



Senior CONNECTION

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CELEBRATE

MCNARY HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation 2017 by Ticket Only

Admission to Graduation is by ticket only. Tickets will be available in front of the Counseling Office on June 5th and 6th during both lunches and will only be distributed to seniors. Students will receive a **maximum of 10 tickets**. If you do not need all 10 tickets please do not take all 10 tickets. This is a large graduating class so there will not be any additional tickets given.

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Graduating Class of 2017

SENIOR GRADUATION



It is an exciting time for seniors and their families as we approach Graduation Day – Friday, June 9th. The commencement ceremony, **by ticket only**, is scheduled for 5:00 pm at the Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion. Seniors are expected to arrive promptly at 4:00 pm for line up. There are a few items that need to happen as graduation time nears:

-  If in doubt, talk to your counselor! Students not meeting diploma requirements will **not** be allowed to **walk** or **participate** in graduation ceremonies.
-  Most final exams for seniors will take place during the last week of classes. These will occur during individual class times at each teacher's discretion. Seniors are expected to attend all their classes, including June 8th, the last day of regularly scheduled classes for seniors.
-  Clear your fees, fines and obligations by Thursday, June 8th at 12:00 pm! Lists of unpaid fees, lost books, and other library obligations will be posted outside the bookkeeper's office by May 10th. **Students with outstanding bills will not be allowed to participate in activities such as the prom, senior banquet, and will not be allowed to walk at graduation.**
-  When seniors march across the stage Friday night, they receive a diploma case only. Diplomas will be available for pick up beginning Monday, June 12th, between 1:30 and 3:30 pm, in the Counseling Office.
-  **The Salem-Keizer School District permits seniors to graduate early (June 9) while other students continue through June 16th. Because of this, there are no authorized senior skip days! It is also important to remember that violations of school rules, including pranks, may result in a student not being able to graduate and participate in special final activities. Any student involved in a senior prank that damages property, degrades an individual or disrupts the school day, may be criminally charged and lose the privilege of walking with their class during graduation ceremonies. Any student attending a school activity under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be criminally charged and face School District discipline procedures and may not walk at graduation.**



Your family, your teachers, and your peers are proud of your accomplishments! Please remember that attendance, grades and attitude all count until graduation day. Enjoy your time leading up to graduation, but do not lose sight of your responsibility.

COMMENCEMENT INFO / ATTIRE



SENIORS will report to the Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion at 4:00 pm on Friday, June 9th, dressed in caps and gowns. Graduates will line up at the stadium for the processional immediately upon arrival.

All graduating seniors must wear caps and gowns without adornments such as, but not limited to: writing, painting, or corsages. Seniors should dress nicely and, if necessary, press graduation gowns with a cool iron before reporting to the Pavilion Friday evening. Flip Flops have been known to break, so please wear appropriate shoes.

Gates will be open for guests at 4:00 pm. The ceremony generally lasts slightly over one hour. The length of the ceremony can be uncomfortable for small children.

Parents are encouraged to take photographs before and after the ceremony. Lifetouch will take a picture of each graduating senior as he/she receives his/her diploma. The photographer will provide information on the ordering process by mail to each graduate. It will be a simple on-line format to follow for anyone interested in ordering.

Balloons at Graduation

Balloons **are not allowed** in the Pavilion. You will be asked to return them to your cars. Please leave them in your cars to present to your senior outside the Pavilion after graduation.

Parking at Graduation

It is necessary that parents and guests plan to arrive at the Pavilion no later than 4:00 pm as doors will open at that time for seating. Entering, parking and exiting the facility will require patience on your part. A parking lot will be set aside for McNary High School and will be large enough to accommodate our needs. There will be posted directions for entering and exiting the facility. Remember, we are sharing the Pavilion with McKay High School and must stay on schedule with our start time of 5:00 pm. A letter will be sent home at the end of May that will cover all of the enter/exit questions that you may have in great detail. Please share this valuable information with all of your guests that will be attending the ceremony. Limited marked handicapped parking spaces will be available. Please plan to come early to get as close to the Pavilion as possible.

Translation Needs

If you need an ASL (American Sign Language) Translator for the commencement exercises, please call the school no later than **May 12th** at 503-399-3233.

