p>March 14 April 2 April 18 May 1 May 3</p>	<p>There are 4 Senior Class meetings scheduled. Meetings are held during Falcon Time in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). All seniors, including part-time and early graduates, should attend.</p> <p>Please note: April 18 meeting is at 8:30am May 3 meeting is at 1:00pm</p>
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<p>Cap & Gown Distribution</p> 	<p>Cap & Gowns will be distributed April 18. If you have not ordered a cap & gown yet, contact Jostens directly at 816-523-4900.</p>
<p>Obligations</p> 	<p>Senior parents will be notified by e-mail on April 9 & April 30 if they have an obligation. An obligation may be a financial obligation, discipline obligation, etc. All obligations must be cleared through the Main Office prior to 12:00 noon on Friday, May 3. A student will not be issued a diploma unless obligations are resolved. <u>Checks will NOT be accepted</u> from seniors as of April 1.</p> <p>If you have questions regarding an obligation please call Mrs. Longenecker at 321-6641 or email joella.longenecker@nkcschools.org.</p>
<p>Senior Mothers' Tea</p> 	<p>A special reception for the mothers of seniors will be held in the Flex Auditorium on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00pm. This is for moms only – no graduates at this event.</p> <p>Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. To help with planning, please RSVP by Friday, April 12 to Kate Strahl. Call 321-5330 or e-mail: kate.strahl@nkcschools.org</p> <p>This will be a special time for moms to gather. We will have a short program that celebrates the journey of a graduate from their early years through their senior year. We will unveil plans for the Class of 2019 class gift. Also, information will be shared about Staley High School Alumni Association and the selling of commemorative granite bricks to help honor the 2019 class. We hope to see you there.</p>
<p>Deadline to Submit Form for Senior Honors Night</p>	<p>Seniors have until April 24 to submit their Senior Awards Night Recognition Form. They must submit this form to the Student Support Center (Counseling). For a copy of the form, go to the Student Support office or our website: https://www.nkcschools.org/shs and scroll down to the Senior Section.</p>
<p>Parent Letter to your Graduate</p>	<p>To help honor and symbolize the special role that parents play, we started a special tradition that encourages parents to write a private letter to their graduate. On May 6 as we gather for the Processional, we would like to hand each of our graduates a letter from their parents in a sealed envelope for them to read prior to the Processional.</p> <p>The letter doesn't need to be more than one page in length and should be placed in an envelope with your graduate's name on the front. We would like to have letters mailed or delivered to the Administrative Center by Thursday, April 25.</p>



You can mail your letter to:

Staley High School
Student Name (Parent Letter to Graduate)
2800 NE Shoal Creek Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64156

You can also email your letter to: kate.strahl@nkcschools.org

Your graduate will remember this moment for a lifetime, and the letter will be a keepsake for years to come. Thank you!

Baccalaureate



This inspirational program is scheduled for **Sunday, April 28** at 6:30pm in the Performing Arts Center. Although participation is optional, all seniors and their families are encouraged to attend. The following are important expectations:

- Seniors are to report by 6:00pm to the Great Hall. This will give them adequate time to put on caps and gowns and get lined up for the Processional.
- No special order of entrance will be followed. Graduates may sit with their friends.
- Two representatives of the junior class will act as guides, ushering the senior class to its designated area and seeing that they are properly seated.
- Men will remove caps for the Invocation and Benediction.
- Junior guides will dismiss the seniors one row at a time starting with the row closest to the stage. Seniors will return to the Great Hall to avoid congestion outside of the Performing Arts Center.
- No senior will be allowed to participate in Baccalaureate without a cap and gown.
- Proper attire is required. Men wear dress shirts, ties, slacks (no jeans) and dark shoes, Women wear dresses and dress shoes.
- This service will be directed and coordinated by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Ministerial Alliance.

