

SENIOR NEWS

GRADUATION

Class Colors: Blue & Red Class Flower: Hydrangea Class Motto: "Bearcat Pride Never Dies!" Class Song: "Take Me Home, Country Roads"

April 19, 2024 | Huntington Area High School

Senior Photos

All seniors will have their photos taken the morning of May 2nd in the auditorium, beginning with an entire senior group photo at 8 am and then moving onto individuals – you will need your caps and gowns for this! Photos will be scheduled around symposium times. Order forms are being distributed in homerooms on Thursday, April 18th – forms and payment are due the day of pictures. Unfortunately, there has not been enough interest in yard signs at this point.

May 2



Senior Symposium

From 9 am to 2 pm, seniors will be reporting in small groups to the gymnasium for a presentation and interview process with community members. Be sure to read through the project packet to ensure that you have properly addressed all three components:

Section 1 – your portfolio

Section 2 – your career presentation

Section 3 – your interview preparation

Remember to adhere to the dress guidelines and preview the rubric ahead of time!

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 2: Senior Photos, 8:00–9:30 am, Auditorium
Senior Symposium, 9:00–2:00, Gym

Friday, May 10: Decision Day, 6th–8th periods, Gym

Saturday, May 11: Prom, 6:00–10:00 pm, Raystown Resort

Thursday, May 16: Senior Grades Due
CTC Graduation, 6:00–8:00 pm, SHCHS

Monday, May 20: Senior Picnic, 12:30–2:30 pm, front lawn

Tuesday, May 21: Graduation Practice, 8:00 am, Auditorium
Senior Awards, 7:00–8:30 pm, Auditorium

Wednesday, May 22: Graduation Practice, 8:00 am, War Vets
Baccalaureate, 7:00–8:30 pm, Auditorium
*be in cafeteria by 6:15

Thursday, May 23: Graduation Practice, 8:00 am
Graduation, 7:00–8:30 pm, War Vets
*be at the field by 6:15



Cap and Gown Care

Caps and gowns were distributed on April 15. To ensure they are ready for senior photos and graduation events, please take them out of the bag, make sure you have a cap, tassel, and gown and then immediately hang your gown to allow the wrinkles and creases to relax. Hanging them in a steam-filled room for awhile will also accomplish this objective. Seniors may also decorate their caps as long as messages and designs are school appropriate.

Prom

Please remember that, rather than a full meal being served this year, there will only be snack and finger foods so you may want to eat dinner before the event so that you can enjoy the festivities!



Special thanks to the senior class officers: President – Henry Kyper, Vice-President – Lincoln Miller, Secretary – Shelby Beaver, Treasurer – Nathan Mathur, and Historian – Ashley Cassatt



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Graduation Practice

In order to learn your processional responsibilities for baccalaureate and graduation, we will be holding two mandatory practices during the last week of school, with the possibility of a third if it is necessary. PLEASE be PROMPT so that we can start on time and get you out of here in a timely fashion!

Tuesday, 5/21 – partner pairs, practice lining up and walking

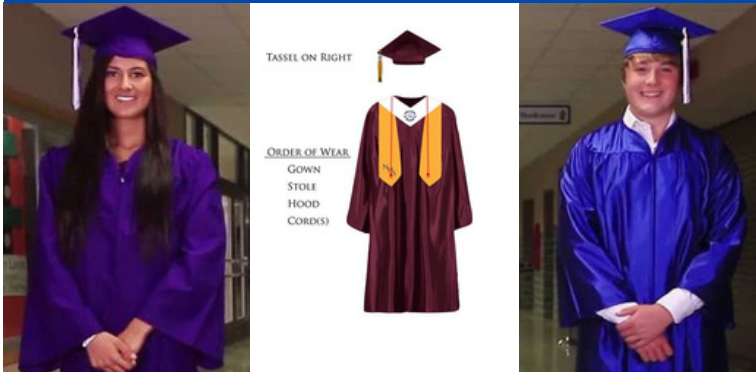
Wednesday, 5/22 – practice lining up, walking, & receiving diplomas

Thursday, 5/23 – ONLY if needed

*CAPS & GOWNS ARE NOT NEEDED FOR PRACTICE!

Baccalaureate Service

This event, hosted by the Huntingdon Forum of Churches, is a way for the community to honor the graduating seniors, however, due to its religious nature, it is optional to attend. The senior class officers will join with clergy from various local churches to lead a celebration of prayer and song. Pastor Doug Wagner from the Community Chapel of Hesston will be this year's featured speaker.



Graduation

Seniors are expected to be at the field house by 6:15 pm for head shots by Megan's Photography and to organize the processional. We need to be in our places by 6:45 in order to facilitate the 7:00 start so do not stray far once there!

Huntingdon will welcome back 2010 graduate Rufus Brenneman, Jr. to give this year's commencement address.

For those who may not be able to make it to the ceremony, the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit will be live-streaming it.

*IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM WITH SENIORS GATHERING IN THE CAFETERIA. IF THIS HAPPENS, EACH SENIOR WILL HAVE 8 TICKETS TO DISTRIBUTE TO GUESTS; ANY OVERFLOW WILL BE IN THE AUDITORIUM.

Dress Etiquette for Graduation

The ceremony is steeped in tradition, right down to the garb. What you wear with and underneath your graduation gowns is important. With white, ladies should wear white or very light-colored clothing that will not show through; also choose dressy shoes that are comfortable to walk in, whether it be a cement or grass surface. As for the gentlemen, dark pants and an appropriate shirt, preferably collared, should be worn with a dressier shoe. And, for those with honor or recognition regalia, see the picture above for the proper layering order.

Tassel Guide

Tassels start out on the right side of your cap and you move it to the left when prompted at graduation.



Happy Graduation

Courtesy of Mitzi Fouse and Stacey McMath, Senior Class Co-Advisors

