



April Newsletter

Seniors, check your school email DAILY!

Acceptance Day Dinner

The Acceptance Day Dinner will be held May 13th @ 6pm in the cafeteria. To receive an invitation for you & your parents to this free celebration, email a copy of your College/Tech School/Military acceptance letter where you are committing to Mrs. Tina Yates. Please only submit ONE letter of acceptance. **Deadline is April 1st!**

Lake-Sumter State College

Wednesday, April 2nd during Raider Time in the Raider Room, LSSC will be here offering FREE applications to seniors! If you are planning on going to LSSC or maybe you haven't decided yet this meeting is for you! You will be able to apply at no cost!!! There will not be another opportunity to do this so for free. We highly recommend seniors partake in this opportunity if you have not yet committed to another college or are unsure about your next step.

Grad Bash

Grad Bash at Universal Studios & Islands of Adventure is **Friday, April 25th (7pm-2am)**. There is a mandatory meeting for all who have purchased a ticket on **Friday, April 11th** during Raider Time in the cafeteria. Permission slips, \$5, and After School Insurance must be submitted by this date. We will be discussing timeline of event, expectations, dress code, and will be signing up for buses. You must see Mrs. Cofield directly if you miss the meeting.

Prom

May 3, 2025. Tickets are on sale now! Use QR code below the April calendar on the last page of this newsletter to purchase.

SAT, ACT & CLT

SAT test – May 3, 2025 (deadline to register is April 18)

ACT test – June 14, 2025 (deadline to register is May 9)

CLT test (Remotely Proctored) – April 10, 2025 (deadline to register is April 3)

Senior Chorus Meetings

Senior Chorus will perform at Baccalaureate & Graduation. Practices will be Fridays during Raider Time in the band room. You **MUST** be in senior chorus to audition for a solo or duet at Graduation or Baccalaureate. We need your voice!

Books/Fees/Fines

Graduation is fast approaching. Seniors need to make sure they have satisfied all financial obligations. If you owe any money for anything (ie: books, fees, fines, candy, lunch money, athletics) you need to take care of it prior to clearance slip day. You are not cleared to walk at graduation until you have met all financial obligations!

Senior Exams

Senior Exams will be given **Monday, May 19th - Wednesday, May 21st**. Seniors must meet exam exemption criteria to be exempt. Seniors are still required to take state & district mandated tests associated with certain courses & attend class regardless of exemption status to fulfill state mandated seat time.

Alumni Walks

You are invited to participate in an alumni walk wearing your C&G & regalia at your local elementary school in May (if you attended LPES, WES, or BES). You must sign up using the link that Mrs. Stewart emailed you.

•LPES: Tuesday, 5/27 @ 1:15 PM

•BES: Friday, 5/23 @ 1:00 PM

•WES: Friday, 5/23 @ 12:00 PM

Yearbook

Yearbooks can be purchased at jostensyearbooks.com

Transcript Request Steps

1. Send an email request to Tina.Yates@sumter.k12.fl.us.
 - a. Make sure to include the school the transcripts need to be sent to
 - b. If the transcripts have to be mailed, include the mailing address
2. Once your transcripts have been sent you will receive an email from Mrs. Yates

PLEASE NOTE: IT CAN TAKE UP TO 5 DAYS FOR TRANSCRIPTS TO BE SENT

After School Credit Recovery

The Grade Forgiveness/Credit Recovery After School Lab is OPEN (Monday – Thursday 4:00 to 5:00pm) until May 15th. Students should see their counselor for eligibility. You can also earn Bright Future hours by volunteering as a tutor in the lab. See your guidance counselor for that paperwork also.

Raise.Me.com & Scholarship Opportunities

Want free money for college? Visit <https://www.raise.me> The more students there are on Raise.Me the more motivated students will be and the more resources you will have for college.

Important websites to know: Bright Futures - www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org ACT-www.actstudent.org SAT- www.collegeboard.org
National scholarship opportunities await at: www.fastweb.com www.collegequest.com www.winscholarships.com www.finaid.com
IG: scholarshipmoneyforstudents
www.meritaid.com www.studentscholarships.org www.highfivescholarships.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GRADUATION

1. **How many tickets will I get?** Every graduate will receive 6 tickets for seating in the gym.
2. **Does everyone need a ticket?** YES! Even **children and babies!** We remind everyone that for many of our seniors, this will be the most important night of their life, and the ONLY time they will receive their high school diploma and hear their name called out in front of 2,000 people! To have a small child crying or making noise at the exact time a name is being called, or a graduate is giving a speech, or senior chorus is singing, can never be redone, and is NOT FAIR to those parents who have looked forward to this moment for the past 18 years. **PLEASE arrange prior to graduation to have baby sitters for these children.**
PLEASE, HELP US MAKE THIS THE MEMORABLE OCCASION IT SHOULD BE!
3. **What regalia may the graduate wear?** The graduate may wear ONLY medals, cords & stoles issued by the Sumter School District. Exceptions include military enlistment stoles. You will need to show Mrs. Stewart your signed enlistment paper work to be pre-approved
4. **When will we start practices?** We will have practice on Friday 5/23, Tuesday 5/27 and Wednesday 5/28 & Thursday 5/29. These practices will be from 9:00 a.m.–12 noon in the gym. Seniors are **required** to attend **all practices** & must be in school dress code. Roll will be taken at 9 a.m. If you are late or not in your assigned seat when roll is taken, you will stay after practice to make up your time through assigned clean up duty. Non-negotiable, no excuses
WORK & APPOINTMENTS IS NOT AN EXCUSE TO MISS THESE PRACTICES!
5. **What are the requirements for dress at Baccalaureate and Graduation?** MALES must wear a shirt with a collar, a TIE, dress black pants or new black jeans, socks and black dress shoes. FEMALES must wear a dress or dress pants with a nice dress blouse and nice dress shoes. NO FLIP FLOPS, casual shoes, etc.! PLEASE! If you do not have anything appropriate to wear or if you have any questions concerning dress for these important events, see Mrs. Stewart or Mrs. Hooten as soon as possible!
6. **CREDIT TROUBLE?** all credit recovery classes must be completed by **FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2025.**
7. **Should I have ordered a cap and gown by now?** YES! If you have not ordered a cap and gown, see Mrs. Stewart ASAP. ALL students must have a cap & gown to participate in the ceremony!
8. **Can I decorate my cap?** Yes, but decorations are limited to the top only & should not cause the hat to sit incorrectly or fall off your head. **The design MUST be pre-approved** with Mrs. Stewart or Mrs. Hooten.

