



# Lee's Summit North High School

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## Class of 2017: GRADUATION COUNTDOWN

### Important Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
4/25	Graduation Ticket Pick Up	3 – 7:00 p.m.	Main Office
4/25	Academic Awards	7:00 p.m.	PAC
4/26	Senior Graduation Meetings	8:45 a.m. – 2:28 p.m.	PAC
4/27	Senior Graduation Meetings	7:40 a.m. - 2:28 p.m.	PAC
5/5	Northern Lights	7:00 p.m.	PAC
5/7	Music Awards	6:00 p.m.	PAC
5/3	Senior Athletic Awards	8:30 a.m.	Aux Gym
5/6	Prom*	8 – 11:00 p.m.	John Knox Pavilion
5/9	Senior Finals	Hours 2, 4, 6	LSN
5/10	Senior Finals	Hours 5, 7	LSN
5/11	Senior Finals	Hours 1, 3	LSN
5/11	Seniors Last Day/Checkout	After finals, 11:00 a.m.	Aux Gym
5/11	Baccalaureate	7:00 p.m.	PAC
5/12	Graduation	7:00 p.m.	Community of Christ Auditorium
5/12	Project Grad	9:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.	Matt Ross Community Center

**\*NOTE: ALL fines (academic, athletic, activity, library and cafeteria) must be cleared, assigned discipline must be served and required community service completed before any senior will be able to purchase prom tickets, pick up graduation tickets, or receive his/her diploma.**

### SENIOR SURVEY

You must complete the Senior Exit Survey before you will be able to check out on May 11. The survey will be available April 24th. Please complete the Senior Exit Survey on-line by going to the following link:

<https://www1.lsr7.org/gradsurvey/>

### BACCALAUREATE – Hosted by FCA and the Ministerial Alliance

Thursday, May 11, 7:00 p.m., LSNHS PAC

The Baccalaureate service is a celebration of music and prayer provided by the LS Ministerial Alliance as a spiritual gift to the senior class upon their graduation. The service lasts approximately one hour and is optional for seniors and their families.

- Dress appropriately with proper shoes.
- Caps and gowns will be worn, with the cap tassel on the right side of cap. **Please note that in order to receive your cap and gown, ALL fines owed to the school must be paid.**
- Meet in the Field House by **6:40 p.m.**
- Processional will begin exactly at 7:00 p.m. All students should remain quiet and respectful.

## **SENIOR CHECKOUT**

**Thursday, May 11 LSNHS Auxiliary Gym**

Once finals are completed, all seniors will be directed to the auxiliary gym to begin the checkout process. At this event, you will (1) confirm for the final time, the spelling of your name for your diploma and pronunciation of your name as it should be pronounced at graduation; (2) check in your chromebook and charging cord; and (3) turn in your checkout card. Please make sure all signatures are obtained on your checkout card PRIOR to going to the auxiliary gym. ***ALL fines (academic, athletic, activity, library and cafeteria) must be cleared, assigned discipline must be served and required community service completed before any senior will be able to checkout.*** In addition, you will not be able to check out until you have completed your Senior Exit Survey (see Senior Survey section, page 1).

## **GRADUATION**

**Friday, May 12, 7:00 p.m., Community of Christ Auditorium  
1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050**

Again this year, we are able to offer our LSN families an opportunity to watch the graduation ceremony through live streaming. The link will be on the LSN website. To do this, access the school's website at [lsnhs.lsr7.org](http://lsnhs.lsr7.org) and click on the link for the 2017 LSNHS Graduation Commencement to watch the ceremony live from the Community of Christ Auditorium.

The graduation commencement is a formal **ceremony** that demands special dress for our graduates and proper decorum for all. Expectations for behavior include respect for the event and a tone of solemnity. Please follow the stipulations in this packet for a successful graduation experience for students, families, and guests.

