



December 5, 2011

Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations! You have made it to senior year. As you have probably already realized, this year is going by very fast. By now, you should all be applying to colleges/universities and planning for life after high school. At the same time, this is your senior year and we hope that you are making the most of it and participating in all of the senior activities.

The Point Loma High School Pointer Association, senior committees, and Counseling department have planned lots of great activities. Please keep in mind the following rules as requirements for participation:

Grade Point Average

A grade point average of 2.0 or higher is required for all events. The grade point average for graduation is based on courses completed in grades 9 - 12.

Citizenship

In order to participate in graduation exercises and other senior activities, students must maintain a **cumulative minimum standard of 2.0 GPA in citizenship** during the senior year, completed up to the 5th reporting period— May 4, 2012. Failure to meet this standard will result in the loss of privileges.

School Materials

All School Materials, including books, uniforms, equipment, fundraising money, etc., must be returned, and/or cleared, by Friday, June 10, 2011.

Seniors will also be denied participation in graduation exercises and all senior activities for zero tolerance violations as well as for any suspension during the senior year.

Suspensions

The following infractions: fighting, weapons, substance abuse, robbery or extortion, damage to school/private property, stealing, tobacco use or possession, obscenity, possession of drug paraphernalia, disruption/defiance, receipt of stolen property, sexual harassment, violence, intimidation, and firearms use/possession. **ANY suspension that results in expulsion will automatically exclude the student from the graduation ceremony.** Any overt behavior resulting in a suspension after the 5th grading period will result in immediate restriction from all senior activities including participation in the graduation ceremony. Senior pranks that do not warrant a suspension will result in loss of a senior activity.

SENIOR/PORTFOLIO AND EXHIBITION

By Board of Education policy, all seniors must complete an exhibition presentation as part of their graduation requirements. Point Loma High School requires the completion of a portfolio to help students prepare for their exhibition presentation. Senior Portfolio and Exhibition projects are an opportunity to demonstrate fulfillment of the Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLRs) for Point Loma High School.

The exhibition will be a panel interview that begins with the student's 10-15 minute presentation that focuses mainly on a personal passion or most meaningful life experience. Presentations will take place on Thursday, May 24th, 2011. More information will be forthcoming.

NAVIANCE

All students should actively be using Naviance. Throughout the year important information, including notices on scholarships, graduation, and senior activities will be sent through this program. Students should come to the counseling office if they are having trouble accessing the program.

The school bulletin, along with other special bulletins that will be given to seniors, will provide up-to-date information on senior activities and services. Parents, please remind your senior to stay informed by reading these bulletins and our web page <http://www.pointlomahigh.com>.

Our goal is for every senior to graduate on time and with full participation in all that senior year has to offer. Remember to stay on top of your deadlines, make time for homework and relaxation too. Go Class of 2012 Pointers! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Brandl at sbrandl@sandi.net.

Bobbie Samilson
Principal

Sarah Brandl
Head Counselor

IMPORTANT DATES BY MONTH!!!

(SAVE THIS INFORMATION)

JANUARY

WEDNESDAY 1/11/12

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS/CAPS AND GOWNS

a. **Graduation announcements may be ordered at school one day only, January 11, during Advisory and lunch in the upper 800 Building. Orders can be mailed through January, 2012.**

b. Each student **must** order a cap and gown. Students may order on **January 11** or during the month of January. Rental for the commencement gown is \$40.00, including tax. The student may keep the cap, tassel and pendant. Late orders may be mailed up to the January 31 deadline. Representatives for ordering caps and gowns and announcements will be on campus **January 11 at lunch**. We encourage students to bring in their order(s) this day as the representatives will be on campus to answer questions, and they will accept cash at this time. Order envelopes are distributed in English classes one week in advance.

WEDNESDAY 1/18/12

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT at 6:00 p.m.

English presentation will be held in the P.A.C.

Spanish presentation will be held in Room 301

FRIDAY 1/20/12

Deadline to submit all Senior yearbook ads to the Finance Office.

FEBRUARY

MONDAY 2/27/12

POINT LOMA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship information, including criteria and applications, will be posted on Naviance.

MARCH

FRIDAY 3/16/12

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ALL PT. LOMA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS. Students can access all information through Naviance. Any questions please see Mrs. Tolpen in the Counseling Office. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

APRIL

TUESDAY 4/24/12

MANDATORY SENIOR MEETING

Periods 2, 3 & 4 in the PAC. Final commencement instructions, senior prom and grad night information, and student surveys on future plans.

