

HNHS Senior Parent Letter

Your senior is scheduled to participate in Graduation Exercises on **Sunday, May 26 @ 3:00 p.m.** Listed below are items that you and your graduate need to know about graduation and other events leading up to it.

SCHOLARSHIPS: A form will be given to each senior to list all scholarships they are awarded. This must be returned to the Guidance Office.

NON-PARTICIPATION: Occasionally, seniors choose to not participate in graduation. If your senior is considering doing this, we advise you and your graduate to carefully reconsider your decision. Since this is a once in a lifetime event, we strongly encourage every senior to participate. If, after careful consideration, your graduate decides to not participate in the ceremony, please notify Mrs. Forgey in the Guidance Office to obtain a Commencement Waiver form (this decision is irreversible). Their diploma may be picked up any weekday following graduation during regular school hours.

TICKETS AND SEATING: No admission fee is charged for HNHS graduation ceremonies. Each graduate is scheduled to receive 4 tickets for Graduation. Seating in the upper arena is unlimited and does not require a ticket. Handicap seating will be available and, when necessary, 1 individual may sit with the handicapped person. To be seated in the handicap area, both individuals must have Handicapped Tickets. If you need Handicapped Tickets, you must exchange the same number of Regular Tickets. You may do so by calling Sue Forgey (260-356-6104 ext. 1006) or email her (sforgey@hccsc.k12.in.us). Students will receive their tickets at Marching Practice.

SPECTATOR & PARKING INFORMATION FOR GRADUATION: Parking spaces are at a premium; therefore, carpooling is strongly encouraged. Spectator parking is designated in the east parking and enter the facility via **Door 28 for HANDICAP ONLY and Ticket holders and Door 26 for all others. ONLY GRADUATES** are to park in the west lot and enter via Door 11—there will be no admission from the west lot or MacGahan Street entrances for spectators. The handicapped parking area immediately south of the fieldhouse next to the school will be expanded. Any vehicle with a valid handicapped-parking permit may use this area on a first come-first serve basis. Vehicles without a valid blue handicapped-parking permit may drop off at Door 26. Fire lanes will be strictly enforced. Any vehicle illegally parked will be cited/towed.

CAPS AND GOWNS: Most seniors have already ordered their caps and gowns from Herff Jones. Caps, gowns and tassels will be distributed at Marching Practice. Gowns are rental and will be returned after Commencement Ceremony – graduates will keep their cap and tassel. Anyone who has not ordered their cap and gown needs to do so immediately by calling Herff Jones directly at 1-260-927-0672. **All fees to Herff Jones are due by Thursday, April 27. Absolutely no other items are to be worn on caps or gowns except those issued by Huntington North or its representative, Herff Jones.** If you have any questions, please contact us.

DRESS CODE: The graduation ceremony and achievement program are to be considered formal events and require more formal attire than the normal school dress code. Please dress appropriately. **ABSOLUTELY** no flip-flops, work shoes, or athletic footwear are allowed. Students who show up for graduation and do not meet these requirements will not be allowed to participate. Any questions concerning the dress code should be directed to the principal at extension 1090.

NOTE: Please understand that the ramp for Graduation does have holes in it so be selective about wearing heels.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM: The awards program is scheduled for **Friday, May 17 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Auditorium. **Students and parents are encouraged to attend via invitation.** Seniors are asked to dress appropriately. Shorts are not permitted. Live-stream of this event is planned.

SENIOR PROM AND POST-PROM: These events are scheduled for **Saturday, May 4** and **Sunday, May 5**. Information has been posted on the HNHS website under HNHS Class of 2024.

GRADUATION INVITATIONS: A limited number of graduation announcements and some other items may be available for purchase. If you are interested, have your senior see Mrs. Forgey.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS & ACADEMIC &/OR TECHNICAL HONORS DIPLOMA RECIPIENTS: If your student qualifies for any of the listed groups, they will be notified by their guidance counselor. Top 25, NHS, AHD, and THD students have the privilege of wearing additional adornments with their caps and gowns. HNHS National Honor Society students may purchase a gold tassel or exchange their red and black tassel for a gold one, which may be done at Marching Practice. Any sashes, hoods or cords (these are borrowed items) will be distributed at Marching Practice on the **last student day** and must be returned following Graduation ceremony in order to receive their diploma. Luncheon dates are **Tuesday, April 23** (Rotary honoring HNHS NHS seniors) and **Thursday, May 2** (Optimist Club honoring Top 25 seniors).

