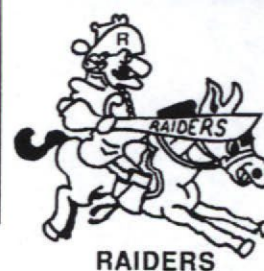




## GRADUATION NEWS

May 15 - Honors Convocation 7:00 p.m. SHS theater  
May 25 - Class Day/Senior Picnic 12:00 p.m. Civic Center band shell  
May 25 - Graduation Rehearsal following picnic Rushmore North  
May 27 - Graduation Ceremony 5:00 p.m. Civic Center Arena



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**Honors Convocation:** **May 15, 7:00 p.m.** Complete a scholarship award form included in this mailing to be recognized at Honors Convocation. Please return the enclosed form to the Student Services **no later than April 23, 2018 at 3:45 PM.**

Seniors, report to the fine arts theater at 6:40 p.m. All students with a 3.2 or higher GPA (cum laude) and/or those who are receiving a scholarship or academic award should plan to attend this function. Seniors who will be graduating with cum laude honors will receive their gold tassels. National Honor Society members in good standing will receive their gold cords at this ceremony. The center section in the theater is reserved for SHS seniors. Caps and gowns are to be worn. A seating chart will be provided.

**Class Day/Senior Picnic:** **May 25, 12:00 p.m.,** Civic Center, Band Shell. Lunch and water will be provided.

**Graduation Rehearsal:** **May 25,** Civic Center, Rushmore North, **Immediately** following the senior picnic.

**Graduation:** **May 27, 5:00 p.m., Civic Center.** Wear caps and gowns. **Decorations on caps and gowns are not permitted.** Please be seated in Rushmore North in caps and gowns by **4:15 p.m.**

Graduation ceremony is optional. Please let Student Services know if you will **NOT** participate in the ceremony so that a correct seating arrangement is made.

**GRADUATION ATTIRE:** Caps and gowns are required for **Honors Convocation and graduation.** Wear your caps with the short peak on the forehead. Tassels are worn on your **right** and are **NOT** changed from right to left upon receipt of your diploma, as this practice signifies receipt of a college degree. **Graduation is a formal event. Adult behavior is expected.** Students need to come to the ceremony appropriately dressed for the occasion. No jewelry, pins or anything extraneous to the ceremony should be worn outside of the cap and gown. We are working with the senior leadership to provide a ceremony that will be both meaningful and memorable for students and for families in attendance. You will want your family to be proud of you.

**OFFICIAL FINAL TRANSCRIPT:** Please remember that the college of your choice will require a final transcript after graduation. In order for this transcript to be sent, you will need to complete the final transcript release form and return it to Student Services. Even if you have already completed a release form, you need to do it again for your **FINAL** grades, class rank, and GPA. The forms will be available in Student Services in May. If you qualified for the SD Opportunity Scholarship and will be attending a state school in the fall, make sure to complete the SDOPP form **before** you leave for the summer.

All activities for graduation are school functions and all rules pertaining to school apply. Remember that respect for all is the goal.

**ABOVE ALL, HAVE A SAFE AND FUN TIME. WE WILL MISS YOU NEXT YEAR AND WISH YOU MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL YOU DO!**



