

SENIOR FAQ

SENIOR SKATING TRIP QUESTIONS:

Q: Do I have to pay for the skating trip?

A: No. The trip is being provided for you by the school. Admission and the roller skate rental are included. No food will be provided, but food is available for purchase.

Q: Where and when is the senior skating trip?

A: Rolling Thunder Skating Rink (7017 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19149) from 11AM to 2PM on Monday 5/15/17.

Q: What should I bring?

A: Socks (because you need to wear socks with the skates.) Cool retro clothing (because it's SENIOR WEEK DAY ONE: RETRO DAY.)

Q: Do I need to report to school first?

A: No. Because of keystone testing for the underclassmen, you have a late arrival on 5/15. Plan to be at Rolling Thunder by 11AM. It is a school day and attendance will be taken on-site.

GRADUATION QUESTIONS:

Q: How many graduation tickets will I receive?

A: Four.

Q: How do I request extra tickets?

A: A google form will be sent to your SDP email account on Monday 6/12 at NOON. You may fill out the form ONCE. The form will give you the option to request up to two extra tickets. All requests must be made before Tuesday 6/13 at NOON. We will honor as many requests as possible, taking into account both when the ticket was requested (earlier is better) and also the student's attendance to graduation practice. Any extra tickets that you are awarded will be available for pick-up at the Senior Breakfast on 6/14/17.

Q: Can I bring balloons to graduation?

A: No. TPAC specifically does not allow balloons as they (1) cannot be retrieved from the ceiling if they are accidentally released and (2) obstruct the view of the other guests.

Q: Can I bring a child/baby to the ceremony?

A: Yes, but every single person (babies included) requires a graduation ticket.

Q: Someone in my family requires a mobility aid (wheelchair, walker, etc.), how do I secure them a seat that is accessible?

A: Please email Ms. Hogan (smhogan@philasd.org) with a heads up if you have someone attending that will require special assistance. TPAC is very accessible to people with disabilities. It is best to arrive on the early side to avoid crowds and find seats. For wheelchair accessibility, there is a side entrance on Berks Walk that gives direct access to the elevator (without any stairs.) This entrance is only for people unable to handle any stairs.

Q: Can I decorate my cap for graduation?

A: No. If you decorate your cap, you will not be permitted to wear it. We will not have spares. You will not be permitted to participate in graduation.

SENIOR AWARDS QUESTIONS:

Q: Does every senior receive an award?

A: No, but the awards are distributed widely around the class for everything from academic excellence in certain subject areas to leadership in the school to being generally kind and caring community member.

Q: Do I have to attend the senior awards?

A: No.

SENIOR BREAKFAST QUESTIONS:

Q: Do I have to pay for the senior breakfast?

A: No. It is included in the cost of your dues.

Q: Where and when is the senior breakfast?

A: Hard Rock Café (NE corner of 12th and Market Streets) from 8:30AM-10:30AM.

Q: What should I bring?

A: Your yearbook. Yourself.

SENIOR SERVICE QUESTIONS:

Q: I have done lots of service in my life, do I have to do this 25 hours?

A: Yes. All seniors are required to do 25 hours of service during the days provided.

Q: Can I volunteer at my job?

A: No. You cannot volunteer anywhere that you are usually paid to work.

Q: Can I volunteer with a family member?

A: Yes, but the family member cannot be your supervisor. Someone other than a family member will have to verify that you completed your service hours.

Q: What types of places can I volunteer?

A: Some popular options include: your former elementary or middle school, your church, charities (like philabundance, manna, etc.), hospitals or nursing homes.

SENIOR CLEARANCE QUESTIONS:

Q: How does senior clearance day work?

A: On 6/12, all seniors will be handed clearance paperwork in the auditorium. If you are already fully cleared, you will get your “golden ticket” to get your items (shirt, cap and gown, yearbook, and graduation tickets.) If you are NOT already fully cleared, you will have to settle your debts first. This usually involves waiting in long lines to pay for owed property or debts. Once you have waited in all of the long lines to get cleared, you will get your “golden ticket” and you will be able to get your items (shirt, cap and gown, yearbook, and graduation tickets.)

Q: What if I lost a textbook and can't return it?

A: You have two choices. You can either pay for the lost book (at the cost the school was given for the book originally) or you can go on Amazon, purchase a replacement book, and have it shipped to the school. If the shipment has not arrived by clearance day, you can just print the email confirming that you ordered the book and had it shipped to the school. The school's shipping address is 1600 West Norris Street, Philadelphia PA 19121.

Q: What if I paid my debt but you think I didn't?

A: Typos happen. I'm not perfect and sometimes I make an error. Have your receipt ready to prove that you paid. You can even get ahead of the game by emailing me a picture of your receipt.