

CONGRATS

# SENIOR NEWS



April 20, 2026 | Huntington Area High School



## Cap & Gown Photos – April 24

All seniors will have their photos taken the morning of April 24th in the auditorium – these are the pictures that will be used for graduation in The Daily News as well as for the yard signs. Please remember that you will need your caps and gowns for this! Order forms for picture packages were distributed in homeroom – these forms along with payment made out to Manning Photography are due the day of pictures. If ordering a yard sign, this is a separate order and payment that is to be given to Ms. McMath no later than April 24<sup>th</sup> – checks should be made out to HASD.

\*Mr. Manning will also be in Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> to take pictures for a small group of seniors out for field trips on Friday.



## Senior Traditions

Class Colors: Burgundy & White

Class Flower: Carnation

Class Motto: "You must always have faith in people and, most importantly, you must always have faith in yourself."  
Elle Woods

Class Song: "Good Old Days" ~ Macklemore featuring Kesha



## Important Dates to Remember

Friday, April 24: Senior Pictures, 8:30–9:30 am, Auditorium

Monday, April 27: Civics Exam, all day, government classes

Thursday, April 30: Signing Day

Friday, May 1: Decision Day

Thursday, May 7: Senior Symposium, 9:00–2:00, Gym

Thursday, May 14: Senior Grades Due & Last Day  
Senior Picnic, front lawn in the pm  
CTC Graduation, 6:00–8:00 pm,

Friday, May 15: Prom, 6:00–10:00 pm, Raystown Resort

Tuesday, May 19: Grad Practice, 8:00 am, Auditorium  
Senior Awards, 7:00–8:30 pm, Auditorium

Wednesday, May 20: Graduation Practice, 8:00, War Vets  
Baccalaureate, 7:00–8:30 pm, Auditorium  
\*be in cafeteria by 6:15

Thursday, May 21: \*Graduation Practice, 8:00 am  
Graduation, 7:00–8:30 pm, War Vets  
\*be at the field by 6:15

## Senior Symposium – May 7

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!



## Prom

Remember seniors that, since grades are due on May 14th, that is your last official day of classes – you have been excused on Friday the 15th, but Prom will be held that evening. This year's theme is Midnight in Rio. You may want to eat before attending!



Thank you to the senior class officers:

President – Molly Millar, Vice-President – Addalee Buza, Secretary – Zoey Norris, Treasurer – Emilie Hayden

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## Graduation Practices

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, 5/19 - partner pairs, practice lining up & walking

Wednesday, 5/20 - practice lining up, walking, & receiving diplomas

Thursday, 5/21 - ONLY if needed

\*CAPS & GOWNS ARE NOT NEEDED FOR PRACTICE!

## Baccalaureate Service

This event, hosted by the Huntington 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 on Wednesday, May 20, beginning at 7:00 pm in the high school auditorium.



## 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!

This year's commencement speaker will be 2003 Bearcat graduate and entrepreneur, Demetri Patitsas.



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 A SET NUMBER OF 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 ON RIGHT

ORDER OF WEAR

GOWN  
STOLE  
HOOD  
CORD(S)

## Tassel Guide

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

