



Class of 2019

Dear Parents,

The final few weeks of the school year for seniors always come so quickly, and before we know it, graduation is here! As we approach the end of the school year, thoughts and questions about graduation become very important to both seniors and their families.

This booklet will be helpful in providing answers to many questions about graduation and the events leading up to graduation day. Topics such as graduation requirements, special senior events, times and dates of end-of-the-year activities, and the graduation ceremony are all addressed.

Throughout the year, we have made every effort to keep you informed about your son's or daughter's academic progress. It is important that you continue to keep a close watch on this area as we finish the school year. Additionally, good attendance is extremely important and can be a factor in passing classes.

If you have concerns or questions that are not addressed in this guide, please call the school at 513-367-4169 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. For school fee information, contact Mrs. Amy Kinnett; for academic information, contact your student's counselor and his/her teacher; for any other concerns, please contact Mr. Niehaus, Mr. Meibers, Mrs. Aghotte or me.

Sincerely,

Matt Lindley

Principal

End of the Year Events

April 5		Senior Graduation Speeches due for consideration	May 10	7:30 am	AP Testing – United States History, Activity Center
April 12		Endangered Senior Letter sent to all seniors (and parents) who are in danger of not graduating. Mr. Lindley may follow-up with a phone call to the homes to encourage parents to arrange a meeting with the teachers of classes in question.	May 10	11:30 am	AP Testing – Computer Science Principles, Activity Center
April 12	Lunch	Graduation Announcement Pick Up - Available during lunch	May 10	8:15 am	Prom Attenders Meeting – Martin Marietta
April 19		Good Friday – NO SCHOOL	May 10		Senior Survey due to Mrs. Acra in Guidance
April 25	2:00 pm	Class of 2019, Athletic Signing Day	May 11	7:30 pm – 11:30 pm	2019 Prom at Newport Aquarium
April 26		District Mid-term Day	May 13	7:30 am	AP Testing – Biology, Activity Center
April 29	7:00 pm	French Honor Society Induction, Commons	May 13	7:00 pm	Scarlet Oaks Senior Awards Program, Tri-County Assembly of God
May 1	7:00 pm	Spanish Honor Society Induction, Commons	May 14	7:00 pm	Diamond Oaks Senior Awards Program, Tri-County Assembly of God
May 3		Fee Notices sent for Delinquent Obligations distributed during Advisory. Remember ALL fees and fines MUST be paid before diplomas will be issued and/or transcripts sent.	May 14	7:30 am	AP Testing – Calculus AB and Calculus BC, Activity Center
May 6	Lunch	Cap and Gown Pick Up – Available during Lunch	May 14	11:30 am	AP Testing – Human Geography and Art History, Activity Center
May 6	7:30 am – 12:00 pm	AP Testing – US Gov and Politics, Activity Center	May 15	7:30 am	AP Testing English Language and Composition, Activity Center
May 6	11:30 am – 4:00 pm	AP Testing – Environmental Science, Activity Center	May 16	7:30 am	AP Testing – World History, Activity Center
May 6	7:00 pm	National Honor Society Induction, Martin Marietta Theater	May 16	11:30 am	AP Testing – Statistics, Activity Center
May 6 – 10		MAP Testing Week	May 18	8:00 pm – 11:00 pm	MORP Dance
May 7	7:30 am	AP Testing – Seminar, Activity Center	May 20		Regular School Day - ALL GRADES – Computer Collection
May 7	11:30 am	AP Testing – Physics 1: Algebra-Based, Activity Center	May 21	8:20 am – 9:35 am	Senior Math Exam
May 8	7:30 am	AP Testing – English Literature and Composition, Activity Center	May 21	9:55 am – 11:10 am	Senior English Exam
May 9	7:30 am	AP Testing – Chemistry, Activity Center	May 22	8:20 am – 9:35 am	Senior Science Exam
May 9	11:30 am	AP Testing – Psychology, Activity Center	May 22	9:55 am – 11:10 am	Senior Social Studies Exam
			May 23	8:20 am – 9:35 am	Senior Foreign Language Exam
			May 23	9:55 am – 11:10 am	Senior Exams – Make ups and Double Classes
			May 23	6:00 pm	Academic and Military Signing Ceremony and Community Scholarships
			May 23	7:30 pm	Senior Awards Program followed by the Senior Scholarship Video

