



# Leslie High School

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Dear Senior Parents:

The upcoming year is bound to be full of excitement, sadness and maybe a little confusion. As your student prepares to graduate, many things will need to be accomplished along the way. It is our hope that this letter will help outline events and provide information to guide you through the year. We will send home additional information when necessary. Please read the entire letter as this information is very important. **Please keep this letter so you can refer to it when necessary.** **This letter is also on the school website under the student services page.** If you have questions regarding any of the information listed below, please contact the high school office.

## COLLEGE INFORMATION

### **General College Information**

For college enrollment questions, and similar concerns, please contact Student Services. Our counselors, Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Ziehmer, encourage students to meet with them regarding college planning. Students can sign up in Student Services and mark "College" or "Other". The high school announcements will have important information regarding application help times, scholarships, and college/military/career visits as they are scheduled. For transcript requests, students do not need to sign up to see a counselor; there is a separate transcript request form available in the office.

### **College Applications and Entrance Exams**

Students who plan on applying to a college or other post-secondary institution should do so as soon as possible this fall. The recommendation is by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Seniors should have taken the SAT (college entrance exam) in the spring of their junior year, but if they missed it, they may take it their senior year. Students who have already received test scores may repeat the exam in the fall to achieve a higher score. To find out more information about test dates for this year and how to register, go to [satsuite.collegeboard.org](https://satsuite.collegeboard.org).

### **Financial Aid Workshop**

Leslie High School will host a financial aid presentation on Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm in the High School Library. All students planning on attending a post-secondary institution should have someone in attendance. Financial aid experts will discuss grants, scholarships, loans, work study information, and how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and filing deadlines. **The FAFSA form is required for all students applying for financial aid, including grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study.** Following the financial aid presentation, counselors and financial aid experts will assist families in completing their FAFSA application in a help session from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the High School Library. **You will need to bring your 2021 tax return for the help session.**

### **College Representative Visitations**

We schedule several college representatives to visit. A list of colleges and visitation dates are available on the Student Services webpage under "Important Dates". College visits are held during school hours. Students may sign up to talk to the representative from any college they are interested in attending. (They are limited to 5 per school year.)

### **College Campus Visitations**

Students who wish to visit a college campus need to complete a pre-arranged absence form prior to the visitation and have it approved by each of their teachers and one of the counselors. Students are excused for **three** campus visitations throughout their senior year.

### **Scholarships**

Each year Leslie Public Schools, local organizations, and individuals give scholarships to graduating seniors. The criteria and deadlines for each of these scholarships are presented to the seniors at a class meeting in mid-March. The seniors are responsible for picking up the scholarship applications and qualifying information, both of which are available following the March meeting.

If your child receives a college scholarship that you would like put in the Honors Program, you must have this information to Mrs. Mangles by May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **PICTURE INFORMATION**

**Senior Pictures**-The Yearbook and Senior Video will utilize your composite picture. You will not turn in a senior picture.

### **Senior Class Composite**

This year Michael Barton Studios will be working with our new picture company, SchoolPictures.com to photograph the seniors for the class composite, which is displayed outside the high school gymnasium. This picture is also used for their senior picture in the yearbook. Michael Barton Studios will come to the school and photograph each senior for the expressed purpose of the composite. The picture will be a head and shoulder shot only. **This is mandatory for all seniors. There is a \$5 charge to the student for this picture.** We do have several scholarships available to help with any senior who cannot pay the \$5 fee.

The picture date for this year's senior class composite will be Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. Appropriate dress is mandatory. **Young men must wear a "solid color" shirt and tie.** If they do not own an appropriate shirt and tie, one or both will be provided. **Young ladies must wear an appropriate "solid color" dressy shirt (no stripes, writing, patterns, etc.).** Ladies who do not own an appropriate top will be provided with one. Both morning and afternoon career center students will have their pictures taken. No facial piercings are allowed.

This year our seniors will have the opportunity to have multiple senior pictures taken after their senior composite picture. They may bring changes of clothes, including athletic uniforms, to have the other poses taken. They will be taken on the campus of the High School in various locations, one location will be outside weather permitting. **The cost of this is \$25 which will include their composite fee and will be applied toward any purchases.** You will have the opportunity to purchase individual pictures or package deals. We are excited about this opportunity to provide our seniors with a senior picture opportunity and hope that many who have not yet had senior pictures will take advantage of this.

