

# 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:** Senior Family Update  
**Date:** April 21, 2021

Greetings Senior Families,

The class advisors and administration have worked with the senior class officers and have gathered information from a senior survey regarding end of year activities. We know that prom, graduation, and other activities are important aspects of the high school experience. During the pandemic, we especially want to provide meaningful events to honor and recognize our seniors and their accomplishments, not only during the challenging year that we've had, but also throughout their educational experience.

***This message provides information regarding our current plans*** for senior activities. However, we know that levels of community transmission and local covid-19 cases are dynamic, so ***our plans are subject to change***. In addition, we expect to receive additional information and recommendations from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) within the coming weeks regarding guidance for proms and graduation ceremonies. Again, **this may lead to modifications to our current plans that are presented**. We are sharing our current plans with families now to keep you abreast of current intentions.

We will keep you updated on any changes as they occur, through parent messages, Skylert notifications, and postings in the senior Google Classroom.

The remaining pages of this message outline the senior activities and guidelines.

We hope that your senior can focus on what needs to be completed and achieved over the final two months of the high school career, while finding time for reflection and enjoyment of this final stage of their educational experience!

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee,  
HAHS Principal

## **Senior Activity Information**

### **Prom Information**

- Date: Friday, May 28, 2021
- Time: 6:00 PM
- Location: Lake Raystown Resort
- Special Notes
  - The prom is for HAHS seniors only. There are no guests or underclassmen permitted
  - Prom Protocols
    - Learners will have table sign-ups in “pods” of 8
      - Pods of learners should coordinate to travel and/or arrive together
    - Masks must be worn at all times when not eating at a table
    - Dancing may be permitted within specific guidelines
    - Participants and parents must sign a waiver acknowledging the risks with attending prom during the pandemic. The waiver is attached to this message for review.
    - Seniors must sign-out when leaving the Prom. There is no readmittance
  - Parking and Arrival Information
    - Seniors should not arrive to the Convention Center prior to 5:00 pm
    - The announcement of seniors/couples will begin at 6:00 pm. Chaperones will facilitate the line-up and spacing
    - Seniors that do not wish to be announced may enter the Convention Center at 5:45 pm
  - Visiting Parents
    - Parents may be present to watch the announcement of seniors. Masks must be worn by all parties at all times
    - Please park at the water park. A bus will be provided to transport guests to the convention center. Masks must be worn during the bus ride. No guests will be permitted to drive to the Convention Center
    - No one except seniors and chaperones will be permitted inside the Convention Center
    - Parents must leave the premises promptly after the announcement of seniors
  - Graduation will be held on the 11th day following the Prom. Should a learner develop Covid-19, or be deemed to be a close contact to a confirmed positive case, participation in the graduation ceremony could be impacted, depending upon timelines and DOH recommendations
  - Seniors that attend the prom will be permitted an early dismissal, after 10:30 am, on Friday, May 28, with written parent permission. Seniors must have purchased a ticket to be eligible for the early dismissal. Seniors in poor attendance or grade/graduation requirement standing will not be permitted to have an early dismissal

### Graduation Information

- Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Location: War Vets Field (HAHS Football Field)
- Rain Date:
  - If not held on June 8, graduation will be held on the first nice weather day following June 8
  - The event will not be moved indoors to permit a larger capacity of guests to attend the event. Note that this could potentially push the ceremony back several days
  - A time adjustment (no sooner than a 5:00 pm start time) may be used to hold the event any evening to avoid inclement weather
- Special Notes
  - Senior Awards will be presented during the graduation ceremony. This worked well last year and provides a chance for everyone to see the accomplishments of the senior class
  - Seniors will be issued eight (8) tickets for guests. Guests must be distanced within the bleachers. Seniors may exchange extra tickets
  - Capacity limits for War Vets Field are subject to change according to Covid-19 protocols and/or the level of community transmission at the time of graduation
- Graduation Parade
  - We are planning to hold a parade for seniors that wish to participate after the ceremony
  - Details to follow
  - This was well received last year, and it's a great way to send our graduates off into the community!
- Individual/Small Group Ceremonies
  - Brief, smaller graduation ceremonies, conducted at the HAHS parking lot, were used last year to alleviate covid-19 concerns as well as to provide an opportunity for learners to receive their diploma in a meaningful way, yet with less of the formal process
  - These ceremonies will be an option again. Details will be shared with the seniors
- **Seniors must satisfy all graduation requirements in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.** Seniors that must attend summer school will not be eligible to attend the ceremony. Please see below for important grading updates

### Baccalaureate Service

- There is currently not a baccalaureate service scheduled. The school will work with the Huntingdon Forum of Churches to determine if a service will be held. Any additional information will be forthcoming

### Grading Updates

- Counselors and administrators have met with learners where there are concerns regarding credit completion for graduation
- It's important that seniors continue to finish strong with MP4 grades. Poor performance during the last quarter of the year can impact the final average for courses, from which credits are awarded. This could impact graduation status
- Again, seniors must meet all graduation and credit requirements to participate in the graduation ceremony. These determinations will be made when senior grades are finalized after June 3

### Important Dates

- Friday, May 21: Senior Graduation Projects Due
- Friday, May 28: Prom
- Thursday, June 3: Senior Grades finalized
- Friday, June 4: Decision Day
- Monday, June 7: Graduation Practice (AM)
- Tuesday, June 8: Graduation Practice (PM)

**Future Information**

- A parent/guardian letter will be sent at the beginning of May outlining specific information regarding end of year expectations and senior activities
- An updated End of Year calendar will be provided with the May parent information