Graduation is one of the most important events of your life.

Your graduation year will become a measuring year for future dates and you will want to make sure you do not do anything that may jeopardize this special time for you and for your family!

END OF THE YEAR SCHEDULE FOR SENIORS

- May 1st:** Lake-Sumter State College Early College Recognition Ceremony (invitation only)
- May 3rd:** Prom 7-11pm @ Wildwood Community Center.
- May 5th:** Honor Graduate Award Ceremony at Lake Panasoffkee Elementary School 6:00pm. **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE!** Dress nice☺ Refer to the invitation with more details for you & your parents.
- May 9th:** Senior Hiring Fair @ WMHS. More information to come.
- May 13th:** Senior Acceptance Banquet 6:00 pm. (Invitation only)
- May 16th:** All virtual classes must be done.
- May 19th:** AVID Banquet 6pm (invitation only)
- May 21st:** Seniors will receive Clearance Slips in Raider Time. Clearance slips are due to Mrs. Amy Fussell by the end of the day on Tuesday, May 21st.
LAST DAY for all credit recovery classes.
- May 22nd:** SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY 9:15 a.m. in the gym. **PARENTS ARE INVITED!**
FFA Banquet 6 pm at Fairgrounds (FFA members & guests only)
- May 23rd:** SENIOR PRACTICE in the gym from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00. SENIOR CHORUS will meet at 8:15 a.m. and might need to stay after practice! (SO BE PREPARED TO STAY!)
Parking for practice – If you park in the back parking lot you must park there for practice. If you normally park in the front lot, you will park in the grassy area near the weight room.
Senior grades are due in Skyward by noon. Just because grades are due at this time does not mean you have until this time to turn work in! Individual teachers will set deadlines for when work is due.
- May 25th:** **BACCALAUREATE** at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Bushnell. **NO TICKETS REQUIRED.**
This is a special ceremony sponsored by the Sumter County Ministerial Association to honor our graduates. As no tickets are required, this is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family that may unable to attend Graduation. The service usually last about one hour and includes our Senior Chorus, seniors selected to sing solos or duets, and a local minister to deliver an inspirational message.
Seniors should report to the FBC by 6:00 p.m. wearing their CAP & GOWN (see appropriate dress for more information) **NO SENIOR SHOULD BE SEEN IN THE CHURCH BEFORE THIS CEREMONY!**
- May 27th:** SENIOR PRACTICE in the gym from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00. SENIOR CHORUS will meet at 8:15 a.m. and might need to stay after practice! (SO BE PREPARED TO STAY!)
Athletic Banquet 7pm (invitation only)
- May 28th:** SENIOR PRACTICE in the gym from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00. SENIOR CHORUS will meet at 8:15 a.m. and might need to stay after practice! (SO BE PREPARED TO STAY!)
At this practice, YOU WILL BE GIVEN YOUR 6 GRADUATION TICKETS!
DO NOT LOSE THESE TICKETS AS YOU WILL NOT BE GIVEN MORE!
- May 29th:** THE LAST PRACTICE 9:00 a.m. - 12:00. SENIOR CHORUS will practice at 8:15 a.m. and afternoon as needed.
- May 30th:** **GRADUATION!** FINALLY! Seniors should report to the cafeteria at 6:00 PM. wearing your CAP & GOWN. Please do not arrive prior to 6:00 PM. YOU CANNOT LEAVE ANYTHING IN THE LUNCHROOM so arrange to have car keys, cell phones, etc. left with a parent or friend!
PARENTS: PARKING LOT will open at 5:30 PM. GYM DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6:00 PM. **Doors will close at 7:20 PM. NO ONE arriving after 7:20 PM. will be allowed in!** Cafeteria will be open for the overflow at 6:00pm. Must be 14 or older or with an adult. Children cannot just be dropped off.



**ANY QUESTIONS? Feel free to call Mrs. Stewart at 793-3131 ext. 82380
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP!!**

SENIOR ACTIVITES

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Parent/Student Square Use this QR code to join & receive senior information		1 Letter of Acceptance deadline	2 LSSC Free apps @ Raider Time	3 Professional Portfolios due to Mrs. Hooten! Report Cards	4 Senior Chorus	5
6	7	8	9	10 Register to vote in Mrs. Hooten's room	11 Senior Chorus Grad Bash meeting during Raider Time	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Senior Chorus Grad Bash!	26
27	28	29	30			

A NIGHT UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

South Sumter High School

PROM

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MAY 3RD 7-11PM

WILDWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
6500 POWELL RD, WILDWOOD, FL 34785

PURCHASE TICKETS
HERE --->