Doors at Community of Christ Auditorium open for guests at 6:15 p.m. Seniors should arrive at the Auditorium's assembly room **no later than 6:15 p.m.** on Friday evening for graduation. Graduates should enter the Auditorium through the west entrance and take the stairs or ramps to the lowest level. ***Do not bring purses, keys, or valuables to the assembly room expecting to leave them there during the ceremony. There is no one available to watch them or secure them. Leave these items with family members. The only things you should have with you in the room are those items that can be with you during the ceremony in the auditorium.***

### **Dress**

In order to participate in the ceremony, make sure your dress is appropriate as follows:

- Graduation gowns should be neatly pressed.
- Caps should be worn straight with **tassels on the right side**. NO WRITING ON CAPS.
- Flowers or jewelry should not be worn on gowns.
- No gum, sunglasses, shorts, sandals or tennis shoes with the graduation gown.

### **Rules of Conduct**

The Community of Christ Auditorium is a private building which serves as the World Headquarters of the Community of Christ Temple. It is designed primarily for religious purposes, however it is frequently used by other organizations and there are certain limitations set by the church governance applicable to use the facilities. Please note the following:

- There shall be no disorderly conduct in or around the building.
- There shall be no profanity or offensive language used by visitors or performers.
- There shall be no tobacco used anywhere in the Auditorium, including restrooms.
- The use of illegal drugs and alcoholic beverages in or around the building is strictly prohibited.
- The possession of any weapons in or around the building is strictly prohibited.
- There shall be no food or drink in any part of the building except those areas designated for such use.
- Paper and refuse shall be placed in containers provided for such purposes.
- Access to the building is limited to those areas provided for the rental agreement.
- The Auditorium allows **no** balloons, confetti, banners, streamers, noisemakers or **air horns** in the auditorium.
- Failure to abide by the "NO PARKING" signs in the parking lots will result in the offending vehicles being towed at the owner's expense.
- Parking is prohibited in the circle drives. The drives are used for emergency vehicles or drop-off and pick-

up only.

- Wheelchairs and/or baby strollers are prohibited in the aisles. They must be stored in either the east or west handicap platform areas.
- Proper attire for guests is requested. No hats or shorts. The Auditorium is a church.
- Balcony directly behind the stage is closed.
- Caps may not be tossed, thrown in to the crowd, on stage, or toward individuals. The faculty speaker leads the tossing of caps on the front lawn of the Auditorium following the recessional.
- Graduates are not allowed to present anything to the R-7 Board Members as they receive their diplomas.
- ***The LSN Class of 2017 would appreciate all guests' cooperation to the following rule so all graduates' names can be heard:*** The most important part of the ceremony for all attending is to hear the name of the graduate. The readers of names **do not stop** for crowd disruptions. Guests who shout or use noisemakers will be escorted out.

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN GRADUATES HAVING DIPLOMAS WITHHELD AND MAY NOT ATTEND PROJECT GRAD.**

### **Ticket Collection Procedures and Seating at Community of Christ Auditorium**

- Graduation announcements ordered through Jostens are NOT tickets to the graduation ceremony.
- A ticket is **not** a reserved seat. A ticket gains one person per ticket entrance to the building.
- No one may gain admittance to the auditorium without a ticket in hand. One ticket per seat. Toddlers and infants require their own ticket if they are not in the lap of an adult – age limit for lap-seating is younger than 3 years of age.
- Once a guest's ticket stub has been collected and he/she needs to exit the building; a ticket stub will be given to the guest in order to exit and return. The stub will be collected upon return.
- There is no "saving seats" at commencement. Guests will be reminded they cannot save seats by ushers and noncompliance to this request will be referred to security.
- ***ONCE THE CEREMONY HAS BEGUN, LATE GUESTS WILL BE DIRECTED TO BALCONY SEATING ONLY***
- Guests cannot stand in the aisles due to fire codes and safety.

