

2024 Senior Tunnel Q&A

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| When did FRHS host its first senior tunnel? | The senior tunnel started with the first graduating class from FRHS, the Class of 2006. |
| What is the purpose of the senior tunnel? | Every class that has graced the halls of FRHS has been welcomed to their first day of school through a tunnel of applause from staff members. The purpose of the senior tunnel has always been to bookend this tradition by having the class walk out of FRHS their last day of school through a tunnel of applause from staff and underclassmen. It is intended to celebrate the graduating class and honor them as they leave the halls of FRHS for the last time. |
| Is the senior tunnel being canceled this year? | No. We do not want to end this tradition, but changes need to be made. |
| Why do changes need to be made to the senior tunnel? | <u>SAFETY!</u> The tradition was intended to be as simple as walking through a tunnel of applause and high-fives. Unfortunately, the senior tunnel has started to change throughout the last couple of years. Instead of simply walking through the tunnel and leaving to the sound of applause and cheers, seniors have started to use this opportunity to throw a variety of harmless items (<i>ex; confetti, silly string, etc.</i>) and more extreme items (<i>ex; honey, shaving cream, eggs, etc.</i>) and the empty containers themselves at underclassmen and staff. Graduates have even been observed chasing down unwilling participants and pinning them to the ground while they poor/dump/etc. the above-mentioned items on them. This has also contributed to the disruption of the educational experience for underclassmen because many of them, as well as teachers, have had to go home to shower and change clothes before they could even continue their school day. |
| What changes are being made to the Senior Tunnel as a result? | Approved items will be biodegradable confetti and silly string. These items will be provided to the seniors prior to entering the senior tunnel. The biodegradable confetti and silly |

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| | string are being purchased using the Class of 2024 funds. These are the only two items that are approved to be used. - - Additionally, students are not allowed to force unwilling participants to join. |
| Can seniors bring their own items to use in the senior tunnel? | No. |
| Who made the final decision to change the senior tunnel? | FRHS Administration |
| Was anybody outside of FRHS Administration consulted about the changes before the final decision was made? | Yes. FRHS Department Chairs (<i>staff members</i>), FRHS SAC/School Accountability Committee (<i>parents & staff members</i>) and 2024 Class Officers (<i>students</i>). |
| Do seniors, underclassmen and staff have to participate in the tunnel? | No. A section will be roped off for “observers/non-participants” before the entrance to the tunnel. The senior tunnel will be an “opt-in” experience further into the field. |