

Perry High School Class of 2026: Commencement & Senior Events Guide

Dear Perry Meridian Families and Graduates,

As we approach the end of the school year, we look forward to celebrating the remarkable achievements of the Class of 2026. This letter contains vital information to ensure a smooth and memorable graduation experience for everyone.

Important Deadline: To participate in the Commencement Ceremony, all graduation requirements must be completed by Friday, May 22, at 1:55 PM. If all requirements for graduation have been completed but the graduate chooses not to walk at Commencement, please contact Mrs. Lawless at 317-789-4488 or email at slawless@perryschools.org. You may pick up your diploma in the front office starting June 1.

Mandatory Commencement Rehearsal

Thursday, May 28 | 7:45 AM | Southport High School Fieldhouse

Attendance is mandatory to participate in the graduation ceremony.

- Transportation: Students must provide their own ride. Please park in the lot between SHS and the football field.
- Check-in: Enter through Doors 3 and 4. Check in at the foyer tables, then proceed to your assigned seat in the East Gym.

Timing: Rehearsal should conclude by 11:00 AM if everyone arrives promptly. Plan accordingly.

The Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, May 30 | 10:00 AM | Southport High School Fieldhouse

Important Reminders:

- Arrival: Doors open at 8:30 AM. To maintain the dignity of the ceremony, doors will close strictly at 9:55 AM. No entry will be permitted once the ceremony begins.
- Seating: General seating is first-come, first-served in the bleachers.
- Expectations: This is a formal event. We ask all guests to maintain a respectful atmosphere. Please remain silent during the calling of names so every family can hear their graduate recognized.
- Prohibited Items: For safety and visibility, balloons and noisemakers are not permitted inside the fieldhouse.

Tickets & Accessibility

- Distribution: Each senior will receive 8 tickets for the May 30 Commencement Ceremony. The tickets will be distributed at the mandatory rehearsal on May 28.
 - Special Seating: A reserved section is available for relatives with medical conditions that prevent bleacher seating. You may exchange up to 2 of your 8 tickets for floor seating due to mobility issues. There will be a time at the end of rehearsal to make this exchange. This reserved seating is located behind the graduates.
 - Live Stream: For those unable to attend, the ceremony will be streamed live. A link will be sent via ParentSquare approximately one week prior to Commencement.
-

Graduation Attire:

- Dress Code: Graduates are expected to dress with dignity. Appropriate attire includes dress pants, dresses, dress shirts, and ties. Please avoid jeans, t-shirts, or flip-flops. If you need assistance with attire, please contact our social worker, Mrs. Kappel.
 - Decorations: Caps may not be decorated. Only school-sanctioned cords and stoles may be worn.
 - Rental Info: Gowns are rented and must be returned after the ceremony to receive your diploma packet. Rental cost is approximately \$49.00. Caps and tassels are yours to keep!
 - Questions? Contact Herff Jones (Thomas Oestreich) at 317-532-7795 or taoestreich@herffjones.com.
-

Required Actions & Final Steps

Required Senior Survey: PT-PMHS- Class of 2026 Exit Survey | Due May 6, 2026 |

The survey includes a question about scholarships offered and/or accepted. To be included in the Commencement program, the survey must be completed before graduation.

Compass Education Center will have Senior Survey sessions in school to accomplish this required action.

Cap/Gown Distribution: | May 7 OR 8, 2026 |

Pick up in the front foyer from 10:15-12:15.

Settling Debts | Due May 8, 2026 |

Please ensure all outstanding fees (textbooks, cafeteria, lost items) are paid. All school property (uniforms, Chromebooks, etc.) should be returned by May 22. You can make payments online [here](#) or contact Mrs. Hicks at 317-789-4431.

Celebrations & Photos

- Mini-Olympics: May 15. Form your teams of 10 and register by May 6! Check the board outside Ms. Sheehan's room 2-7F for details.
 - Senior Walk: May 22 during Advisory. A final, sentimental stroll through the halls of PMHS. Meet in the gymnasium at 12:45 pm.
 - Photo Opportunities: PMHS will be open for family photos on May 28 (5:00–8:00 PM) and May 29 (9:00 AM–3:00 PM). We recommend taking photos in your gown during these times!
-

We are incredibly proud of the Class of 2026. Your perseverance and contributions have made Perry Meridian a better place. Let's make these final days together filled with pride and positive memories!

Your Partner in Education,

Kert F. Boedicker
Principal