Mandatory Graduation Practice

Students will meet at the Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion for commencement rehearsal at **7:30 am on Friday, June 9th**. Please report to the Pavilion dressed in normal school clothes. Attendance at rehearsal is mandatory for all graduating seniors participating in the commencement exercises. **Students will not walk at graduation if they do not attend rehearsal.** Commencement rehearsal is serious and necessary for the success of the evening's commencement exercises. It is treated as a formal school activity, and appropriate dress and behavior is expected. **Remember, you will not be allowed to walk at graduation if you have not paid, or have not made arrangements to pay, your student fees prior to graduation practice.**

Who Will I Walk With at Graduation?

Seniors walk into graduation in **groups of four** (not two, not three, not five—four). **You** will choose the group of four when you arrive at graduation practice, so start thinking about the other three people you want to walk with during the processional. If you don't have anyone you want to walk with, please realize that you will be randomly placed with others to create a group of four.

Graduation Trips

McNary High School does not condone or encourage student graduation trips of any kind. You may have become aware of problems with some travel companies regarding student trips. We encourage parents to review any student graduation trip and plan very carefully for safety and appropriateness.

Video/Cameras

CCTV will be taping the graduation in its entirety which will be aired on Channel 22.

Students Under the Influence

Any senior participating in graduation activities found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs which includes the prom, senior banquet, graduation practice and the graduation ceremony will forfeit participation in any remaining activities and will be criminally charged and subject to District discipline and procedures. All students are expected to conduct themselves with pride and celebrate the occasion appropriately.

Cap & Gown Distribution

Jostens will be at McNary on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 9th & 10th, during both lunches in the commons to distribute caps and gowns. Students that miss distribution day and do not have a remaining balance may pick up graduation items from the Main Office on May 11th & 12th. Jostens Representative Mike Thul is available for questions regarding graduation items at 503-723-8006. If you have not ordered your cap and gown, it needs to be done immediately!

Do You Need A Cap and Gown?

If you are in need of a cap and gown and cannot afford one, please contact the Counseling Office at 503-399-3147.

Yearbooks

Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

The yearbook team at McNary wants to congratulate you in advance on your senior's success this year! To commemorate your student's last year, be sure to order your 2016-17 yearbook in advance.

All orders will need to be done through the bookkeeper. We will not be doing online orders this year through Jostens.

Price for yearbook orders: \$60

Also, there is room left to order baby pictures/dedications to commemorate your senior's success. Please see the McNary website under "yearbooks" for more info and examples. These orders will be "first- come, first served" as long as there is room in the book.

The ad prices are: \$45 (one pic and paragraph)
\$60 (two pics and larger paragraph)

Payment can be made to the bookkeeper, and pictures/paragraphs can be turned in to the bookkeeper as well.

Scholarships

Many scholarships are still available and deadlines occur throughout the year for various forms of financial aid. Please check in the College and Career Center with Mrs. Farris, or the McNary web page, for your unique opportunities.

If you have been awarded scholarships, please let Mrs. Farris in the College and Career Center know by **May 10th** so that information will be included in the commencement program.

Senior Awards Program

The Senior Recognition Night will be held in the auditorium on the evening of **May 30th at 7:00 pm** to recognize recipients. Seniors who are being recognized for awards will be notified before the event, and in addition, invitations will be sent home to parents. All seniors receiving invitations and their parents are encouraged to attend. Students, please dress in nice apparel, as you will be asked to come up on stage.

Senior Film

The 2017 Senior Film DVDs will be available June 10th after Graduation Rehearsal in Room 53. This year's senior film will be a compilation of highlights from the 2016-17 school year. Along with highlights of sports, plays, performances and social events, you will also get to see an amazing short film directed by seniors. This, must-have-piece-of-McNary-nostalgia, will last as long as you do. Imagine showing your grandkids what high school was like back in your day. This is a screaming deal, so order from the bookkeeper beginning May 15th! If you order by June 2nd, the cost is \$12.00. After that, the cost will be \$15.00.

