



# The Torch

SENIOR EDITION SPRING 2021

SPRAGUE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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## SPRAGUE GRADUATION CEREMONIES

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Sprague will be hosting three graduation ceremonies on June 11th. In order to adhere to current physical distancing guidelines and outdoor group size compliance, we will have groups of no more than 120 graduates per ceremony and each graduate will be given 5 guest tickets. Tickets will be distributed to graduates at check in during the Graduation Rehearsal, the morning of June 11th.

An email with more information about how to sign up for one of the three time slots will be sent out to graduates and their families soon. Graduates will be able to sign up for the time slot they prefer and can coordinate with fellow graduates to sign up for the same time should they wish, as capacity allows.

## MAY

**4** → Senior Meeting (10:45 a.m.) Jostens Cap/Gown/Yard Sign Distribution, Stadium

**7** → Deadline to apply as a student speaker for Graduation

**APPLY HERE**

**14** → Senior Sunset 7:30-8:30 p.m., Stadium

**5/17** → AP Testing until 6/9

**17** → Senior AVID District Night, 7:30 p.m., Volcanoes Stadium

**28** → Library books and textbooks are due

**31** → Memorial Day Observed, No School

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION!!

### WE NEED TO KNOW:

- The student's name
- Name of award or scholarship
- Name of college or university
- Dollar amount awarded
- Is award renewable?

The dollar amount is confidential and not published. It is used to track the total dollars that our seniors earn as a whole.

You can submit this information online at:

[Class of 2021 Post High School Plans Survey \(google.com\)](https://salkeizor.scribborder.com)

## JUNE

**May 25 to June 8** → Window to reserve accessible seating for graduation-email Shirley Sheldon, sheldon\_shirley@salkeiz.k12.or.us

**4** → Last Day of School for Seniors

**9** → Senior Celebration 4:00 p.m., Stadium

**11** → **Mandatory Graduation Practice**, Stadium. Starts at 8 a.m.  
→ **Graduation Ceremony**, Stadium. 3 p.m.; 5 p.m.; 7 p.m., Sign ups required. Info to follow. Five guest tickets each.

## FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

State and private schools require a final transcript be sent to verify high school completion. To have your transcript sent to the college of your choice, submit your request online at:

<https://salkeizor.scribborder.com>

These transcripts will be available starting on June 30, 2021.

Please see our website link Class of 2021 (spraguehs.com) for updated Class of 2021 information. You will also find a link in regards to the Senior Party Information by our Senior Parents.

TUESDAY  
MAY 4TH

**CLASS OF 2021  
MEETING**

We are meeting in-person in Olympic Stadium at 10:45 am. We will be taking the "21" class picture on the field, getting a graduation sign for your yard and Josten's will be there to hand out caps and gowns.

**If you missed the May 4th Class Meeting – please stop by the Main Office after school starting, May 5th and retrieve your yard sign, your cap and gown order, and information that was handed out at the meeting. If you still need to order a cap and gown from Jostens please call 1-800-567-8367**

FRIDAY  
MAY 7TH

**DEADLINE FOR CLASS  
OF 2021 GRADUATES  
SENIOR SPEECH  
APPLICATION**

FRIDAY  
MAY 14TH

**SENIOR SUNSET**

From 7:30 pm-8:30 pm. Seniors ONLY will enjoy the time watching the sun set over Olympic Stadium as well as some bubble clouds.

WEDNESDAY  
JUNE 9TH

**SEMI-FORMAL EVENT BEGINNING AT 4:00 PM.**

Seniors ONLY.

We will be celebrating our Seniors at this (students only) event in the Sprague Stadium. We'll have music, food, and an awards assembly to honor our students. Immediately following this event, students will be able to participate in a Senior Parade hosted by the Parent Grad Committee. The committee will be sharing more information with students about this parade soon. Face coverings required when not eating.

This will be an excellent opportunity for all of us to be together this year, in-person.

The graphic is a vertical rectangular poster with a dark background and white text and decorative flourishes. At the top, it says "SPRAGUE" in a large, bold, serif font. Below that, "HIGH SCHOOL" is written in a similar font, enclosed in a decorative frame. The main section of the poster is titled "UPCOMING DATES" in a large, stylized, serif font, with "FOR SENIOR CLASS" written below it in a smaller, similar font. At the bottom, there is a table of dates: "MAY 4TH", "MAY 7TH", "MAY 14TH", and "JUNE 9TH". Below the table, it says "CLASS OF 2021" in a bold, serif font. The entire graphic is framed by decorative lines and flourishes.

MAY	MAY	MAY	JUNE
4 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	14 <sup>TH</sup>	9 <sup>TH</sup>

## ATTENTION ALL CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATES!

If you are interested in being a student speaker at either the Senior Celebration on June 9th or at Graduation on June 11th, please fill out the following Google form. It has all the information you need to decide about which ceremony you may want to speak at and the due dates. Questions?