Annual Senior Honors Night

Senior Honors Night is **Tuesday, April 30** at 6:30pm in the Performing Arts Center. Students receiving honors, scholarships, grants, and awards will be recognized by faculty, staff, and invited guests. All seniors are invited to attend. Students qualifying for A+ will be honored. Parents will be notified if their son or daughter will be receiving an award. Seniors should arrive at 6:00pm to sign in and line up for this program.

Gold Medallion Honors Diploma recipients will receive their medallion as part of the recognition and A+ students will receive their honor cord as part of the recognition. Honor Cords, Medallions, and special



stoles should be worn at both Baccalaureate and Commencement. Following the program, refreshments will be served in the Great Hall. A backdrop for pictures will also be provided for families in the Great Hall.

The recognition ceremony will include the following recognitions:

- Departmental Awards
- College, Private and Community Scholarship Presentations
- Bright Flight Candidates
- National Merit Candidates
- Perfect Attendance Awards
- Presidential Service Awards
- Military Enlistments
- Gold Medallion Honors Candidates
- College Preparatory Candidates
- A+ Program Candidates
- George Washington Carver Top 10%
- Adversity Award
- SOAR Scholarship Presentation

Required Senior Checkout & BBQ



Senior Checkout is **Thursday, May 2.**

Seniors will be dismissed by alphabet to report to the Aux Gym for Checkout.

Following the Checkout, Staley Administration will provide a complimentary BBQ picnic at the DAC. Seniors will receive their lunch tickets at Senior Checkout.

Required Senior Breakfast & Final Senior Meeting

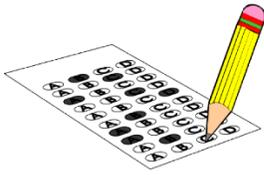


Falcon Club will be sponsoring the Senior Breakfast on **Friday, May 3** in the Small Gym.

Following the breakfast Seniors will participate in the Final Senior Meeting in the PAC. This is mandatory in order to be involved in the ceremony on May 6.

Following the Final Senior Meeting Falcon Club will be sponsoring a Senior party located at Main Event at I-29 and Barry Rd behind the AMC movie theater. This event is from 2-6pm and is free for Seniors. Seniors will have access to all games and snacks are provided.

Important Testing Windows



End of Course Exams April 22 – May 2

The month of May provides seniors an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge through a series of exams, tests, projects, and exhibitions. You will find that the AP, EOC, and Final schedules all overlap. Seniors shouldn't have more than three exams in one calendar day. If this occurs, have your senior student visit with their counselor. In some cases, we may have seniors sitting for AP, EOC, and Final exams in the same week. Please remind your graduate to finish **Staley Strong**.

End of Course (EOC) Testing

April 22 - 30	Biology; Government
April 24 – May 2	Algebra I & II; English II

AP Testing May 6 - 17

Advanced Placement (AP) Testing

Week 1		
	Morning: 8am	Afternoon:12pm
Monday, May 6	US Govt & Politics	
Tuesday, May 7	Seminar, Spanish Language & Culture	Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Wednesday, May 8	English Lit & Comp	French Language & Culture
Thursday, May 9	Chemistry	Psychology
Friday, May 10	US History	Computer Science Principles
	Studio Art – all day	

Week 2		
	Morning: 8am	Afternoon:12pm
Monday, May 13	Biology	
Tuesday, May 14	Calculus AB & BC	Human Geography
Wednesday, May 15	English Lang & Comp	
Thursday, May 16	World History, Comparative Govt & Politics	Statistics
Friday, May 17	Music Theory	Computer Science A

How to be a Picture-Perfect Graduate



Dress Requirements

- Cap and Gown are required at both Baccalaureate and Commencement.
- Flowers are not to be worn on the outside of the gown.

Men

- Dress shoes and socks (no tennis shoes, sandals)
- A necktie
- Dress shirt
- Dress slacks

Women

- Dress or nice pants suit. Select a dress with a hemline shorter than the robe.
- Dress shoes. No flip-flops. When selecting shoes, keep in mind the ramp from the stage is steep.