End of the Year Events continued

May 24	8:15 am – 2:30 pm	Senior Play Day – Northern Kentucky University – Required day of Attendance	May 29		Last day for Underclassmen
May 27		Memorial Day – No School	May 30		End of the Fourth Quarter, NO SCHOOL for students
May 28	9:00 am	Class of 2019 Walk-throughs in respective elementary schools	May 30	7:30 pm	“Class of 2019” Graduation Ceremony Doors open 6:00 pm –
May 28	10:00 am	Class of 2019 Walk-throughs in the Junior School			SENIORS REPORT 6:30 PM
May 28	6:00pm	Senior Banquet, The Meadows in Addyston	June 2	5:00 pm	Alumni Assoc. Dinner and Meeting – Commons, Welcome Class of 2019
May 29	8:00 am	Graduation Breakfast for Seniors, Activity Center Bistro			
May 29	8:30am – 11:30 am	Graduation Rehearsal			

Senior Events

Senior Play Day/Senior Banquet

Senior play day is Friday, May 24 and is a required day of attendance. Any student who does not go to Northern Kentucky University with the class is expected to be in school. Special events will include breakfast, lunch, transportation and entrance into NKU's Campus Recreation Center. Cost for the entire day is only \$10.00

Senior Banquet will be held at The Meadows in Addyston (directions to follow – be sure to watch your speed) on Tuesday, May 28th, at 6 p.m. Special events will include senior video, senior superlatives and dinner. Dress is semi-formal (no jeans or sweatpants). Cost for this event is only \$25.00

NOTE: If you attend both events the total cost is \$30.00

Athletic, Academic and Military Signing and Awards

Athletic signings will be held on Thursday, April 25th at 2:00 p.m. in the Wildcat Arena.

Academic and Military signing and awards will be held on Thursday, May 23rd at the Martin Marietta Performing Arts Theatre. Academic/Military signing, and Community Scholarships will be at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following will be the annual Senior Academic Awards Night program beginning at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Senior Scholarship video. If your student is being recognized on this evening you will receive an invitation in the mail.

Graduation Practices, Senior Breakfast

Mandatory Graduation practice will be held in the Wildcat Sports Arena on Wednesday, May 29th from 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Senior Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. in the Activity Center Bistro. Mandatory graduation practice will be held in the Wildcat Arena immediately following Senior Breakfast. REMINDER – Attendance at Graduation practice is REQUIRED for all who plan to participate in the graduation ceremony. If you do not practice, you can pick up your diploma on or after Monday, June 3 providing the office is open. All disciplinary and delinquent obligations MUST be settled, or arrangements approved by an administrator prior to attending graduation practice.

Class of 2019 Walk-throughs

“Class of 2019” walk-throughs in respective elementary schools will take place on Tuesday, May 28th at 9:00 a.m. Walk-throughs in the Junior School will take place Tuesday, May 28th at 10:00 a.m. Students will wear their caps and gowns for the walk-throughs. This is a student organized event.

Senior Final Exams

May 21st, 22nd, 23rd - Senior Exams (and Junior Honor Chain Members) – All Senior exams will be held in the Activity Center Gymnasium. Below is the 2019 Senior Exam schedule.

