



COMPASS NEWS

Friday, January 31, 2025

Lovejoy's Letter

As we welcome warmer weather, we're seeing improvements in grades—great job! However, attendance remains a concern. Please remember that missing two periods in a day will result in a call home.

For our online classes, we should be at **40% completion this week**, so let's stay on track! Also, be prepared for upcoming **testing at the end of the month**.

Mark your calendars—**Presidents' Day is on February 17th**, so there will be no school. We are also celebrating **Black History Month** and recognizing **Counselors Week from February 3rd to 7th**—thank you to our amazing counselors for all they do!

On a side note, due to the fact that students continue to facetime and send messages off Ipads. We will no longer allow them in school. Please convey this to your student. Enjoy the warm weekend ahead!

Martzall's Minute

WIDA testing will start next week and be held on February 7th and 14th. SAT Testing will be on March 5th for all juniors. Please make sure your students are in attendance on these days. Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!



DATES TO KNOW...

Friday, February 7 & 14—WIDA Testing

Monday, February 17—President's Day—NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, March 5—SAT testing for Juniors

Thursday, March 6—IU at Indianapolis visit

Friday, March 14—End of CEC 3rd Quarter

March 15-30—Spring Break

SPRINGER'S STAKE

Hello!

It's that time of year to order your graduation cap and gown and tassel. This is a package and this the minimum you need to get in order to participate in graduation. please look at the information based on your homeschool.

Southport High School:

Families are also able to order online at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) . There are a lot of items available to purchase, but the **ONLY thing you MUST order** if you plan to participate in the graduation ceremony is the cap, gown and tassel. This is called the "Cap & Gown Unit" which costs \$39. All students need to wear the Jostens red cap and gown with the 2025 tassel in order to participate in the SHS graduation ceremony on Friday, May 30th. All other items from Jostens are optional for you to order.

If you have any questions about ordering or payment, please reach out to our Jostens representative, Mr. Brad Long, at 317-501-8853 or brad.long@jostens.com . Mr. Long even shared this brief video to remind you about ordering.

https://view.vidreach.io/viewer/reach/ea528bb5-6689-4dc2-8dd0-afcd43ca5f49/ea6b0b6f-cd73-4a18-a9a5-52d3d072b940/5a2423de-9298-42a5-bb82-13df0d95a08c?pk_campaign=ea6b0b6f-cd73-4a18-a9a5-52d3d072b940

Perry Meridian High School:

The gown is a rental and will be returned immediately after commencement, but the cap/tassel you keep forever.

You may order directly from the website at: [PERRY MERIDIAN HIGH SCH | Herff Jones](https://www.perrymeridianhighsch.org/herffjones)

Remember, the only items you must purchase for graduation are the cap/gown/tassel.

The total cost with tax is \$49.22 (the website will say \$46 because that is before taxes are added) . You will have an opportunity to order a variety of different packages/graduation items. If you only want to order the required items, click on "Graduation" then "Grad Gear and Apparel" (top right) and scroll to the picture below which says,

If you have any questions about your graduation order, please contact our Herff Jones representative:

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317-532-7795



FAFSA Filing:

FAFSA filing (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) is a federally mandated action for any senior interested in applying to a college or university. This means any two year or four-year program as well as any certification programs that are deemed Next Level Jobs through IVY TECH (which end up being free programs if you file for the FAFSA and apply for one of these programs!) Colleges and universities use this form to determine your eligibility for federal, state, and college-sponsored **financial aid**, including grants, educational loans, and work-study programs. There is so much FREE money to be had just by filling out and submitting this form!! The results allow you as a family to figure out how much money you will get in the form of grants and work study programs (money you don't have to pay back) and how much money your family will need to contribute for your child's education.

We had our first filing session on January 16th. While we had quite a lot of students who were able to start the application process and invite their parents/guardians to complete their end, we also had many students who could not complete the FAFSA because they did not have the proper information on them. These students either did not have their own social security number and could not complete the student portion of the FAFSA, or they did not have their parent or guardian social security number and/or their parent or guardian birth date and they could not invite their parents or guardians to complete the parent section of the application. If the application is incomplete, I urge you to log on to their application at studentaid.gov and complete the application with them.

If your student has yet to start their application or you feel you need help in finishing the application, we will be hosting our second FAFSA Filing day for our seniors on **March 13th starting at 8:00 a.m. There will be another session at 12:30 pm the same day for afternoon students.** Parents are welcome to come!

