Class of 2018 Graduating Seniors:

MAY 10TH - COMMENCEMENT AT TINGLEY COLISEUM, 6:30 PM

The Graduation ceremony is a privilege not a right.

Graduation is the end of high school and the beginning of a promising future. Graduation marks achievement. We are especially excited to honor the eighth graduating class of Volcano Vista High School. The Commencement Ceremony is an academic celebration of academic achievement. The young men and women taking part in Volcano Vista's Commencement Ceremony have succeeded. You have every right to be proud of them! We are!

• The best demonstration of your pride is to honor all graduates with respect.
• Please leave your air horns, loud noise makers, balloons, signs, etc. at home for personal celebrations later!

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 7-18: AP Testing

April 26: Senior Picnic & Yearbook distribution
   Yearbook Distribution (for seniors)
   Senior Picnic @VVHS

May 2nd & May 3rd - Final Exams
   Wednesday: class periods 1, 3, 5, 7 (seniors attend all classes as usual)
   Thursday: class periods 1, 2, 4, 6 (seniors attend all classes as usual)

May 8th - 12:00 pm MANDATORY Honors/Graduation practice for all graduates

May 8th - 1:30 -2:30 pm Cap & Gown distribution- All fines must be paid.

May 9th - 9:46 am Mandatory Honors Assembly
   Seniors report at 8:45 am to the Gym

May 10th - Commencement at Tingley Coliseum, 6:30 pm
   Seniors report at 4:45 pm to Tingley

SENIOR HONORS ASSEMBLY PRACTICE

• Tuesday, May 8th in the Main Gym at 12:00 pm.
• All graduates planning to go through Commencement Ceremonies must attend the honors assembly practice.

SENIOR HONORS ASSEMBLY

• Wednesday, May 9th in the main gym.
• Senior reporting time is 8:45 am. Seniors are to be dressed appropriately, and in cap & gown. We will practice for graduation and the Honors Assembly. Please park in the student parking lot - as usual!
• Senior Honors Assembly will begin at 9:46 am.
• This program will be a required assembly for the underclassmen, as it will be the last opportunity for the entire school to see the Class of 2018 as academic leaders. The Honors Assembly will last approximately one hour.
• The seniors will have a formal recessional from the main gym.
• Parents are welcome to attend.

Graduates who intend to participate in the Commencement Ceremony MUST attend the Honors Assembly Practice and the Senior Honors Assembly. Seniors who do not attend on May 8th and 9th, WILL NOT participate in the Commencement Ceremony on May 10th.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

• Thursday, May 10th, 6:30 pm at Tingley Coliseum.
• Graduates are reminded to come dressed appropriately, and NOT to carry anything in their hands.
(Do not carry keys, flowers, purses, cameras, cell phones, etc.)
DIPLOMAS
During the Commencement Ceremony graduates will receive a diploma cover. Diplomas will be distributed by the Volcano Vista Faculty as graduates exit.

Volcano Vista High School reserves the right to hold a graduate’s diploma if the graduate chooses to not participate in the decorum and dignity of the ceremony.

NON-GRADUATES
Seniors not meeting graduation requirements will be notified by their counselor and/or academy principal. Parents will also be notified.
Only seniors meeting all graduation requirements may participate in commencement ceremonies.
All seniors must pay any fines owed.
Refunds on cap and gown for non-graduating seniors will be available after May 14TH at Campus Specialties 3107 Eubank NE - 275-9357

FINES
It is your responsibility to keep track of any fine owed to Volcano Vista High School and to clear that fine either with the Bookroom specialist, Ms. Griego, or with the Librarian promptly.
A SENIOR CANNOT PICK UP THEIR CAP & GOWN WITHOUT PRIOR CLEARANCE OF ALL FINES. A FINAL FINE LIST will be posted the morning of April 17th.

TEXTBOOK RETURN
Seniors are to return all books to the bookroom on/or before May 3RD. Seniors will have to pay for lost or stolen books at this time. Seniors who have any book fees and or fines will not be able to get their cap & gown until all fees have been paid.

CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION
• May 8th, following the mandatory practice in the gym (around 1:30).
• In the interest of serving seniors as efficiently as possible only those seniors who do not have fines will be able to pick up their cap and gown.
• ONLY the graduating senior may pick up their own cap & gown.

NON - PARTICIPANTS
• Seniors who do not wish to participate in the Commencement Ceremony of Volcano Vista High School may exercise this right.
• Please complete a Right of Refusal form in the Activities Office by April 20, 2018. These graduates need to make their own arrangements to pick up their diploma from the school after May 14, 2018.

EXPECTED DRESS
The Class of 2018 is expected to dress in the following manner for BOTH the May 9th Senior Honors Assembly and for the May 10TH Commencement Ceremony.

MEN
Collared dress shirt
Tie
Dark slacks *(NO Jeans)*
Shoes - dark dress shoes or dress boots with a hard sole.
*(NO athletic shoes or flip flops)*

WOMEN
A nice dress/pantsuit.
Length of dress should not hang out below the gown.
Shoes - dress shoes with a sensible walking heel *(NO athletic shoes or flip flops)*

The correct cap & gown attire is:
Black gown, the silver pennant collar, black mortarboard cap (worn parallel with the floor),
Black & White tassel on the left hand side.
**HONOR CORDS & SPECIALTY STOLES/DRESS**

- ONLY honor cords and medals received as part of the senior honors assembly are allowed to be worn on the gown at commencement. (Stage guests will wear officer stole provided by the Activities Office)
- NO OTHER DECORATIONS INCLUDING FLOWERS ARE ALLOWED TO BE WORN ON THE CAP OR GOWN AT COMMENCEMENT!!! DO NOT DECORATE YOUR CAP!

**All 2018 Graduates must have a cap and gown.**

**If you still have not ordered a cap and gown, don’t delay — go to Campus Specialties today!!!**

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**TALENT**

There will be tryouts for talent for the Honors Assembly. Students may sign up in the Activities Office beginning April 16th and tryouts will be on the 18th.

The Valedictorian(s) and the Salutatorian(s) will give a speech together at the Commencement Ceremony

The Senior Class officers will give a farewell speech at the Honors Assembly

The Student Body President will give a final speech at the Commencement Ceremony

**PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES: GRADIMAGES**

GradImages has exclusive rights to providing photography services for all APS graduation ceremonies. Graduates who voluntarily provide GradImages with contact information will be sent a passport-sized photo proof within a week of the graduation ceremony with an opportunity to select from a variety of photo packages with no obligation to purchase. Seniors will be given the chance to fill out these cards at the senior meeting in March. Cards will also be available in the Activities Office.

APS has allotted all high schools 75 minutes for all commencement ceremonies. We anticipate that the ceremony will be completed by 7:45.

**Questions- If you have any questions please call Susie Weidner in Activities – 890-0343 ext. 37107 or weidner@aps.edu.**

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