You will remain in the exam area until all exams are finished. You will not be permitted to enter the main building before or after exams

Senior exam exemptions criteria are as follows. All must be met (Test exemptions are a privilege not a right) January 3rd thru May 20th

- No more than two absences (excused or unexcused) from class 2nd semester (More than 20 minutes from class equals absence)
 - o College visits, Military requirements and Field Trips, are excused with proper paperwork and approval
- Three excused or unexcused tardiness to class 2nd semester equals an absence. (Less than 20 minutes late is a tardy)
- C or better in the class 2nd semester
- No missing assignments second semester

These test exemption guidelines will be monitored by your individual teacher

- If you TAKE an Advanced Placement Test, you do not have a Final Exam in that AP class. However, the AP teacher may require a final exam based on grades and attendance.
 - AP exam grade will consist of 3rd and 4th quarter average
- All OAKS Senior Final Exams (Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Charls and Chief Moyer’s classes are on-line exams & will be completed in class prior to May 21st.)
- Band, Chorus and Art classes are performance-based and final exam will be completed during class time.
 - Exam grades for these courses will be based on performance, class projects, portfolios or presentations as directed by individual teachers.
 - The Semester Exam grade will be based on the average of the 3rd and 4th quarters.

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2019 Prom and After-Prom

May 11, 2019

2019 Prom Theme – “Sunset by the Sea”

5:30pm – 6:30pm	Prom Check-in (bring all After-Prom apparel on the bus)
5:45pm	Buses depart as they fill (Arrive early to enjoy the beautiful view of the Ohio River and downtown Cincinnati!)
7:00pm – 11:00pm	Prom at the Newport Aquarium. Enter at the Riverside Room Event Entrance.
7:30pm – 10:30pm	Heavy Appetizers Served in the Theatre/Shore Gallery
9:30pm	Desserts served in Jellyfish Gallery
11:00pm	Buses depart from Newport Levy for After Prom

Ticket Cost: \$80.00 per person. Checks made payable to “Harrison HS”.

Ticket Sales Dates and Locations:

HS Commons during lunch the weeks of April 22 – 26 and April 29 – May 3

Tickets are also available from the front office during office hours or speak to the Jr. Class Advisor, Mr. Thomas

After Prom

11:00 pm – 2:00 am	The Place
2:00 am	Buses depart from The Place in route back to Activity Center

Commencement

The Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2019 will be held at the William Henry Harrison High School Wildcat Arena on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Graduates need to arrive by 6:30 p.m.

Commencement Information

1. Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2019 in the Wildcat Arena at the William Henry Harrison High School Activity Center.
2. Each senior will receive ten graduation tickets for family and friends at the end of graduation practice on Wednesday, May 29th. If you are not in need of all ten tickets, please return the unused tickets. Those of you that need more than ten tickets can remain after practice to receive additional tickets as available.
3. Graduates should report to the staging area (hallways adjacent to Gym) no later than 6:30 p.m. We will review this in detail with the seniors during graduation practice.
4. Commencement will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. The doors to the Activity Center will open to the public at 6:00 p.m. Early entry to reserve seating will not be permitted.
5. The commencement ceremonies will be broadcast via closed circuit TV to the Auditorium area for those preferring to view in this manner.
6. Special handicap seating will be available upon request. Please contact Mrs. Kinnett at (513)728-8425 (direct line) or 513-367-4169 (main line) for specific details. We ask that you call by Thursday, May 23rd to allow for adequate reserved seating on the night of graduation.

The Ceremony

The William Henry Harrison High School Commencement is a ceremony, not a celebration, and as such, will be conducted with dignity and respect. Graduates, parents and guests are reminded that, out of respect to all members of the Class of 2019, anything that detracts from the dignity of the ceremony will not be permitted. Because commencement is a formal ceremony involving over 250 students, certain standards have been established.

In accordance with Southwest Local Schools Board of Education Policies and Procedures, all academic requirements must be met in advance and in full to be permitted to participate in graduation rehearsal and the commencement exercises.

Participation in commencement is optional and is also a privilege not a right. Graduates wishing to participate in the ceremony must adhere to the guidelines and rules established by the school.

