

# **HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL**

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**"ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES"**

**To:** Senior Learners, Parents, and Guardians  
**From:** Mr. Travis R. Lee, High School Principal  
**Re:** **Class of 2020 Commencement Ceremony Updates and Reminders**  
**Date:** June 3, 2020

Dear Seniors, Parents, and Guardians,

We are a day away from the HAHS 2020 Commencement Ceremony! We have some final information and updates to share as we approach the big day, and our seniors become Bearcat alumni.

## **Important Notes and Updates**

- An **instructional video** about directions for the commencement ceremony is posted in the senior Google Classroom as well as the HAHS website. This information has been previously provided in written format, but since we will not be able to have a practice prior to the ceremony, this will help to ensure knowledge and understanding of the process and procedures
  - [Graduation Instructional Video](#)
- We know that rain is in the forecast for both Thursday and Friday, and we will continually monitor the weather and radar forecasts. ***If we must postpone the ceremony from Thursday, June 4 until Friday, June 5, we will do so by 10:00 am on Thursday, June 4.*** We will send out a school messenger notification, post on our website and social media pages, and to the senior Google Classroom
- However, we know that this is an important event, so we do not want to let a ***light and intermittent rain forecast*** impede our fun and recognition, especially since most will have the comfort of their vehicles. We would postpone if forecasts indicate otherwise. Therefore, if rain ensues while commencement is in process, please note the following:
  - Seniors will be permitted to carry an umbrella with them as they approach the stage, if needed, and retrieve it prior to reporting back to their vehicle
  - Be mindful about any posters/signs that you may have. You may want to detach and pull inside the vehicle to preserve them for the parade
  - If a storm would come through during the ceremony, we would pause, and then continue. Shelter will be provided for commencement crew workers, and seniors and guests will remain in their cars
- Megan Bookhammer, of **Megan Photography**, is our professional photographer for the commencement event. Ordering information for the commencement photos will be shared in a follow-up message and/or during the ceremony. There will be a photo taken of the graduate receiving their diploma and a second photo as they pause before exiting the stage
- Please remember that a link for the livestream of the ceremony will be posted to the school webpage prior to the ceremony. You can also tune-in to FM 87.9 to listen to the ceremony

**Non-Ceremony Related Information**

- The senior video is still being developed. When finished, it will be shared with seniors in their Grade Level Google Classroom. They will still have access to their school email and classroom during the summer
- The pictures of seniors in their caps and gown for the senior video will also be shared with seniors, either through Google Drive or via email. These turned out great, and will serve as another memento
- The Virtual Yearbook, presented by Seven Mountains Media, is currently scheduled to go live on June 5. We will share this information when we receive it. Thank you for your submissions!