

\*Details of graduation related events can be found on Pages 2-3

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- **SENIOR SOL Retakes:** June 3-Reading, June 6-Math, June 7-Science, June 8-History
  - Friday, June 3: **PROM**
  - **Tuesday, June 7: Yearbook distribution**
  - **Thursday, June 9:** Senior exam—**W8** Regular Day for Seniors & **Senior Awards Ceremony**--7pm in the Auditorium
  - **Friday, June 10:** Senior exams, **R5/R7** - Regular Day for Seniors.
  - **Monday, June 13:** Senior exams, **W2/W6** – Early release **\*\*\*\*Pay all Senior obligations\*\*\*\***
  - **Tuesday, June 14:** Senior exam, **R1/R3** - Seniors leave at 11:13
  - **Wednesday, June 15:** Senior Activity
  - **Thursday, June 16:** Senior Activity

**\*\*\*\*\*Pay all Senior obligations BEFORE rehearsal!\*\*\*\*\***

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- **\*\*\*Friday, June 17: MANDATORY Graduation Rehearsal-** see times in the box below:
  - **IMPORTANT!!!** Our Graduation ceremony is a **VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY**. If you choose to participate, **you must PAY ALL DUES AND OBLIGATIONS** before rehearsal and **YOU MUST ATTEND ALL OF YOUR ASSIGNED REHEARSAL**. All obligations (fines, missing books or calculators, parking tickets, etc.) from all 4 years must be cleared before coming to rehearsal—no exceptions!

**7:45am:** Seniors whose last names begin with **(A-LEE)** report to auditorium for rehearsal.  
We will begin promptly at 8am.

**11:30am:** Seniors whose last names begin with **(LEF-Z)** report to auditorium for rehearsal.  
We will begin promptly at 11:45am.

Cap and gown and **4 graduation tickets** will be distributed during rehearsal.

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- **Friday, June 17— The Senior Reflections** ceremony will be held on Friday, June 17 at 7:00 pm (seniors should arrive in cap and gown by 6:40 pm) in the auditorium. See page 2 for information.
  - **Monday, June 20--Graduation** at DAR Constitution Hall. **7:30 p.m.** Graduates arrive by 6:30pm wearing cap and gown (NO ticket needed). Parents and guests (all ages) of the graduates will need an admission ticket and should arrive by 7pm. Doors close at 7:15pm and reopen after the graduates have processed into the Hall. Only those people with a ticket will be allowed into Constitution Hall (Including babies). The ceremony will be streamed live on the DAR Constitution Hall websites--see the list on page 3.
  - **Professional Graduation Photos**--will be taken by Lifetouch photographers and will include each graduate as they receive their diploma. You may also order a DVD of the 2016 graduation from Memories Videography.  
**See pages 2 & 3 for more important information.**

**\*All Night Graduation Celebration**, Monday, June 20, 11:00pm – 5am, Audrey Moore Recreation Center at Wakefield Park—transportation will be available to/from AHS. See PTSA website <http://www.annandalehspta.org/all-night-grad-celebration.html> for complete information.

**\*\*\*REHEARSAL – FRIDAY, JUNE 17**— All senior obligations must be paid before rehearsal!

Every senior who wishes to participate in the Graduation Ceremony at Constitution Hall **MUST** attend all of rehearsal—make sure you arrive at the auditorium 15 minutes early for your rehearsal. The first half of the alphabet will begin at 8am sharp and the second half will begin at 11:45 sharp. **Use the FRONT entrances only to AHS—underclassmen will be taking exams.** We will practice for all parts of the ceremony and then distribute caps, gowns, and graduation tickets. Each senior participating in graduation will receive **4 tickets** for family and guests (the graduate will **NOT** need a ticket to enter Constitution Hall). Additional tickets may be available depending on the number of graduating seniors at the end of the year—we will not know how many extra tickets are available until June 17--All additional tickets (if any) will be distributed on a first come/first serve basis to **graduating seniors (with AHS ID) that are in line at the cafeteria at 6:00am on Monday, June 20. No parents or friends may pick up extra tickets - do not bring an extra person with you.** Seniors may begin lining up at 5:30am. **No one will be allowed to join the line after 6am.** We will start at the front of the line and give 1 ticket to each senior until we run out of tickets. Seniors in line by 6am may continue to get back in line until all tickets are distributed or until they pick up the maximum of 4 extra tickets.

**\*Senior Reflections –FRIDAY, JUNE 17—Auditorium**—

**Seniors, their families and friends, and AHS faculty are invited to attend SENIOR REFLECTIONS NIGHT at AHS in Watson Auditorium at 7pm, with a reception afterwards in the cafeteria.**

The ceremony celebrates the gifts of the senior class and gives ALL graduating seniors a final sentimental event in their high school before graduation in Washington, DC. They wear their caps and gowns, sit as a group (but next to whomever they wish, rather than alphabetically!), hear student speakers, and enjoy a program of personal stories, instrumental music, choral music, dance and readings, all selected for the occasion by classmates who volunteer to perform or speak. Tickets are not needed to attend the ceremony. The evening provides an excellent opportunity for candid cap and gown photos with family and friends. It is a wonderful alternative (or addition) for family members or friends who are unable to get tickets to Graduation.