Senior Banquet

This year the Senior Banquet will be held at the **Reed Opera House on May 31st**. This is a semi-formal banquet. The festivities for this student-only event begin at 6:00 pm with a catered dinner, followed by the Senior Awards presentation and a preview of this year's Senior Film. Tickets for the banquet are \$15.00 and will be on sale May 15th through June 1st from the Bookkeeper.

Senior Breakfast

The Senior Breakfast is scheduled for **Thursday, June 8th at 6:30 am** in McNary's cafeteria. This student-only event is hosted by the McNary Staff and has become a fun annual event to help seniors celebrate their last day of classes. Staff looks forward to serving breakfast as a way of showing seniors thanks for their leadership and accomplishments throughout the year. The breakfast is free to all graduating seniors

Final Transcript Request

If you are planning to attend college in the fall, please remember to request a "**final transcript**" from the Counseling Office. They will not automatically produce one for you, it must be requested. If you have questions, please call 503-399-3147.

Graduation Party

Calling All Parents - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

McNary Grad Party is a committee of parents of McNary students of all ages. This tradition involves planning and raising funds throughout the year to support a drug and alcohol free celebration for all graduates. The all-night event is held following graduation on June 9, 2017. Typically, parents of Juniors and Sophomores set up at Battlecreek Courthouse, while Freshmen parents do the clean-up. All are welcome to participate with planning and the running of the event. Keizer businesses and families have made the Celtic Celebration an annual event that graduates remember for years. It takes many volunteers and donations to provide our students with a safe, alcohol & drug free environment to celebrate their graduation.

Seniors will board buses that will leave McNary at 10:30pm and return at 5:00am after an amazing night of fun activities, prizes, food and entertainment. Tickets go on sale in May.

Parents, it's not too late to help out with planning, fundraising or the graduation party. If you are not on our email list, send a message to celticcelebrate@gmail.com, or 503-851-5967 (call or text) and we will keep you informed with all the events and information related to the party. Follow us on Facebook at McNary Celtic Celebration – Class of 2017.

Please consider participating in the various fundraising opportunities. No time to volunteer? Consider making a donation to the McNary Graduation Party. You can mail a check to PO Box 21114, Keizer OR 97307. You can solicit businesses you frequent by asking for donations for the Grad Party. Contact us for our tax ID#. Visit our [Gofundme.com/CelticCelebrate](https://www.gofundme.com/CelticCelebrate) page to donate online. Together we can make this a fantastic event to launch our Seniors into the next chapter of their lives.

Scholarship Opportunity

A \$500.00 cash award awaits this year's recipient of the Terri Oldham Scholarship. Given at the conclusion of the graduation party, this award recognizes an outstanding student who has made a positive contribution in the McNary community. Different from other scholarship awards, candidates are nominated by their fellow graduates. More information and an official nomination form can be obtained in the Main Office. A \$50 award is given to the winner's nominator.

Surprise Your Senior

with a Special Tribute in the 2017 Yearbook!

Is your senior graduating this year? Would you like to surprise him or her with a special tribute in the yearbook? Many parents send a baby photo of their special student to show just how fast their baby is turning into an amazing young adult!

Baby Picture/Tribute Ad Pricing for 2016-17 Yearbook:

One photo and a paragraph tribute= \$45
 Two photos and two-paragraph tribute= \$60
 (Usually a baby pic with a senior pic, or two baby pics).

