



## Robert A. Millikan High School

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# ACTIVITIES OFFICE

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### ***TO ALL MILLIKAN SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS;***

This senior information packet is being made available to assist you in year-end planning. Please keep this packet for reference. You may also call the Activities Office for any updates or clarifications.

### **REQUIRED ACTIVITIES AND/OR EXPENSES:**

#### **1. COMMENCEMENT/GRADUATION TICKETS**

Participation in Commencement is the only required activity. Commencement will be held Thursday June 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Veterans' Stadium. All tickets will be distributed on June 10 on the softball field. Every person will be required to have a ticket to enter the ceremony. Each senior will receive six (6) free tickets and may request up to six (6) more through the Activities Office beginning April 14, 2008. Extra tickets will cost \$5 between April 14- 30. Extra tickets purchased between May 1-23 will be \$10 each. Children age 4 and above are required to have a ticket.

#### **2. CAPS AND GOWNS**

Cap and gown are the required outerwear attire for the Commencement Ceremony. On June 10, caps and gowns will be distributed on the softball field (behind the 800 building) from 9:00 a. m to 11:00 am. Students who did not pre-order must purchase their cap and gown at this time for \$100.00 cash on the softball field. (Due to late purchase, all sizes may not be available.)

#### **3. TRANSCRIPTS**

Seniors who will be attending any college will need final transcripts to be sent out in early July when grades are processed. You will need to fill out a transcript request form in the Counseling Office and write "FINAL" on the request on or after June 1. We will mail these directly to your college at no cost if you request it on the proper form.

#### **4. DIPLOMAS AND GRADUATION CREDITS**

During the Commencement Ceremony each senior will be handed a diploma case. Seniors must present a picture ID to receive your actual diploma. Diplomas will be handed out in the Counseling Office starting June 16 from 9:00-11:30 am and 1-3 pm. Seniors with fewer than 220 credits will not graduate and will not be able to participate in any senior activities-including Prom, Senior Picnic, Recognition Night, or Commencement. Summer school graduates – Seniors with 210-219 credits ARE NOT able to participate in graduation and will not receive their diplomas until after summer school grades are turned in. Seniors with fines will not receive diplomas.

#### **5. SENIOR HONOR STATUS**

Your Cumulative GPA (grades 9-12) determines your honor status at graduation. A 3.0 graduates with honors, a 3.5+ graduates with high honors and a 4.0 with the highest honors. If you have earned exceptionally high grades first semester and feel your honor status would change with your June grades, see Ms. Mata in the Counseling Office in the middle of May to pick up a "Change of Honor Status" form. (Listen for bulletin notices in May.)

## **6. FINES/DEMERITS**

A new Fines/Demerit list will be printed and posted prior to the Prom, Distribution Day for Caps & Gowns, and Commencement. If a senior's name appears on the list at that time she/he will not be allowed to: (1) purchase a Prom ticket, (2) receive her/his Cap & Gown, (3) receive her/his diploma, or (4) receive graduation tickets-until the fine has been paid or demerits have been cleared. Please check the list and clear up any problems as early as possible!!!

## **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPENSES**

### **1. SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT**

Senior Awards Night is Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Millikan Auditorium. Admission is free and no tickets are required. This ceremony will include inspirational speakers, music, and special awards. Seniors should be nicely dressed in compliance with school dress code.

### **2. YEARBOOK**

You may pre-purchase your yearbook daily at the Banker's Window; cash or money order, or online at the Millikan website using credit card. Seniors must have their money orders or cash with them at the time of the purchase. Those who have pre-purchased their yearbook must have their ID's June 3<sup>rd</sup> when yearbooks are distributed. There will be some yearbooks available for purchase June 4<sup>th</sup> but there is no guarantee if the book is not purchased by March 1, 2007.

### **3. GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS-LATE ORDERS**

Graduation Announcements may be ordered up to about three weeks before graduation from Jostens Company. Call Jostens directly at (714) 551-0260 if you have any further questions.

### **4. GRADUATION PICTURE PACKET\***

Chappell Studios will be taking a color "proof" picture of each senior as he/she is receiving his/her diploma case shaking the hand of the presenter. This color proof will be mailed to you within 2 weeks of graduation day. In the event that your parents want additional pictures of you receiving your diploma, they may return the order form that will be sent with your proof picture. A recorder form will be enclosed. (Letter from Chappell Studios included in this packet.)

- **Please relay this message to your parents so they may relax during the ceremony knowing that a picture is being taken of you at graduation.**

### **5. SENIOR SPEAKER AND GRADUATION SPEAKERS**

We will continue our tradition of holding auditions for a speaker at Senior Recognition Night and for two speakers at our Graduation. All seniors in good standing, especially valedictorians, are encouraged to submit a speech by April 25, 2008 to the Activities Office and attend the auditions if invited, which will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Applications for speeches will be available in the Activities Office March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### **6. GRAD NIGHT- "I'M GOING TO DISNEYLAND"**

Tickets to Disneyland Grad Nite are available for purchase at the banker's window for \$80. The ticket includes admission to the park and bus ride from Vet's Stadium after graduation and return to Vet's Stadium June 13, 2008 at approximately 7:00 am. Additional money is needed for food and souvenirs. Students are supervised and not allowed to leave Disneyland until 7 am the next morning.