

# HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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**“ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES”**

May 1, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As the 2022-2023 school year comes to a close, we want to remind you of the important dates to be aware of as we prepare for Senior year-end activities. This time of year is very special as graduation signifies a significant benchmark in a student's life, and is the starting point for what lies ahead in their future. Please review the information below, and support your learner during this celebratory, yet sometimes emotional, time.

Senior grades will be submitted by teachers to Skyward by 3 PM on Thursday, 5/18/23. **Seniors must not wait until this time to submit assignments to the teachers. ALL coursework should be submitted by the teacher's deadlines to be graded by the teachers.** Penalties for late work submission may apply, and work may not be accepted after the teacher deadline, regardless of the final grading date. Please note that all graduation requirements must be completed by this date in order to walk/participate in the commencement ceremony. Seniors will receive their report cards during graduation practice.

The following is a schedule of our activities and other significant days and deadlines:

Thursday, May 4	Senior Symposium
Thursday, May 11	Spring Music Concert – 7:00 PM (HS Auditorium)
Friday, May 12	Senior Decision Day
Saturday, May 13	Prom - Lake Raystown Resort and Convention Center - 6:00 to 10:00 PM
Wednesday, May 17	Extracurricular/Jazz Concert – 7:00 PM (HS Auditorium)
Thursday, May 18	Senior Grades Due in Skyward by Teachers at 3:00 PM 6:00 PM - HCCTC Graduation (at Juniata Valley High School)
Monday, May 22	Senior Picnic (Afternoon)
Tuesday, May 23	8:00 AM – Bacc/Commencement mandatory practice in the auditorium 7:00 PM - Senior Awards Program (HS Auditorium)
Wednesday, May 24	8:00 AM – Commencement mandatory practice at War Vets Field 7:00 PM – Baccalaureate (HS Auditorium)
Thursday, May 25	8:00 AM – Commencement mandatory practice at War Vets Field 7:00 PM – Commencement at War Vets Field

**Your child's immunization record is enclosed. Please keep this for your records.**

If you have any questions concerning senior activities, please do not hesitate to call the school office at (814)643-1080. Again, graduation is an important and exciting event in a learner's life and educational career, and we hope to see you at these events!

Respectfully,

Travis R. Lee,  
HAHS Principal

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TO: All Members of the Class of 2023  
FROM: Mr. Travis Lee, Principal  
SUBJECT: **Baccalaureate and Commencement**

Baccalaureate and Commencement are important parts of the completion of the high school career. These events serve as the final times that the Class of 2023 will be formally recognized. All seniors are requested to be at Baccalaureate and Commencement. This is an important achievement for students, and a time for families and friends to join in recognizing this accomplishment, so attendance is important. If unable to attend Commencement, you must be excused in advance by May 12, 2023. If students wish to participate in a small private graduation ceremony, please notify Mrs. Pyne and Mr. Lee by May 12, 2023.

Rehearsal for Baccalaureate and Commencement will be on Tuesday, May 23, at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium, Wednesday, May 24, and Thursday, May 25, at 8:00 a.m. with Mr. Lee and Mrs. Fouse directing activities at War Vets Field. Attendance at rehearsals is **mandatory**. After the Commencement rehearsal on May 23, seniors will be notified of outstanding debts that must be paid prior to Commencement.

Baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday, May 24, in the high school auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Graduates will assemble in the cafeteria at 6:15 p.m. to receive any last minute instructions. Your caps should be level with the tassels on the left side. During the prayer, men should remove their caps.

Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 25 at War Vets Field at 7:00 p.m. The event will also be livestreamed. All seniors must report to the fieldhouse by 6:00 p.m. for special instructions. Name cards will be distributed at this time, and processional lines will be formed by 6:45 p.m. We strongly suggest that you leave no money or valuables unattended during the ceremony.

In the case of inclement weather, the HAHS gymnasium will be used for Commencement. Each student will receive eight (8) tickets for Commencement during commencement practice. When Commencement is held at the high school, tickets are needed. Ticket holders only will be admitted until 6:45 p.m.; then the gymnasium will be open to the public. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me at your earliest convenience.

**For Baccalaureate and Graduation: Gowns must be “in press” for this occasion with men wearing dark trousers and black shoes and ladies wearing appropriate shoes (no flip flops, must have heel or heel strap).** Tassels should be on the left and caps worn level. During the National Anthem and Alma Mater, men should remove their caps.

**For you to participate in Commencement, all graduation requirements must be completed by May 18.** If you are unable to pass all requirements, you will not walk with your class; instead, you will receive your diploma at a later time. Due to past incidents of misconduct involving beach balls and other distasteful displays, any students performing acts that diminish the proper decorum of this dignified ceremony will have their diplomas withheld until appropriate consequences have been fulfilled. Please note that the Commencement ceremony is to be an important event for the graduating students, the school, and the community, and therefore proper decorum is expected.

If you have any questions concerning senior activities, please contact the school office. I wish you the best of luck as you near the end of your high school career. Please remember to be making smart and responsible decisions during this exciting time of your lives!