### **Graduate Processional/Ceremony Procedures**

- Graduates will line up in the Assembly Room with their mentors. ***Again, the only things you should have with you in the room are those items that can be with you during the ceremony in the auditorium.***
- Each senior will be issued a card with his/her name typed on it to be read at graduation.
- Seniors will line up in pairs at the north ramp to enter for the processional.
- Guests will not be allowed admittance to the auditorium once the graduates gather in the North Foyer for the processional. Once the processional is over, guests with tickets may enter or re-enter.
- Mentors and graduates will follow the lead of the ushers to enter the auditorium. Graduates will enter in pairs down the center aisle and fill in from the center aisle to the outside. Seating will be reserved.
- Following the processional, the seniors will remain standing, and men will remove their caps for the "*Crimson Banner*," salute to the flag, and class aspiration.
- Seniors will sit in unison following the principal's lead.
- After presentation of the class by Jeff Meisenheimer, principal, seniors will stand by row and proceed across the stage and receive a diploma cover as their names are read from the cards. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR NAME CARD AND BE WITH YOUR MENTOR IN ORDER TO CROSS THE STAGE.**
- Hand the name card to the appropriate reader at the left or right side of the stage.
- Proceed to the center of the stage to receive diploma cover.
- Shake the hand of the LS R-7 Board of Education representative.
- Walk down the center stage steps, shake hands with Dr. Meisenheimer, greet your mentor, and return to your original seat.
- Seniors will rise for the affirmation at the end of the ceremony and ushers will manage the recessional and direct graduates to the traditional "hat-toss" location.

### **Pictures and Video-Taping**

On the night of graduation, **Haub Photography** will be taking pictures of each senior receiving their diploma, as well as a group photo of seniors throwing their graduation caps in the air immediately following the ceremony. Prices are as follows:

- Senior receiving diploma: two 5x7's for \$15.00 (cost goes up after the ceremony)

- Group photo throwing caps in the air: one 5x7, \$7.00, one 8x10, \$10.00

All orders may be submitted to Haub directly via phone prior to May 12 or may be ordered the evening of the ceremony in the lobby of the Auditorium. Haub's number is **816-524-4188**. There is no area on the floor or in the aisles of the Auditorium for pictures, cameras or video cameras. For safety, fire code regulations and handicapped seating, open spaces and aisles on the floor level will be kept clear.

### **Community of Christ Auditorium Access**

The auditorium has four entrances: **north, south, east and west**. The west entrance is the main parking area (off **Crysler St.**) of the auditorium. Reserved seating for graduates is provided. Uniformed police officers as well as off duty LSPD officers and a hired event security company will assist in crowd control, emergencies, and traffic safety. You may access directions to the auditorium on the LSN website: [lsnhs.lsr7.org](http://lsnhs.lsr7.org)

The west entrance to the Auditorium has wheelchair accessibility and seating. A circle drop-off area is at the west entrance. The auditorium has other handicapped seating on the floor level, east side. Elevators and ramps are available inside the auditorium. Parking is restricted to areas designated on the attached map as "Auditorium Parking" only.

### **Diploma Pick-up**

If you do not pick up your diploma the evening of graduation, you may do so in the **front office** of Lee's Summit North beginning **Monday, May 15, 2017**, during office hours from **7:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. daily**. **Any student with an outstanding obligation (fines, owed discipline, community service) will not receive a diploma.**

## **PROJECT GRADUATION**

### **When and Where Does It Start?**

- Friday, May 12, after graduation, at the Matt Ross Community Center in Overland Park, Kansas.
- Meet in the East Events parking lot at LSNHS by 9:30 p.m. You can go directly to your assigned bus.
- Buses leave between 9:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

***NOTE: All students must ride the bus there and home. There are no exceptions to this rule unless there is a school-related conflict. Administrative permission is needed in those cases.***

### **When Does It End?**

Buses leave Matt Ross Community Center by 3:00 a.m., Saturday, May 13, and return to LSNHS.

### **What to Bring:**

Swimsuit and Towel

### **What Not to Bring:**

Valuables and Money

### **Activities Available:**

Basketball tournaments

Airbrush tattoo

Swim

Games (obstacle courses, bingo, spin the money wheel, pop-a-shot, pool, and more)

Eat great food

Win prizes

Hypnotist show at the end of the night

### **Where Can You Buy a Ticket?**

Tickets go on sale in the Commons during lunch shifts beginning May 4 – May 11. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, tickets will be on sale at senior checkout. Tickets can also be purchased from Mrs. Beemer in room 2126 beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>. No guests are allowed. Tickets are \$10.00 each. **IMPORTANT:** When you purchase your ticket, you are assigned to a bus, so purchase your tickets with the friends you want to ride with to the Community Center. You will not be allowed to change buses once you have your ticket.

- Only basketball shoes will be allowed on the Matt Ross Community Center gym floor.
- Follow all school rules and direction of sponsors.