Contact Mr. Curry. [curry\\_michael@salkeiz.k12.or.us](mailto:curry_michael@salkeiz.k12.or.us).

**Deadline to apply is May 7th** [Link to Online Application](#)

### CAREER EXPLORATION

To explore career ideas, visit Oregon CIS:

<https://oregoncis.uoregon.edu>

Take a 10-20 minute test that will provide a list of careers that you may enjoy based on the questions you answer. Select the Exploration tab then Interest Profiler (Short). From there you can link your career ideas to specific colleges or other types of training. You can access CIS through any computer with internet access.

Chemeketa offers career training too. The ASPIRE Coordinator and counselors are here to help you...Don't settle for less! Education and training are essential to a good paying job with benefits.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Oregon CIS has a great scholarship search engine under Exploration, under Financial Aid Sort on the home page. Community college is always an affordable and practical way to start your four year degree!

Here is the link for Oregon CIS:

<https://oregoncis.uoregon.edu>

### FINES & FEES

Please make sure to pay any outstanding balances prior to Senior Celebration and the Graduation Ceremony.

Please make your payment to Sprague High School with the bookkeeper.

You may also pay online at:

<https://skpay.salkeiz.k12.or.us>

If you have any concerns or need to make arrangements for payment, please contact Mark Harris, Assistant Principal.

**All library books and textbooks are due on  
Friday, May 28, 2021.**

Students can access the list of books and textbooks checked out to them at any time from the Sprague website. Click on the LIBRARY link. Login to Destiny Discover to view items checked out.

All books and textbooks are due May 28th. If a textbook must be used for a final exam, please return it immediately after the exam.

### Options if you have book fees:

1. Find the book and return it.
2. Pay the Bookkeeper, Mrs. Sealey, in the office, or online at <https://skpay.salkeiz.k12.or.us>
3. Buy an identical replacement. Make sure the book has the same ISBN# as the one checked out.

### MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICE

Graduation practice begins at **8:00 a.m.** sharp on **Friday, June 11th** in the Sprague Stadium. Attendance at rehearsal is **required** for all graduating seniors participating in the commencement ceremony.

- We will begin by having all students check in at the south gate to the stadium (located near the sophomore parking lot). Once you have been checked in, you will be given your guest tickets. Please don't lose these tickets. You will also be given additional directions on where to congregate within the stadium to choose your seats for graduation.
- Please know that we intend to keep the practice to no more than 2 hours in length. The better you listen and follow directions, the sooner we get the practice done.
- **You do not need to bring your cap or gown to this event.** It is only a rehearsal; please dress comfortably for the weather.
- You are expected to wear a face covering. Please plan on bringing your own to wear for practice and the ceremony.

### GUEST TICKETS

In order to meet social distancing requirements, a limited number of guest tickets are available (max: 5). Tickets will be distributed to graduates at check in during Graduation Rehearsal on June 11th.

### STUDENT CHECK-IN/ARRIVAL ON GRADUATION DAY

All graduates must check-in in the South Sophomore parking lot area 30 minutes prior to the start of their graduation ceremony time. Graduates will enter through the South end of the Stadium, just off of the South Sophomore parking lot. Please make sure to check in with a staff member when you arrive and line up in the correct order.

### GUEST ENTRANCE

Guests will enter through the Stadium main entrance. The gates to the Stadium will be opened 30 minutes before the start of each ceremony. Please do not arrive before this time. If you arrive early, please remain in your vehicle until the gate is opened.

In order to adhere to current social distancing guidelines and outdoor group size compliance, we are only able to admit guests that have a Guest Ticket in hand. Please have your Guest Tickets ready to be checked as you enter the stadium.



**Capital  
Community  
Media**  
[ Your voice ]

Capital Community Media will be televising all Salem-Keizer high school graduation ceremonies live on Comcast, and live streaming on their website. DVDs, Blu-rays and digital downloads will also be available for purchase following the ceremonies. While specific viewing information is not yet available, information will be released at [www.capitalcommunitymedia.org](http://www.capitalcommunitymedia.org) as plans are finalized over the next few weeks.

## BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

The Salem-Keizer School District permits seniors to graduate early on June 11th while other students continue through June 17th. Because of this, there are **no authorized senior skip days!**

It is also important to remember that violations of school rules, including pranks and poor choices, (through the use of technology as well) may result in a student not being able to participate in the graduation ceremony.

The joy of graduation could be lost if a student chooses to engage in inappropriate behavior. Seniors will participate in awareness discussions designed to prevent anyone from losing their privileges to participate in senior activities and/or graduation.

Our desire is to make certain every senior in the Sprague family enjoys a wonderful and memorable graduation.

*Any student engaged in a senior prank that damages property, degrades the reputation of an individual and/or Sprague High School may be criminally charged and will not be allowed to walk with their class at graduation. This includes "BOOYAH" hill.*

## CAP & GOWN PROTOCOL

The recommended attire worn under the gown is:

- Light colored shirts.
- Do not wear suit jackets.
- Lightweight clothing.
- Do not wear high heels, as this can damage the turf field.

