

# *Downers Grove South High School*

## *Class of 2018*

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### *Calendar of Events*

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**Prom** .....Saturday, April 28 - 6:00 – 11:00 PM  
**Cap & Gown Distribution** (Required for Awards Night)  
During Lunch Periods in West Lobby on Tuesday, April 24  
**Awards Night**..... Tuesday, May 8 - 7:00 PM  
**Spring Art Exhibit**.....May 15-20  
**Yearbooks** (Pre-Sold ONLY) .....May 16 - 3:00 – 4:30  
**Yearbooks** (Pre-Sold ONLY) .....May 17 at 7:00 AM  
**Yearbook Distribution & Sales** .....Friday, May 18  
Yearbooks may be purchased in the Student Activities Office for \$45 after 5/17.  
**Madrigals Concert**..... Tuesday, May 22- 7:00 PM  
**Last Day for Seniors**..... Wednesday, May 23  
See details within newsletter  
**Graduation Rehearsal**..... Thursday, May 24  
Senior Video in the Auditorium – 1:30 PM  
Rehearsal – 2:15 PM (meet in your seats in Large Gym)  
Exit with Pride – 4:00 - 6:30 PM  
**Graduation Ceremony** .....Friday, May 25 - 5:00 PM  
Location will be posted online after 1:00 PM May 25  
<http://www.csd99.org/dgs/>

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### *Cap and Gown Pick Up – Tuesday, April 24*

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Caps, gowns, stoles and tassels must be picked up during lunch periods in the West Events Lobby on Tuesday, April 24. **If you have not yet ordered a cap and gown, see Mrs. Martinez immediately in C149.**

Pre-ordered announcements and souvenirs will also be distributed in the Student Cafetorium on Monday, April 16. If you did not order announcements/souvenirs, these items can still be purchased through Jostens at (630) 963-3500.

**January and early graduates** are expected to attend rehearsal on Thursday, May 24. If you have any change in plans, please contact Mr. Fisher in the Registrar's office immediately at (630) 795-8525.

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### *99 Education Foundation - Walk of Honor Legacy*

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The District 99 Education Foundation offers families the opportunity to purchase a commemorative brick outside our West Events Entrance. This is a wonderful way to leave your permanent mark at South High! Please check out the website for more information:  
<http://www.csd99.org/d99ef/d99ef-ways-to-help/walk-of-honor.cfm>

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### *Senior Awards Night*

*Tuesday, May 8 - 7:00 PM*

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The Senior Awards Ceremony will be held in the Auditorium on Tuesday, May 8. This is an annual program designed to honor those seniors who have excelled in academics, activities and athletics throughout the school year. Representatives from the community and the South High Staff will present awards. Honors vary from a mention in the program and standing recognition to certificates, plaques, medals and scholarships. Students receiving an award will receive an invitation in late April. **Seniors should wear their caps and gowns** and sit in the front rows of the Auditorium for Senior Awards Night.

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### *Prom 2018 – Starry Night*

*Saturday, April 28 - 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM*

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Prom will be at Bolingbrook Golf Club on Saturday, April 28 ([2001 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook](#)). Seniors should arrive between 6:00 and 7:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM, and dancing will follow until 11:00 PM. **All students must attend both the dinner and the dance, all attendees must have a photo ID to be admitted, and no one will be admitted after 8:00 PM.**

The Prom is a special occasion in a formal atmosphere where good manners and polite behavior are expected, and formal attire is required. **All school rules apply at prom, and school sanctions for any violation of those rules may be used, including exclusion from the Graduation Ceremony.**

Tickets may be purchased for \$85 per individual in the bookstore through Monday, April 23rd. **Students who wish to sit together must purchase tickets at the same time. No seats will be held or changed.** Students wishing to bring a guest who does not attend DGS must complete a Guest Approval Form (available at the bookstore and online) prior to purchasing a ticket. The forms must be submitted to the Deans by April 20, and tickets must be purchased by Monday, April 23rd. Guests must be high school age or younger than 21 years old.

If your student has any questions, please see Mrs. Martinez in the Student Activities Office (Room C149), email her at [jmartinez@csd99.org](mailto:jmartinez@csd99.org), or call at (630) 795-8518.