MAY

SATURDAY 5/5/12

SENIOR PROM 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Westin Gaslamp Quarter, 910 Broadway Circle, San Diego, 92101,

Prom bids will be on sale at the financial office window from Monday, April 23 through Thursday, May 3. **No ticket sales on Friday, May 4.** Cost of bids has not yet been determined.

*Students please note that **you and your guest** must sign the dance agreement. These forms need to be signed and brought to the finance office at the time of ticket purchase. You can find dance agreement form on the Pt. Loma High website 4 under the student link 4 forms/information 4 click student dances or you may pick up a copy in Mrs. Santoni-Cruz's Finance Office.

MONDAY 5/7/12 through FRIDAY 5/18/12

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS

Counselors will visit AP classrooms with information on exams in the month of February.

FRIDAY 5/11/12

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD INFORMATION

Students must provide the Counseling Office (see Mrs. Tolpen or Mrs. Brandl) with a copy of any/all scholarship notifications in order to be recognized at the Senior Awards Night.

FRIDAY 5/25/12

LIBRARY BOOK DEADLINE

Library books and all outstanding library fines are due before the library closes. *Keep any textbooks needed for finals.* **Return all books on or before the last day of school for seniors.**

THURSDAY 5/24/12

SENIOR EXHIBITIONS

Students will be assigned presentation rooms. 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. (Finals Day Schedule)

JUNE

WEDNESDAY 6/6/12

LOCKERS CLEANED OUT AND EMPTIED!

SENIOR TEXTBOOK RETURN DEADLINE

SENIOR CLEARANCE SLIPS REQUIRED FOR CAP & GOWN

Seniors must pick up a SENIOR CLEARANCE SLIP at the textbook window. **Any** outstanding **SCHOOL DEBTS** for fundraising money, uniform, or equipment charges, should be cleared in the Financial Office. **Cap & Gowns will not be released until all debts are cleared.**

****This senior clearance slip is required to pick up a cap and gown****

THURSDAY 6/7/12

SENIOR GRADES ARE DUE. NO EXCEPTIONS!

SENIOR AWARDS PROGRAM, 6:30 PM in Trepanier Gym

Graduates and their parents are invited to attend this program which will honor the achievements of members of the Class of 2012.

FRIDAY 6/8/12

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SENIOR BREAKFAST

Details will be forthcoming.

YEARBOOK SIGNING

Additional time will be available, during breakfast.

SENIOR GRAD NITE 8:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. at **Disneyland**

Seniors need to arrive by 6:00pm. This is a Pointer Association sponsored and chaperoned event. More information will be forthcoming.

MONDAY 6/11/12

LAST DAY OF ATTENDANCE FOR SENIORS

12:00 – 2:30 p.m. COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL in the Trepanier Gym

This rehearsal is **MANDATORY** for those who plan to participate in the Commencement ceremony. Please mark your calendars **now** and make provisions for attending. A special bulletin will be issued in June with more specific information.

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION in the NJROTC Room windows –

The senior clearance slip is required to pick-up a cap and gown.

TUESDAY 6/12/12

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

All guests enter through Voltaire Street entrance only. Ticketed guests arrive at 2:00 p.m.

Seniors arrive at Gym at 1:00 p.m. Attendance will be taken at 1:15 p.m. ALL MUST be present at this time. The Commencement ceremony begins at 3:00 p.m.

During Commencement, caps and gowns are to be worn over the appropriate dress:

Men: Long trousers, **DRESS SHIRT** (light or white **AND TIE**, shoes and socks (no sandals).

Women: **DRESSES** (not longer than gown) or DRESS SLACKS and appropriate stockings and footwear.

*Seniors should bring bobby pins to secure mortarboard (Commencement cap). Try caps on at home before Commencement ceremony. Tassel should be worn on the **left** side until the end of the ceremony.

Do not bring any items with you to the Gym. Leave ALL items with guests or at home. We will not "check-in" your items, and you will not be able to enter with them.

GRADUATION TICKETS

Tickets will be issued to seniors at the end of Commencement rehearsal. Each senior will receive **eight** tickets. Seniors who need additional tickets may obtain them from seniors who do not need all **eight** tickets. If you need additional tickets, please contact our School Secretary, Jo Kelley, at jkelly@sandi.net.

GUESTS

As a courtesy to students, families, and guests, no airhorns or balloons are allowed at commencement. We would like the audience to be able to hear and view this special ceremony. Please do not throw glitter on the football field.

COMMENCEMENT PICTURES

California Candids will take pictures of each senior as he/she receives a diploma cover. California Candids will mail each senior information on how to place an order. Orders are optional.

CAP AND GOWN RETURN

NJROTC Room windows, immediately following the Commencement Ceremony.