

Northside Independent School District
William J. Brennan High School
2400 Cottonwood Way
San Antonio, Texas 78253

Graduation Day – Wednesday, June 8, 2016 – 7:00 PM

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Should any graduate be guilty of misconduct in preparation for or during participation in the graduation ceremony, he/she will be subject to disciplinary action, including expulsion if appropriate, and a statement reflecting the disciplinary action will be entered on the student's permanent record.

Congratulations! You have reached a new milestone in your life! As your graduation draws near, we would like to provide you with information to help make the last weeks of your stay at Brennan more tranquil. The following information will answer some questions you might have and make your transition to graduation much smoother.

FINAL EXAMS: Exams for seniors will take place on Thursday, May 26 through Thursday, June 2, 2016.

All seniors will take all exams unless they meet the *exemption requirements.

*(Graduating students must have an 80+ average and no more than three unexcused absences during the second semester.

CAPS & GOWNS: Cap and gowns will be available at the Alamodome on the day of rehearsal. Contact Jostens if you have not ordered your cap and gown. All fees and fines must be cleared. See Ms. Craig if you owe money to the school for textbooks, library books, or AP Exam fees.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL: Rehearsal will be held at the Alamodome from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Wednesday, June 8th.

ONLY THOSE SENIORS WHO ATTEND THE REHEARSAL WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. See Ms. Greff if you cannot attend rehearsal.

NO PARENTS OR VISITORS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE GRADUATION PRACTICE.

Seniors should be in their assigned seats no later than **10:45 AM**.

Seniors are responsible for their own transportation. Seniors driving to the Alamodome, may park in Parking Lot A – free for Participants ONLY. Bus shuttle is available for seniors without transportation from Brennan to the Alamodome. Please see Mr. Thrist (Assistant Principal) to sign up for bus transportation.

NORMAL SCHOOL DRESS is required for rehearsal.

ALL MONIES OWED MUST BE PAID BEFORE REHEARSAL IF STUDENTS WANT TO TAKE PART IN GRADUATION. See Ms. Craig

GRADUATION CEREMONY: Graduation will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 8 at the Alamodome.

SENIORS MUST REPORT NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM. TO LINE UP AND RECEIVE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS. Dress for the graduation ceremony is dark slacks, dark shoes and a light colored shirt and tie for the boys and appropriate dress and shoes for the girls.

NO TENNIS SHOES, SANDALS OR SHORTS should be worn. This is a special and dignified ceremony, so let's all dress and behave accordingly.

Remind your guests that they should politely listen to speakers and applaud and cheer at appropriate times. Ask them not to do anything which is rude or would disrupt the ceremony. Let's participate properly!

NON-PARTICIPANTS: Seniors not participating in the ceremony should pick up their diploma in the principal's office beginning **Monday, June 13th, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM and 2:00 PM-4:00 PM** A picture I.D. is required. We do not mail out diplomas.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Seniors who have perfect attendance for any or all four years must contact Ms. Maldonado, the Principal's secretary, no later than Friday, May 25th.

MILITARY ENLISTMENT: If you are enlisting into the military, notify your counselor so that we can honor you at graduation.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: In order to participate in graduation ceremonies, a senior must have met all TEA requirements and have passed all state exams. Counselors will notify seniors not meeting requirements by Friday, June 3 – 6 PM

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS: Graduation is a solemn and dignified ceremony. Students should dress as if they are preparing to interview for an important job.

Facial piercing (other than earrings) will not be allowed. Students are expected to observe proper etiquette during the entire graduation ceremony.

While on the stage and receiving diplomas, students must keep their hands at their sides at all times. The only time hands may be lifted is when students are receiving diplomas from school board members and shaking hands with the Superintendent.

Students who raise their hands above the waist for any reasons other than receiving the diplomas or shaking hands may be removed from the graduation ceremony. All students are expected to demonstrate a high degree of maturity and behave appropriately. Don't cause embarrassment to yourselves, your parents, and your fellow classmates by being removed from this very special event.

PHOTOGRAPHS: A professional photographer will take a picture of each senior as he/she receives the diploma. The purchase of this picture is optional. Information will be given to the students at rehearsal. No one will be allowed on the floor to take pictures. All pictures taken by parents/friends must be done from the stands.

VIDEO/DVD TAPE: The entire ceremony plus some of the rehearsal will be taped by the district and copies may be purchased for: DVD \$20.00 or Blu-ray \$25.00. Order information may be found on web site www.nisd.net. If you need further information please call 398-1250.

OTHER ITEMS: Doors at the Alamodome will open at 6:00 PM on the day of graduation, Wednesday, June 8.

Seating is on a "first-come, first serve" basis. Parking is available for \$15.00 at all lots around the dome. Due to heavy traffic, parents are encouraged to arrive early. At all times the audience should give proper respect to any person speaking at the podium by politely and quietly listening to what they are saying. Please remember that noise makers (horns, bells, etc.) of any kind are not allowed in the dome. Also, remember that loud, crude obnoxious and inappropriate shouting of names or other remarks do not add to the ceremony, but disrupt it. Let's make our graduation a dignified graduation ceremony!

PROJECT GRADUATION: Everyone is encouraged to participate in our Project Graduation activity the night of graduation. This is an All-Night Alcohol/Drug-Free Party held at Bandera Bowl.

Please contact Mr. Franco, Assistant Principal at **398-1266** for more information.

Check-in time for this event will begin at 11:00 PM at Brennan HS cafeteria.

Bus shuttles will leave from the Brennan (student parking) lot beginning at 11:30 PM on June 8th, with the last one leaving at 12:00 AM. You will return to Brennan at 6:00 AM. on June 9th.

Cost is \$25.00 per student. Come celebrate your graduation with your friends.

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR – we've had an excellent one! Now let's have a respectful and memorable graduation ceremony.

Respectfully yours,

Gerardo Marquez

Principal

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