### **All attire must follow school district dress code**

- Students are allowed to wear their cords, medals, or stoles depending upon their involvement in clubs/organizations/honor societies. Hawaiian leis are allowed to be worn. Native American feathers, beadings and garments are allowed. The cords are passed through the loop in the back of the gown and then hang over the shoulders in front.
- Students are not allowed to carry objects such as, but not limited to; flowers, umbrellas, stuffed animals, air horns, balloons, inflatables, etc. Sunglasses may not be worn.
- Correct Positioning of Cap: The long point of the cap goes to the back and the short point is centered on the forehead with the mortarboard level (not tilted). The cap is never removed during any part of the ceremony. The outside of the cap may be

decorated, however if the decorations on the cap are considered inappropriate or cause a distraction, the student will be asked to remove and replace their cap. The tassel is pinned on the right side of the cap.

- The gowns do not need to be returned, but they can be donated for future senior use.

## PARKING AND SEATING FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY OR ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

In addition to the designated accessibility parking spaces on campus, we will reserve our South Sophomore lot for additional parking needs. We will have a golf cart going back and forth from the parking lot to the stadium to assist with mobility.

Accessibility seating within the stadium will also be available on a needs only basis. Beginning on May 25th through June 8th, please contact Shirley Sheldon at [sheldon\\_shirley@salkeiz.k12.or.us](mailto:sheldon_shirley@salkeiz.k12.or.us) to reserve your accessibility seats. For each reserved seat, one additional seat will be reserved.

## SEATING

**Make sure to have your guest tickets with you, as they will be checked at entry.** Staging in the stadium will be set up on the north end of the football field facing south. There will be chairs set up facing into the field on the east side of turf facing graduate seating. These seats will be reserved for patrons with accessibility needs and one guest. There is also seating in the bleachers on both sides of the turf. An area will be reserved for guests needing ASL interpretation.

Umbrellas will not be allowed as they block views and drip on other guests. The graduation ceremony will be held **rain or shine** in the Stadium. *No outside food/drink allowed in the stadium.*

## GRADUATION PHOTOS

Graduation photos will be taken by Lifetouch Photography. Pictures will be taken of graduates holding their diploma after they have exited the stage. You can view and purchase portraits 3 ways:

1. Go to the Sprague Commencement website provided by Lifetouch at: [events.lifetouch.com](http://events.lifetouch.com).
2. From the proof Lifetouch will mail to you.
3. Respond to the emails Lifetouch will send you.

Portraits will be available approximately 3-4 weeks following graduation.

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### CEREMONY SCHEDULE

Each ceremony will be approximately 45-50 minutes long. Students and guests will have the opportunity to take pictures on the turf for 5 minutes immediately following the ceremony. We will then ask everyone in the stadium to exit through the main gate, so that we will have enough time to properly clean between ceremonies. Thank you for your assistance with keeping us on this very tight schedule!

### HEALTH & SAFETY

At this time, graduates and guests are expected to wear facial coverings. Please plan on bringing your own facial covering. The stadium will be cleaned between ceremonies. Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances.

If you are sick or have a family member sick with symptoms resembling the flu or COVID-19, please stay home.

### DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION

Diploma covers will be handed to students as they walk across the stage. Graduates may pick up their diploma in the parking lot across from the main stadium entrance immediately following their ceremony. Graduates will need to sign for their diploma when they pick it up. We ask that only graduates enter the diploma pick up area so that we can avoid congestion.

\*Unclaimed diplomas will not be mailed home and will remain in the office until they are picked up and signed for.



*Congrats, Grad!*

Commencement  
photography is coming.

**Lifetouch**

- 1 | Visit [events.lifetouch.com](https://events.lifetouch.com)
- 2 | Sign up & receive notifications when your photos are available
- 3 | Order your graduation pictures online

#### What to expect:

- Everyone will be photographed
- Photos will be online at [events.lifetouch.com](https://events.lifetouch.com) 2-6 weeks after the ceremony
- Complimentary proofs mailed to graduates
- No obligation to purchase



# Class of 2021



## ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!

Due to the rapid and constant changes this school year, the Sprague Yearbook DEADLINES have been recently adjusted.

### BABY ADS

**NEW DEADLINE**  
**MONDAY, MAY 17**

Submit Baby Ads here:  
<https://yearbookforever.com/>

### SENIOR PORTRAITS

**NEW DEADLINE**  
**MONDAY, MAY 10**

Submit Senior Portraits here:  
<https://wpcgo.yearbookforever.com/4t5GA>

Then enter the access code:  
**sprague**  
*(all lower case)*

### BUY YOUR YEARBOOK NOW

*... before it's too late  
to pre-order!*

**NEW DEADLINE TO BUY**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 14**

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<https://or-salemkeizer.intouchrecepting.com/>

