



RAGIN PREPARATORY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

"Equipping students for a successful life through academics and service to Christ."

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Congrats RPCA Parents/Guardians of the Graduating Class of 2025!

In just a few short weeks a major chapter in your child's life will reach fruition. The Ragin Prep Family is truly excited about our Senior Class of 2025 graduating on Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Planned events for our 2025 Graduates:

- March 3rd - Senior Dues (Graduation Fee \$200)

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- April 12th - Prom
 - April 14th - 21st - Spring Break

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- May 1st - Senior Final Exams(schedule to be announced)
 - May 5th - 9th Class of 2025 Senior Week(activities to be announced)
 - May 15th - Class Night/Graduation Rehearsal @ 10:00 a.m.

(each graduate will receive 20 tickets for class night)

- May 16th - Senior Class Night @ 6:00 p.m.
Trinity Missionary Baptist
155 Wall St. Sumter, SC 29150
- May 17th - Senior Class of 2025 Graduation @ 10:00 a.m.

Graduates arrive no later than 8:45am

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2025 Graduates will NOT have a limit on tickets for Graduation. Practice is **MANDATORY** for all participating graduates. Specific instructions will be shared at practice. Please note that

Graduates **MUST** arrive 1 hour and 15 minutes prior to the event, or they will not be able to walk.

Graduation is a time for reflection and praise unto God for the successful completion for this important phase of life. As we go through this celebratory season, we want all these events to be treated with dignity and respect. All Seniors should be afforded the honor and prestige that comes with this distinguished life achievement. We appreciate the cooperation and support from our entire Ragin Preparatory Christian Academy community.

Senior Exam Exemption Policy

Seniors only may exempt final exams in the Spring semester of their graduating year provided the following criteria have been met:

1. A student has been named as an honor graduate
2. The student must have an average of 90 or above going into the final

Senior Week

Classes will be in session during all special senior activities. Please be respectful of the learning environment and exhibit appropriate behavior. Appropriate school attire is required any time you are on school property. Please make sure that you are dressed appropriately for all activities.

Senior Obligations

Students are expected to meet their responsibilities and obligations. All delinquent obligations (detentions not served, library fines, parking fines, fines owed for lost books, class dues, etc) must be cleared prior to graduation practice for the student to be allowed to participate in graduation. It is the student's responsibility to make sure that they have the proper number of credits to graduate and that all obligations have been met.

Class Night Attire

(All clothing should be clean, ironed, and free of wrinkles)

Blue jeans will NOT be allowed.

Ladies: Black dress or skirt & blouse (without a high neckline)

Men: White Button Up, Black Pants, black shoes, tie & belt (required)

A check for proper attire will be made prior to marching. If you do not wear acceptable attire, you will be pulled from the line.

Proper Commencement Attire

CAP & GOWN (Maroon)

(All clothing should be clean, ironed, and free of wrinkles)

Blue jeans will NOT be allowed.

Ladies: Black dress or skirt & blouse (without a high neckline)

Men: White Button Up, Black Pants, black shoes, tie & belt (required)

A check for proper attire will be made prior to marching. If you do not wear acceptable attire, you will be pulled from the line.

The graduation gown should be removed from its individual package as soon as it is received so wrinkles will fall out. Only use a cool iron if necessary.

The collar, which is provided in the package for ladies, will not be worn.

Flowers and pins are not appropriate to be worn on graduation gowns.

Caps should be worn properly at all times. The front of the cap is indicated on the inside of the crown. Caps are never worn on the back of the head. For graduations, caps should be worn parallel to the ground with the point in the center of the forehead. Hats should be affixed with bobby pins. This point applies for both boys and girls. Tassels should be positioned on the left. Minimal jewelry should be worn.

Write your name on the inside of your cap.

Tops of your cap should not be altered or bedazzled to include names or messages.

Cords are worn by National Honor Society members, Beta Club members & AP Grads.

Graduations Reminders

Proper behavior is expected of RPCA scholars at all times. Seniors are reminded that they are subject to the same rules and regulations while participating in any school activity as they are when on school property. We would hate to see seniors place themselves in a position that would bring embarrassment to them and their family and jeopardize their eligibility to participate in senior activities or commencement ceremonies.

Graduation ceremonies are conducted with a formal atmosphere.

Cell phones are **NOT ALLOWED** for students to bring to the graduation ceremony. Students should leave their cell phones (along with any other valuables) at home or in their cars. All cell phones will be collected prior to the ceremony, placed in a bag and available for pick up after the ceremony.

All seniors are expected to be at graduation practice. The practice will be held on Tuesday, May 15th, at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church. Tickets will be distributed after practice. Any senior who doesn't attend practice will NOT be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Students should notify their employer now that they are REQUIRED to attend graduation practice.

Graduates will NOT receive tickets for graduation, as seating is flexible, but will receive 25 invitations in their senior package. Guests do NOT need a ticket for admission.

We will open its doors for seating one hour prior to the graduation ceremony time at 9am.

The ceremony will be crowded, so we ask that guests remain at their seats and refrain from taking pictures as the graduates enter. Photographs will be taken of each graduate as he/she receives his/her diploma. These will be available to each graduate for purchase.

Graduation is a very important time for all seniors. They have worked hard to reach this point, and they would like for this to be a very special ceremony with appropriate behavior from all who attend. We hope that all spectators will observe proper etiquette for the occasion.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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