Cap and Gown Etiquette

- The cap is to be worn square on the head with the tassel on the left side and may not be decorated in any fashion other than the tassel.
- Please select hairstyles that will permit the cap to be worn appropriately.
- Gowns should be allowed to hang to remove wrinkles. If it is still necessary to press your gown, use a cool iron.
- Male students remove their caps during the invocation and benediction during Baccalaureate.
- Graduates must not wear chains or jewelry that hangs on the outside of the robe.
- Only school-issued honor cords, medallions and the Gold Medallion stole will be permitted.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony the Class of 2019 will collectively move their tassels from the left side of their cap to the right side.

Commencement Ceremony at Community of Christ Auditorium

1001 W Walnut St
Independence, MO 64050



General Information

The graduation ceremony is **Monday, May 6** at 6:30pm at the Community of Christ Auditorium in Independence, MO. Graduates should report no later than 5:15pm dressed and ready to march in cap and gown. Doors open to parents and guests at 5:30pm.

Picture taking and videotaping before and after commencement is welcomed. We ask that during the ceremony, however, that all guests stay at their seat. You may take pictures or video from that vantage point. Guests will not be able to come to the stage area during the commencement ceremony.

Staley Standard of Behavior

Unfortunately, over the years, graduations have seen an increase in inappropriate behavior by students and spectators. We do not expect



the parents and guests of the Staley High School community to display inappropriate behavior. Please discuss this issue with your guests prior to the ceremony.

We ask that guests refrain from shouting, whistling or clapping during the reading of your student's name. Noisemakers, beach balls, balloons and other items that could be disruptive must not be a part of the ceremony. Law Enforcement will escort any student or guest from the graduation program if the behavior becomes disruptive. An individual may not return once removed from Commencement.

Please stress to your student and your guests the importance of keeping our graduation formal and dignified. **The Class of 2019 deserves nothing less.**

Reed Portrait Group (RPG)

RPG will photograph the graduates as they receive their diplomas. A color proof will be mailed to each student at no charge and with no obligation to purchase. If you wish to purchase, information will be mailed to you with the proofs following graduation.

RPG will also be photographing the "cap toss" which will be outside following the ceremony. Please allow space for the professional photographer to capture this special moment.

Video

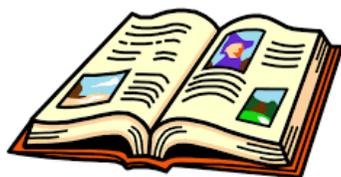
Copies of the professional produced video will be available for purchase. More information to come.

If, for some reason, your graduate will not be able to participate in the Commencement Ceremony, please contact Staley High School at your earliest possible convenience at 321-5330.

Important Steps Following Graduation

- ✓ Graduates will be handed an empty diploma cover on stage. You will have 30 minutes to pick up your Diploma Packet BEFORE you leave Graduation.
- ✓ Your official transcript will be sent to the schools you identified on the green Final Transcript Release Form that is turned in to Mrs. Long at Senior Checkout. This is at no cost to you.
- ✓ If you need your transcript sent to a school that was NOT listed on the Final Transcript Release form, you can go to <https://needmytranscript.com> The cost is \$5. Allow 5-7 days for processing.
- ✓ Alumni visits to the school need to be pre-arranged and the office notified by the teacher. A driver's license is required to sign-in upon arrival.

Legacy Yearbook



It's not too late to purchase a 2019 Legacy Yearbook! The deadline is **Monday, April 15**.

There are two ways you can purchase a yearbook:

1. Send a check or **exact cash** (\$75) to the main office.
2. For credit card, go to:

<https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome>

The 2019 Legacy Yearbook will be available for pick up at Green Carpet Days Registration in the fall.

Graduates may pick theirs up at that time.

After registration, yearbooks may be picked up in the main office at Staley.

Life Tracks Survey 1-800-Reunion

Public schools are required by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to track and report our students' post-graduation activity. Seniors completed a Life Tracks survey prior to graduation. Graduates will likely be contacted in the year following graduation by Life Tracks or 1-800-Reunion. This is a third party company that collects data for NKC Schools for the purpose of state reporting.