



Graduation Ceremony Details

Dear Class of 2023 Students and Families,

Congratulations! We are officially 16 days away from graduation!! The Class of 2023 students and families have helped to lead a fantastic school year and we look forward to celebrating your graduation from Pine-Richland High School on June 9, 2023.



Please review this letter carefully as we have included all of the important dates and events occurring over your final weeks as a student at Pine-Richland.

The Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm on the field at Pine-Richland Stadium. In the event of inclement weather, we will communicate with you throughout the day on June 9 to provide updates on the status of our ceremony. If we are not able to hold our ceremony outside on June 9, we will postpone graduation until 10:00 am on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

In order to participate in our graduation ceremony, the following criteria must be met:

- Students must complete their graduation requirements by and attend school through June 2, 2023.
- Attendance at our graduation practices is mandatory. Graduation practices are currently scheduled for June 6 and June 7 beginning at 8:15 am, with a third graduation practice scheduled for the morning of June 8 (if needed).
- Students must pay in full any debts owed to Pine-Richland School District prior to June 2, 2023. These debts may include charges such as lost books, athletic uniforms, testing fees, activity fees, cafeteria balances, etc.

On the night of graduation, students and families will be notified via rapid call and email by 5:00 pm if our ceremony needs to be delayed or moved to the following day due to weather. You should know that our doors to the stadium will open at 5:45 pm on graduation night. All graduating seniors will be responsible to report to the high school auditorium by 5:45 pm and will be searched upon entry. Our graduation ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

Our graduation ceremony is a special, formal event that honors our graduating seniors. Parents and students, please honor this important moment, our speakers and yourselves by ensuring that all behavior is respectful and students do not draw attention towards themselves while our ceremony is in process.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank A. Hernandez, Principal

Remaining Class of 2023 End-of-Year Schedule of Events

May 25

Final exams for seniors

- English and Business/Computer Science

June 7

Graduation Practice #2

- 8:30-10:30 am
- Report to PRHS auditorium no later than 8:15 am

May 26

Final exams for seniors

- Math, Art, and Music

May 30

Final exams for all students 9-12

- Social Studies, Engineering & Tech, and PE/H

May 31

Final exams for all students 9-12

- Science, World Language, and FCS

June 1

Make-Ups for Final Exams

June 2

Last Day of School for Seniors

June 2

Senior Breakfast at 7:45 am

Guest Speaker

June 2

Senior Clapout (following breakfast)

- Pine-Richland Middle School Celebration
- Eden Hall Celebration
- Hance, Richland or Wexford Celebration

**A Google survey will be sent to senior students soon to sign-up for the Senior Clapout.*

***All seniors will be required to use district-provided bus transportation.*

****Options will be provided for students who did not attend PRSD in grades K-6.*

June 2

Senior Dinner Dance

- 7:00-10:00 pm
- Carnegie Science Center

June 6

Graduation Practice #1

- 8:30-10:30 am
- Report to PRHS auditorium no later than 8:15 am

June 7

Senior Awards Practice

- 10:30-11:30 am
- Pine-Richland Stadium

June 7

Senior Art Display

- 5:00 pm
- Pine-Richland High School

June 7

Senior Awards Ceremony

- 6:30 pm
- Pine-Richland Stadium
- In the event of poor weather, this ceremony will be moved inside to the auditorium.
- The ceremony will be [livestreamed by PRTV](#).

June 8

Graduation Practice #3 (if needed)

- 8:30-10:30 am

June 8

Baccalaureate Ceremony (optional)

- 7:00 pm
- Pine-Richland High School Auditorium

**Not sponsored by Pine-Richland School District*

June 9

Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony

- 5:45 pm—Doors to the stadium will open.
- 5:45 pm—Students must report to PRHS auditorium for attendance and procession.
- 7:00 pm—Graduation ceremony begins!

June 10

Graduation Rain Date

Frequently Asked Questions

How many guests may attend the graduation per graduate?

Guests will be invited to the ceremony and there is no limit to the number of friends and family that may attend. Family members and friends unable to join us in person will be able to watch the ceremony via live television through their local cable provider (families are encouraged to check in advance to ensure they have access to PRTV).

What do students wear to graduation?

All students participating in the ceremony are required to wear caps and gowns. Female students typically will wear a white cap and gown. It is suggested they wear light-colored clothing with shoes that will be comfortable for walking. Male students will often wear a dark green cap and gown. It is suggested that they wear a light-colored shirt, tie, dark pants and dark shoes.

The graduation ceremony is a formal event that honors the graduates. Please

participate in this event by respecting the students, their families, distinguished speakers and, most importantly, yourself. We look forward to an evening together to honor and recognize the Class of 2023!

May I decorate the top of my cap for graduation?

Yes, this is a change we are making this year. Students may decorate their cap with a design that celebrates their Pine-Richland journey and/or their future plans and destination. Please realize that your cap must be school appropriate (as defined by our School Dress Code and Discipline Policy) and that a school administrator may have you change your cap if it is deemed inappropriate. Your cap design should not take people's attention away from graduation to focus on you.

Can I wear medals and/or cords that I have earned during my high school years?

Yes, students may wear medals such as athletic championship medals or other distinctions earned through extra-curricular engagement through Pine-Richland High School or Beattie CTC. Medals and distinctions not affiliated with either Pine-Richland or Beattie CTC are prohibited. If you are unsure if your recognition is appropriate or would like for a recognition not outlined above to be considered, please ask a school principal in advance.

What if a senior does not wish to participate in the graduation ceremony?

We would be very sad not to have you participate in such an important event. The parent of a student who does not wish to participate in the ceremony must submit a written note (email) to Mrs. Morrow (kmorrow@pinerichland.org) by Tuesday, May 30, 2023. Once a note has been received and verified, the student will be excused from attending rehearsals and will not be included in the graduation ceremony. Students not participating in the ceremony may pick up their diploma and cap/gown at the high school office after Monday, June 12. Please contact Mrs. Morrow (724.625.4444, ext. 1600) to make arrangements to pick up the diploma.

What if the ceremony is moved to the auditorium?

Our ceremony will not be moved inside. If we are unable to hold our ceremony outside on Friday, June 9, 2023, it will be moved to the following day. If graduation is moved to June 10, we will attempt to hold our ceremony at 10:00 am. If it cannot be held at 10:00 am, we will try to hold graduation later in the day on June 10. If we still cannot hold our graduation ceremony on June 10, it will be moved to Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Will graduation be livestreamed for people to view?

Yes, our PRTV team will be livestreaming the event. Share this link with friends and family to view the ceremony: pinerichland.org/prtv/streaming. Our livestream will also be available on Armstrong Cable and Consolidated Communications.

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