The seniors need to sign up for an appointment time for their composite picture and/or senior pictures. To make an appointment go to: michaelbartonstudios.com. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

### **Senior Video**

Students need to bring in **one** baby picture to Miss Ribby by **December 16th**. This baby picture will be used in the slideshow at Graduation. The baby picture will be passed on to Mr. Compton for use in the yearbook. All pictures will be returned to the student in their diploma envelope.

### **Commencement Pictures**

Each year we have a photographer who will take one picture of all graduates as they are getting their diplomas and one as they step off the podium holding the diploma in front of them. Following graduation, the photography company will mail or email a small proof with an order form to purchase pictures if you would like. You are under no obligation to order these.

## **GRADUATION INFORMATION**

### **Graduation Announcements and Cap and Gown**

Jostens provides a catalog for ordering graduation announcements and memorabilia though you are under no obligation to order these items from them. Our Jostens representative will hold a senior class meeting on Friday, September 23rd at 2:30 in the auditorium. He will distribute packets of information at that time. He will also have class ring information if any seniors are interested.

A cap and gown set is required for graduation. The cost is around \$50, and seniors keep the set; they are not rentals. **A cap and gown set is the one item you are required to purchase from Jostens if your senior plans to participate in graduation activities.** Students can submit their announcement and cap and gown orders at the school (during lunch) on Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup>. You may also order online at Jostens.com or call 800-567-8367 to order over the phone.

For those who will have a balance due, Jostens will send your balance via email. Payment must then be mailed directly to the company or paid online. Announcements are typically distributed shortly after spring break, and caps and gowns are distributed approximately one week before graduation.

### **Graduation Week (All events will be contingent on Covid guidelines at the time of the event)**

The week of graduation is a busy time for seniors even though they are finished attending classes. Listed below are important dates, times, and other information.

**\*Wednesday (05-31-22): Senior Breakfast and Honors Convocation Rehearsal.** Seniors will report to the high school gymnasium at 8:05 am for a senior breakfast, at no cost to students. Immediately after the breakfast, a group picture of the seniors in their caps and gowns will be taken. The **seniors need to bring their caps and gowns to the breakfast with them.** After the group picture, the senior video will be shown in the auditorium, followed by Honors Convocation rehearsal. **All students who plan to attend Honors Convocation *must* attend rehearsal. The morning's events are usually completed by 11:00am.**

**\*Thursday (6-1-22): Honors Convocation.** Honors Convocation will be held at 7:00 pm at Leslie High School. Graduates need to be dressed in their caps and gowns by 6:45 pm. Dress code for Honors Convocation is professional dress. Honors night is open seating only. Doors will open at 6:45 pm. No invitations are sent out for this event.

**\*Friday (6-2-22): Commencement Rehearsal.** Seniors who are planning on walking at commencement ***must*** attend graduation rehearsal. Rehearsal starts at 9:00 am and runs until approximately noon.

**\*Friday (6-2-22) – Commencement.** Commencement is held at Leslie High School at 7:00 pm.

Doors open at 6:00 pm. Graduates need to be dressed in their cap and gowns by 6:45 pm. Dress code for Graduation is professional dress. All seating is open. There is no reserved seating.

**\*\*\*Students who have met the graduation requirements for Leslie High School will receive a diploma. However, walking in the commencement ceremonies is a privilege. The following requirements must be met in order for your son or daughter to participate in Leslie High School graduation ceremonies:**

- Seniors who have any outstanding debts, books, materials, etc. will not be allowed to walk at graduation.
- All classes must be verified complete in order for the student to walk to graduation.

**Seniors' Last Day**

The seniors are typically done with school one-week prior to graduation. This date may vary depending on snow days or other non-planned school closings.

Sincerely,

Andrea Roach  
Principal

Anne Ribby  
Senior Class Advisor

Tamie Dodge  
Senior Class Advisor

## 2023 SENIOR IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
September 23rd	2:30 pm	Josten's senior class meeting.	Leslie High School
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	During lunch	Place Josten's order for cap and gown	Cafeteria
October 31st & November 1	8:30 – 2:30 pm	Senior Composite and Senior Pictures	Leslie High School
October 13	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Financial Aid Workshop	Leslie High School Library

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December 16 <sup>th</sup>		Baby pictures due	

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Mid-March	n/a	Internal Scholarship applications are available. There is a very short window of opportunity to apply for these scholarships.	

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May 31st	8:05 AM	Senior breakfast and Honors Convocation rehearsal.	
June 1st	7:00 PM	Honors Convocation	Leslie High School
June 2nd	9:00 AM	Graduation rehearsal	Leslie High School
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