

# March Senior Newsletter



- **March 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>: Spring Break**
- **March 21<sup>st</sup>: Academic Excellence Program**
- **March 29<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday**
- **March 31<sup>st</sup>: MAAPP Deadline**
- **April 1<sup>st</sup>: Easter Monday**
- **April 5<sup>th</sup>: RHS Career Fair**
- **April 13<sup>th</sup>: Beauty and Beau**
- **April 19<sup>th</sup>: Prom**
- **May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Decision Day**
- **May 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Senior Exams**
- **May 9<sup>th</sup>: Class Day**
- **May 17<sup>th</sup>: Graduation Practice**
- **May 20<sup>th</sup>: Graduation**

## DID YOU KNOW:

Colleges and other organizations will review your social media accounts.

## GETTING READY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP

In only a matter of months, you will no longer be a high school student, but a high school graduate. You are setting the foundation for YOUR future! Whether you choose to go to college, join the military, or enter the workforce, you are going to need to have a high school diploma to be successful.

## Senior Checklist

1. Finish submitting college applications for admission, housing, financial aid and scholarships.
2. Sign up for orientation.
3. Submit your FAFSA Application. Everyone who enters college will need to have this filled out.
4. Contact Get2College for assistance if you are having trouble completing the FAFSA. (601-321-5533)
5. Don't forget to fill out your MTAG/MESG application online. Deadline is March 31st. The Counselor's documents are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. Complete all scholarship applications. Look on our website for this information under the counselor's tab in scholarship. If you need a counselor's letter of recommendation, please have the form filled out 2 weeks in advance.
7. Make a commitment to work hard on pulling up your grades and being at school for every class every day. You can't pass and/or graduate if you are not at school and giving your best effort.
8. Don't forget to fill out a transcript request form and turn it in to Ms. Hunter in the Counselor's office.



## Graduation Information

The 2024 Ridgeland High School Graduation Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 20th, at 7:00 P.M. at the Mississippi Coliseum. There will be no tickets required.

**Graduation Practice** will be held on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This practice **is mandatory**.

**Cap and Gown:** If you have not ordered your cap and gown from Herff Jones, please do so as soon as possible! Contact them at 601-898-7883 to place your order. If your order is not placed before Spring Break, a late fee is applied to your order.

## Class Day Information

Class Day will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

Please keep the following **dress code** in mind as you prepare:

**Young Ladies:** Black dress or pant suit with black shoes. No jumpsuits allowed. Dresses can be sleeveless or short sleeve but no halters and should be an appropriate length.

**Young Men:** Black slacks, white button-down shirt, tie, socks and dress shoes

# 4 Ways to Pay for College

## Private Scholarships

These will be listed on the RHS website. You can also go to:

- [Bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://Bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- [Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com)
- [Unigo.com](http://Unigo.com)
- [Bold.org](http://Bold.org)

## College Scholarships and Grants:

Most of these will come directly from the college. They may be based on academic merit, leadership, community service, financial need, athletics, art, or music. You must be accepted for admission in order to receive scholarships and financial aid.

## FAFSA:

Federal funds include Pell Grant and other need based and non-need-based grants, work-study program, and student loans.

## Mississippi Aid:

MAAPP offers grants based on merit and financial need to full-time students attending eligible MS colleges and universities. You must take and pass at least 15 hours each semester.