**\*GRADUATION - MONDAY, JUNE 20, 7pm**

The graduation ceremony marks the culmination of many hours of hard work and study. Many families will expect guests and relatives to join them in the celebration of this very special occasion. Because we recognize the importance of this event, we want to insure that it will be a success for all who choose to participate. Graduation is a **formal** event and we request that loud outbursts be minimized. Air-horns and other noisemakers **may not** be used. At the end of the ceremony, parents and guests of the graduates **must** remain seated until the recessional has ended. Passageways to the lobby will be closed until the recessional is over. When the recessional has ended, please exit Constitution Hall immediately and meet your graduate outside of the auditorium at either the C or D Street entrance areas. This will allow handicapped members of the audience to have less difficulty exiting the auditorium. Your help and assistance in these matters will ensure that your graduate receives the dignified ceremony he/she has earned.

**Dress and Behavior for Graduation** - It is Annandale High School's tradition to treat our graduation as a formal ceremony. It is a time when teachers and students can model the expectations of attending a formal affair. By doing so we ensure that every student receives the respect and acclaim he or she has earned. Thus, the formal attire is required for graduation.

Formal attire for our graduating students means that girls are to wear dresses, a dressy pantsuit, dress suit or dress slacks, and appropriate shoes. The preferred fabrics include silk, velvet, cashmere, or high quality polyester brocades; usually anything silky-looking can be a good option. Boys are to wear white or light colored dress shirts with a collar, a dark necktie, dark trousers, and dark shoes with dark socks.

**No jeans, flip-flops, sandals, athletic shoes, hiking boots or similar footwear are to be worn by anyone.** The tassel is the only thing to be worn on the cap, and nothing is to be attached to the gown (e.g. flowers, messages, etc.). No objects should be carried onto the stage. In order that the dignified atmosphere of this event may be preserved, anyone who is not appropriately dressed will not be allowed to participate in the graduation exercises. Inappropriate behavior anytime during the ceremony, such as flips or "clowning around", will result in the immediate removal of the student from the auditorium. The diploma would then be issued at a later date (pending an appointment with Mr. Thomas).

**DUE TO CONTINUED CONCERNS ABOUT SECURITY AND SAFETY IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. METROPOLITAN AREA, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE MAY BE STRICT SECURITY MEASURES IN PLACE AT CONSTITUTION HALL FOR ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL'S GRADUATION CEREMONIES ON MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016. THESE SECURITY MEASURES MAY INCLUDE THE USE OF METAL DETECTORS AND SEARCHES OF PERSONAL BAGS AND PURSES FOR ALL PARENTS AND GUESTS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE MEASURES MAY BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE - STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND GUESTS – AND TO GUARANTEE THAT GRADUATION IS A CELEBRATION FOR ALL.**

**The entire AHS Graduation ceremony will be streamed LIVE on the internet. Please share the URLs with family and friends!** Here are the URLs:

- \* [www.dar.org/graduation](http://www.dar.org/graduation)
- \* [www.dar.org/watchgraduation](http://www.dar.org/watchgraduation)
- \* [www.dar.org/conthall/graduation](http://www.dar.org/conthall/graduation)
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**PICTURES and VIDEOS:** There will be **NO designated areas (photo boxes)** available at DAR for taking a video or picture of your graduate during the ceremony. Only graduates and teachers will be allowed on the main floor. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS.** You will not be allowed to stand at your seat, in the aisles, or on the steps to take pictures or to videotape. To order a professional DVD of the ceremony, see the enclosed flyer from **Memories Videography, 3966 Springfield Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 273-9044.** Professional photos will be taken of each graduate--go to **events.lifetouch.com** to sign up and receive notification when your proofs are online and ready to order.

**\*Handicapped Seating:** If any guests require **handicapped seating**, they and 1 companion may sit in one of several designated handicapped areas on the floor level of Constitution Hall. Enter at the ramp on the D Street side of the building and see an usher for seat locations.

**Graduates and their families and guests must provide their own transportation to Constitution Hall.** Make sure you arrive early enough to find parking or to walk the distance from the Metro. (See enclosed flyer to purchase seats on an air conditioned Charter Bus to/from Constitution Hall.) Graduates must be at Constitution Hall by **6:30pm!**

**DIRECTIONS TO: GRADUATION – DAR CONSTITUTION HALL**

**From Route 50:**

Take Route 50 cross over Theodore Roosevelt Bridge to Constitution Avenue. Turn left on 17th Street. Constitution Hall is on 17th Street between C and D Streets.

**From I-395 North:**

Take Interstate 395 North. Cross the 14th Street Bridge. Turn left on Constitution Avenue, then turn right onto 17th Street. Constitution Hall is on 17th between C and D Streets.