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### ***Spring Art Exhibit – May 15 - 20***

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This exhibit, held in the Downers Grove South High School West Events Lobby, showcases the work of our art students throughout the year.

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### ***Yearbook Distribution – Wednesday, May 16***

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Pre-ordered yearbooks will be available for early distribution on Wednesday, May 16 in the cafeteria from 3:00 – 4:30 PM and before school on Thursday, May 17 (beginning at 7:00). Students will need their current school ID to obtain their yearbook.

Provided all fees have been paid, students who did not pre-order a yearbook will be able to purchase them for \$45 beginning Friday, May 18 while supplies last. Cash only will be accepted after April 27.

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### ***Senior Final Exams***

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The last regular attendance day for all seniors will be Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Seniors who have earned a cumulative grade of C or better in a class may be exempt from taking the final in that course. Any senior taking a final for periods 3, 5, 6, 7, or 8 will do so during regular class periods. Seniors taking finals in periods 1,2, and 4 will attend on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to take them during the regularly scheduled exam periods.

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### ***Graduation Rehearsal – Thursday, May 24***

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#### **Mandatory Rehearsal – 2:15 PM – Large Gym**

Instructions to the graduates will begin promptly at 2:15 PM, and **all graduates must be in their assigned seats at 2:15 and remain for the entire rehearsal**. At the conclusion of the rehearsal, each graduate will receive three tickets for the large gym and one ticket for the Auditorium (closed circuit TV). In the case of inclement weather, graduation will be held in the large gym, and the audience will be limited. Families must bring these tickets for admission in case the event is moved indoors.

#### **Senior Video – 1:30 PM – Auditorium**

The Senior Video, a compilation of the events of the Class of 2018, is shown to graduates in our Auditorium beginning at 1:30 PM.

#### **Exit with Pride Celebration – 4:00 – 6:30 PM**

This annual party is co-sponsored by DGS staff and a senior parent committee. The event has become a popular Mustang tradition and takes place immediately following rehearsal on the west side of the high school (west events parking lot). Food, entertainment, games and raffle prizes are provided for DGS seniors in attendance.

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### ***Graduation Ceremony – Friday, May 25-5:00 PM***

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Graduation is held in the outdoor stadium at 5:00 PM. Outdoor seating is unlimited, and tickets are NOT needed in the stadium. In the event of inclement weather, the color-coded tickets that will be distributed at rehearsal will be required to enter the ceremony.

This ceremony is the culmination of each graduate's years at DGS and should be treated with respect and dignity. Graduates are expected to dress appropriately. Gentlemen should wear a dress shirt, tie, dress pants, socks and dress shoes; ladies should wear a dress, skirt, or dress slacks and dress flats. Please note: Ladies will not be permitted to wear heels in the stadium, as this damages the turf; wedges are acceptable. Any questions regarding dress attire contact Mrs. Martinez. Graduates must report to the field house by 4:00 PM to line up.

**Participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege. Be aware that severe discipline infractions may result in exclusion from the ceremony.**

For those unable to attend the ceremony, it will be streamed live on-line via the High School Cube. A link will be provided on the website. Grad Images will be at the ceremony to capture a photo of each graduate receiving his or her diploma. [Please register with Grad Images to receive proofs via email](#); a link is also on the DGS Senior Information Page. Please note: we require family members and friends to remain in their seats during the ceremony. So as not to impeded sightlines, balloons and/or signage will not be allowed. Additionally, noise makers are prohibited.

If graduation is moved indoors, the doors will be locked once the graduates have entered. Late guests will be directed to the auditorium. Due to the large number of graduates, extra tickets are not available. **You must have tickets with you to attend an indoor ceremony.** Parking will be available to accommodate handicapped needs.

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### ***Diploma Distribution – May 25 at 6:15pm***

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Graduates will receive a diploma cover during the ceremony and should pick up their actual diploma and student records in the field house immediately following the graduation ceremony.

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### ***Student Records Policy***

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Downers Grove South High School Student Records Policy is in compliance with the directives established by the State of Illinois. If you have any questions regarding definition, destruction, access to and release of records please refer to the Student Handbook or contact the Assistant Principal for Student Support Services in A105.