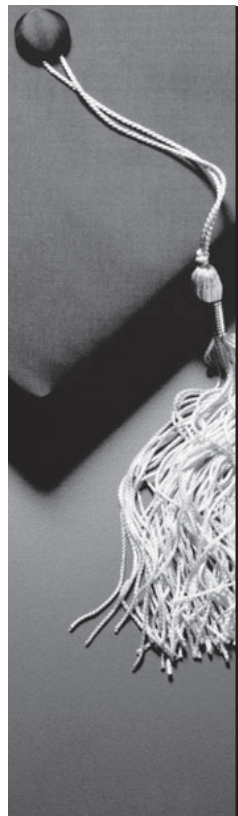
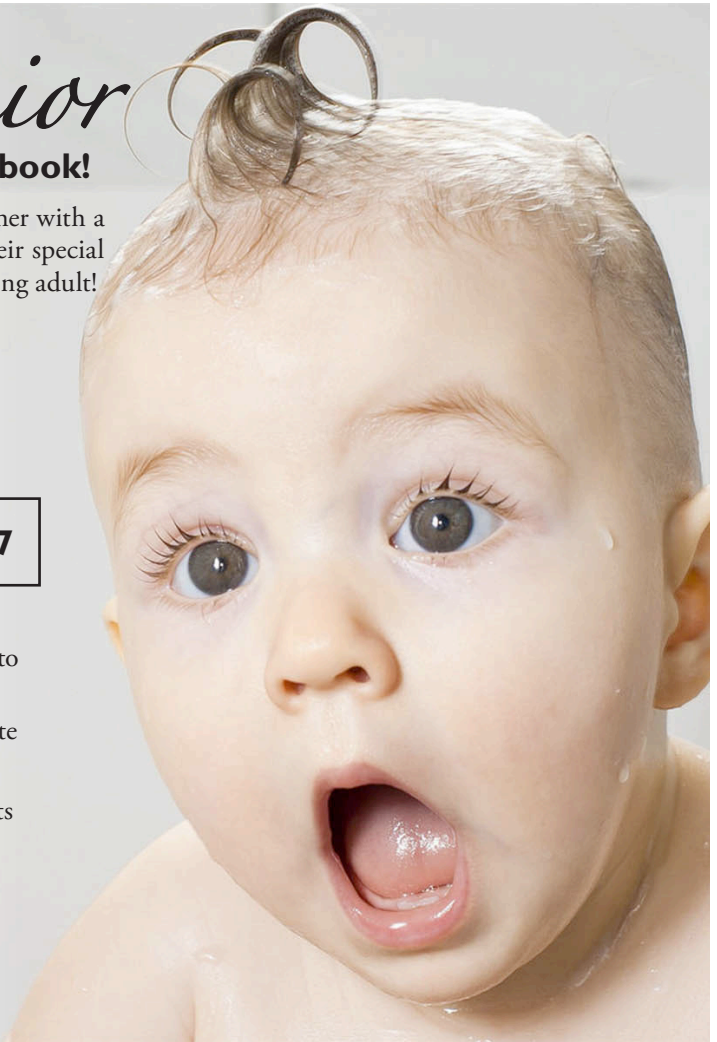
Deadline for submitting a baby picture ad to the yearbook staff for 2016-17: May 1st, 2017

How to Order a Baby Picture Tribute:

1. Bring payment to Carla Ward, our bookkeeper. Her office is joined to the main office in the commons. Pay by credit card, check, or cash.
 To pay online, you can go to the Online Portal on the district website to pay with credit card. there is a 2.75% convenience fee.
2. Send Marrla Wilkinson, yearbook adviser, the electronic attachments of the photo(s) and tribute.
 Email: wilkinson_marrla@salkeiz.k12.or.us
Please do not leave photo hard copies to be scanned.

Once payment is collected, your tribute will be added to our yearbook!

Space is limited, so please respond quickly!



SENIOR ACTIVITIES 2017 Calendar

Prom, Mission Mill	April 29, 8:00 – 11:00 pm
AVID Senior Banquet Night, North Salem	May 8, 6:30 pm
Cap & Gown Delivery, Commons	May 9 & 10
Senior Grad Meeting	May 16, 9:00 am
Spring Fling & Senior Barbecue	May 17
Memorial Day-No School	May 29
Senior Recognition Night (by Invitation), Auditorium	May 30, 7:00 pm
Senior Banquet, Reed Opera House	May 31, 6:00 pm
Golden Onion Awards, Auditorium	June 2, 5:30
Graduation Ticket Distribution, Outside Counseling Office	June 5 & 6
Senior Breakfast, McNary Cafeteria	June 8, 6:30 – 7:30 am
Senior Pep Assembly	June 8
Seniors' Last Day	June 8
Last Day to Pay the Bookkeeper	June 8, 12:00 pm
Graduation Rehearsal, Oregon State Pavilion	June 9, 7:30 am
Graduation, Oregon State Pavilion	June 9, 5:00 pm
All Night Grad Party	June 9



Salem-Keizer Public Schools promotes equal opportunity for all individuals without regard to age, color, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion or creed, sex or gender, sexual orientation, or veteran status.