



COMPASS NEWS

Friday, May 9, 2025

Lovejoy's Letter

As the school year comes to a close, we're excited to celebrate the accomplishments of nearly 80 graduating seniors!

Graduation Dates:

Southport High School: May 30, 7:00 pm

Perry High School: May 31 at 10:00 AM

Important Reminders for Seniors:

Graduation practice is mandatory for both schools.

Southport is at 8:55 am May 30th.

Perry students will be at 7:45 am on May 29th entering Door 3 and 4.

If you do not attend practice, you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

Chromebooks must be turned in to Mrs. Brehob by **May 22**.

Our **Senior Celebration** at the CEC will also be held on **May 22**, from **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**.

Join us for shirts, certificates, games and a delicious meal catered by **City BQ!**

We're also thrilled to welcome new students from both high schools—what an incredible year it's been!

For more updates and information, please check online regularly.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Let's finish the year strong and make sure we earn every credit we've worked so hard for.

Much aloha and respect,

Mr. Lovejoy

DATES to know....

May 10—SHS Prom

May 17—PMHS Prom

May 22—End of the Year Celebration

May 26—Memorial Day—No School

May 29—Students' Last Day

May 30—SHS Commencement

May 31—PMHS Graduation



Graduation Information

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!

If you are planning on walking in your graduation ceremony, you **MUST ATTEND PRACTICE!** Balloons are NOT allowed in the Fieldhouse for graduation so please tell family and friends to leave them at home or in the car.

Perry Meridian High School:

PMHS Commencement Rehearsal, Thursday May 29, 7:45 am, Southport Fieldhouse, MANDATORY : Students must provide their own transportation to rehearsal. Please park in the parking lot between SHS and the Football Field.

Students need to enter doors 3 and 4 and should check in at the tables in the foyer area. They will then proceed to the east gym, find their nametag and sit in their assigned chair to wait for further instruction. **Anyone not at rehearsal will not be permitted to participate in commencement.** If all seniors report on time, rehearsal should be completed by 11:00 am.

Tickets: Tickets are not required for our Commencement Ceremony! However, if you need handicapped seating, there are a limited number of seats. These tickets will be available to your student only at the end of commencement rehearsal. Please do not call the office to reserve tickets. There is a limit of 2 per student, first come first served.

Commencement May 31 at 10:00 am, Southport Fieldhouse: Seating within the gymnasium will be on a first come, first served basis. Doors open to the gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. Doors will close sharply at 9:55 a.m. **ENTRANCE INTO THE GYMNASIUM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AFTER 9:55**

p.m. Commencement is a ceremony that demands dignity and honor and graduates are expected to dress as such. **Students are not allowed to decorate their caps and can only wear school sanctioned cords and stoles, no exceptions.** Traditionally, young women wear dress pants or dresses and young men wear dress shoes, slacks, dress shirt and tie. Clothing such as tee shirts, shorts, jeans, tennis shoes and flip flops are inappropriate and unacceptable. If you are in need of assistance for appropriate attire, please see our social worker Mrs. Kappel, this week.

Graduates will be handed an empty diploma folder as they cross the stage; students will return to the east gym and report to their designated table based on last name to pick up their diploma packets. This will be explained more at rehearsal. Your gown is being rented and will need to be returned **prior** to picking up your diploma. The cap and tassel are yours to keep. Additionally, please plan to complete pictures prior to the ceremony so these items can be promptly returned.

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://perrymeridianhighsch.com/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:

Thomas Oestreich

[**taoestreich@herffjones.com**](mailto:taoestreich@herffjones.com)

317-532-7795

Southport High School:

Graduation Practice

Friday, May 30th @ 8:55 am in the Fieldhouse

A senior picture will be taken at 9:00am SHARP

You do NOT need to bring your cap & gown - dress comfortably

You WILL need to bring your Chromebook and any items you need to return if you have not done so already.

Senior Panoramic Picture

Prestige will take a panoramic portrait of the entire senior class on graduation morning before rehearsal. Be there on time!

You can purchase a print of this picture by visiting mylifetouch.com and entering picture day ID HM014811T0

Order forms will also be available if you'd rather pay cash or check.

Graduation Pictures

We contract with Lifetouch to provide professional portraits of each graduate.

To opt-in to view and order commencement pictures, text 23062GY25 to 90738

This information will also be printed in the commencement program

Graduation (date/time/tickets/livestream)

Friday, May 30th @ 7pm in the SHS Fieldhouse.

The only TICKETS needed for graduation are handicapped accessible seating - this is limited to 2 tickets per family. Please see Mrs. Davis in the counseling office or call 317-789-4867 if your family needs the handicapped accessible seats.

Doors for guests open @ 5:30pm.

All guests will walk through weapons detection at door 3, 4 and 9 for entry.

Graduates arrive @ 5:15pm in the East Gym.

Enter through door 6

You will walk through weapons detection

Wear your cap & gown

Under gown - Wear dress clothes and dress shoes, no jeans/tennis shoes. Remember this is a formal occasion. Also, remember to wear shoes that you will be comfortable walking up/down ramps.

Students CANNOT decorate the top of their mortar boards (caps).

Only items issued by the school can be worn with the gown. (tassels, cords, stoles, etc.) If you wear something not approved, you will be asked to remove it before entering the East Gym. If we notice items before the ceremony, they will be confiscated by SHS staff. Examples of what is NOT permitted to wear: sunglasses, country flags, home-made stoles, etc. If you aren't sure, ASK your counselor!

Failure to follow expectations could result in removal from graduation or withholding of your diploma. Leave personal items with parents as there will NOT be storage or secure areas to leave items.

For family members unable to attend the ceremony in person, a livestream option is available. The link to view the SHS graduation ceremony is <https://youtube.com/live/SsBEnBuGNwU?feature=share>.

Families are also able to order online at 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.