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE: The inspirational Baccalaureate service is scheduled for **TBD at 7:00 p.m.** in the auditorium. Attendance is optional but encouraged. Parents are strongly urged to attend with their graduate. Seniors are to arrive between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. and meet in the gymnasium for line-up. This event may be live-streamed.

SENIOR BREAKFAST: On **the last student day**, all seniors are *****REQUIRED – EVEN EARLY GRAD STUDENTS***** to attend the senior breakfast to be held in the cafeteria. Seniors are to report directly to the cafeteria.

MARCHING PRACTICE: On **the last student day following the Senior Breakfast**, students will go to the auditorium for Marching Practice. Seniors who are not normally in the building at that time **MUST** make arrangements for participation. This also includes early graduates. It is suggested that girls who plan to wear heels for graduation bring them for marching practice but remember the holes in the ramp.

SEVEN SEMESTER GRADUATES: If your senior is among those who completed their graduation requirements in December, he/she is still eligible to participate in graduation exercises. **Attendance at Marching Practice is ***REQUIRED***.** Seniors in this group who elect to not participate in the **graduation ceremony** must complete a *HNHS Graduation Commencement Waiver* form and may pick up their diploma any weekday following graduation between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If they are planning to not participate in graduation, please inform Mrs. Forgey ASAP.

PHOTOGRAPHY: A professional photographer has been engaged to take each graduate’s picture as they receive their diploma cover. The photographer will contact you by mail. You may purchase prints if you wish.

SENIORS SLIDE SHOW: Seniors are encouraged to submit pictures for the slide show to be viewed by the seniors just prior to Commencement. Please email your digital photos to **TBD** .

SENIORS LAST DAY: The last day of classes for students will be ***Wednesday, May 22***

QUESTIONS: Any questions concerning graduation or related activities should be directed to the Graduation Coordinators, Sue Forgey at extension 1006 or Cyndy Patrick at extension 1005.

2024 CALENDAR FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES				
(All dates and times are subject to change.)				
EVENT	DAY	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Top 25 Pictures	Wednesday	April 10	10:28 a.m. (Homeroom)	Gym
CTE Awards Luncheon	Wednesday	April 17	11:30 a.m.	Media Center
Rotary Luncheon – NHS Seniors	Tuesday	April 23	12:00 p.m.	Forks of the Wabash
Optimist Club Luncheon – Top 25	Thursday	May 2	12:00 p.m.	Forks of the Wabash
Operation Safe Prom	Friday	May 3	8:00 a.m.	HNHS
Prom (no tickets sold at door)	Saturday	May 4	8:00 – 11:00 p.m.	PAL
Post Prom	Sunday	May 5	11:30 p.m. – 2:30 a.m.	HNHS Fieldhouse
Pinning Ceremony	Thursday	May 16	6:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Achievement Program	Friday	May 17	9:00 a.m. (by invitation only)	Auditorium
Armed Forces Day – Enlistee Celebration	Saturday	May 18	TBD	Auditorium
Baccalaureate Service	Sunday	TBD	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Senior Breakfast	Wednesday	May 22	7:10 a.m.	Commons
Cap & gown distribution	Wednesday	May 22	During breakfast	Pink Room
Marching Practice	Wednesday	May 22	Following Breakfast	Auditorium
Graduation Ticket distribution	Wednesday	May 22	During marching practice	Gym
NHS, AHD, THD, Distinguished/Commended, Viking Pride, Military recipients Pick up sashes/hoods/cords	Wednesday	May 22	During marching practice	Gym
Senior Walks	Wednesday	May 22	Following marching practice	
Graduation	Sunday	May 26	3:00 p.m.	Gym
Memorial Day	Monday	May 27		