Commencement Ceremony Details

Attire:

Cap and Gown-

1. Students will wear caps and gowns as prescribed by the school.
2. Required Dress:
 - a. Males- White dress shirt, dark slacks, dark socks, and dark shoes. Ties are recommended but not required. Jeans, shorts and gym shoes are NOT permitted.
 - b. Females- White or light-colored dress, not to go below the outer gown. White/Nude dress shoes or sandals should be worn. Flip Flops and Crocs are NOT permitted.
3. NO CHEWING GUM
4. Ordered Caps and Gowns will be delivered during lunch on May 6, 2019
5. Please have your student try on the Cap and Gown immediately. If you do need to adjust, please contact Graduate Services at 513-272-5890 immediately. WHHHS does not have extra Caps and Gowns.

6. Any student who has not ordered a Cap and Gown please contact Graduate Services immediately to do so at 513-272-5890.
7. Graduates will not be allowed to carry anything into the graduation ceremony that is not part of the ceremony, including purses, cameras or CELL PHONES.
8. Any student reporting to graduation dressed improperly will NOT have the privilege of participating in graduation.

Pictures:

1. Students will know their seat location after graduation rehearsal on May 29th.
2. Pictures must be taken from the seating area. Only Commencement personnel and seniors will be allowed on the floor of the Wildcat Arena during the ceremony.
3. Ritchie Photography (513) 941-6120 will take pictures as students receive their diplomas. After graduation, information will be mailed to the seniors about purchasing the pictures. Contact them with questions.

Graduation Requirements

All seniors must complete all academic and other requirements outlined below to participate in the William Henry Harrison High School Commencement Ceremony.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

English	4 Credits	Fine Arts	1 Credit
Social Studies (Must include American History and Government)	3 Credits	Physical Education	½ Credit
Mathematics (Must include Algebra 2)	4 Credits	Health	½ Credit
Science (must include a Life Science and Physical Science)	3 Credits	Electives	5 Credits
	TOTAL		21 CREDITS

*Financial Literacy Requirement

*Students completing a career center program do NOT need a full credit of Fine Art, but must have 21 total credits.

*The deadline for senior completion of edgenuity classes to participate in the commencement ceremony is Wednesday, May 15th.

Additional Requirement to Receive a Diploma from William Henry Harrison High School

- Minimum points accumulated on course tests – 18 Points total on the seven tests AND enough points earned in each subject area
- All School fees must be paid in full, textbooks and library materials returned, and all other obligations fulfilled prior to graduation.
- Although the school will make every effort prior to graduation day to contact parents of those seniors who have failed to meet academic requirements, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to make certain those requirements and other obligations are met.

Important Miscellaneous Items

1. **Academic Requirements:** We will make every effort prior to graduation day to contact parents of those seniors who have failed to meet academic requirements.
2. **Senior Survey & Information for the Commencement Program:** Each senior has received a Senior Survey (also available online). Please go over and complete this survey with your child and discuss with your child the importance of giving accurate information. The information submitted on these surveys will be used for the slide presentation at Awards Night as well as Academic Signing, the commencement program and for sending transcripts. Remember students cannot be recognized for a scholarship that we do not know about. All scholarship information should be channeled through each student's Guidance Counselor. Surveys should be returned to the Guidance office by Friday, May 10th.
3. **Academic Signing:** Students who will be receiving 50% or more of college tuition in scholarship money as well as students entering the armed forces will be recognized at the Academic Signing. Again, this information is obtained from the Senior Survey which is due Friday May 10th. Students being recognized will receive information at a later date.
4. **Seniors going to college:** If your son or daughter needs a final transcript sent to a college, make sure to let the guidance department know where it should be sent. Seniors should identify the college selected on the final senior survey. Upon graduation, no transcripts will be issued until all school fees are paid.
5. **Picking up Diplomas:** Students will receive their diplomas during the graduation ceremony unless they have delinquent obligations. Those students will receive only a diploma cover. Upon full payment of school fees or delinquent obligations, they may pick up their diploma from Amy Kinnett in the high school office. Diplomas will not be issued unless all school fees are paid in full.
6. **Senior Pranks:** Any senior who contributes in any way to the disruption of the normal school operation will be subject to disciplinary action. This action may include, but not be limited to, being denied participation in Commencement on May 30, 2019. Any graduate participating in or contributing to inappropriate behavior during Commencement will be removed.

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