



William Henry Harrison High School
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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 in 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. Kimberly Frey; for academic information, contact your student's counselor and his/her teacher; for any other concerns, please contact Mrs. Long, Mr. Meibers, Mr. Niehaus, or me.

Sincerely,

Joe Pollitt
Principal

End of the Year Events

All dates are subject to change

February 13		Senior Mailing for Yearbook and TV Production Items
February 13		Clubs and Organizations Group Picture Day
February 14		No School – Conference Release Day
February 17		No School – Presidents' Day
February 20		Fee Notices Distributed in Advisory
		Remember ALL fees and fines MUST be paid before diplomas are issued.
February 20		Graduation Speech Information Available to Seniors in Advisory
February 21		Yearbook Senior Quotes due
February 25		ACT testing day for ALL Juniors -- Remote Day for grades 9, 10, and 12
February 27	3:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Parent Teacher Conference Night
March 5	7:00 pm	Winter Choir Concert
March 6		Nominations for Senior Class Superlatives & Most Influential Teacher Opens
March 12	7:00 pm	Winter Band Concert
March 14		No School – Last day of Third Quarter
March 14		Baby Pictures, Senior Pictures, and payments due for yearbook and senior Video
March 19	Lunch	Graduation Announcement Pick Up - Available during lunch (Harrison High School students)
March 21		Nominations for Senior Class Superlatives & Most Influential Teacher Closes
March 24-28		Spring Break
April 3	7:45 am -- 1:30 pm	Blood Drive – Hoxworth Blood Center at Wildcat Sports Arena
April 4		Endangered Senior Letter sent to all seniors (and parents) who are in danger of not graduating. Mr. Pollitt may follow up with a phone call to the homes to encourage parents to arrange a meeting with the teachers of classes in question.
April 11	3:00 pm	Senior Graduation Speeches due for consideration; please submit a hard copy to Mrs. Hinterlong or Mr. Weber
April 11		Great Oak students – Graduation Announcement Pick Up at Diamond (in the morning) and Scarlet (in the afternoon)
April 11 & 12		Spring Drama Production – “Footloose”
April 14		Voting opens for Senior Class Superlatives and Most Influential Teacher
April 18		No School – Easter Break
April 21		No School – Easter Break
April 22	2:00 pm	Class of 2025 Athletic Signing Day – Wildcat Sports Arena
April 24		Graduation Survey opens in Naviance to be completed in homeroom
		**Graduation Surveys must be completed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony
April 25		Voting closes for Senior Class Superlatives and Most Influential Teacher
April 29	Lunch	Cap and Gown Pick Up – Available During Lunch (Harrison High School students)
May 1		Deadline to complete Graduation Surveys in Naviance
May 1		Advisory – PROM Expectations
May 1		Great Oak students - Cap and Gown Pick Up at Diamond (in the morning) and Scarlet (in the afternoon)

May 3	7:30 pm-11:00 pm	2025 Prom – BB Riverboats
May 5		Last Day for Fee Payments
May 5	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Biology, Activity Center</u>
May 6	7:00 pm	Spring Band Concert
May 6	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Chemistry, Activity Center</u>
May 6	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Human Geography, Activity Center</u>
May 6	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – US Gov and Politics, Activity Center</u>
May 7	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – English Literature and Composition, Activity Center</u>
May 7	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Computer Science Principles A, Activity Center</u>
May 8	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – World History: Modern, Activity Center</u>
May 9	6:00 pm	Fine Arts Signing Day – Martin Marietta Performing Arts Theater
May 9		Alternative Pathway Graduates – ALL forms and documents due
May 12	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Calculus AB and Calculus BC, Activity Center</u>
May 12	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Seminar, Activity Center</u>
May 12	6:30 p.m.	Scarlet Oaks Senior Awards Program – at NKU
May 13	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Environmental Science, Activity Center</u>
May 13	7:00pm	DECA Awards Night – Activity Center Auditorium
May 13	7:00 pm	Diamond Oaks Senior Awards Program – at NKU
May 14	7:00 pm	Spring Chorus Concert
May 14	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – English Language and Composition, Activity Center</u>
May 14	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Physics C: Mech, Activity Center</u>
May 15	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Senior Day – Northern Kentucky University – Required day of Attendance
May 16		Seniors' Last Day
May 16		Computer Turn-in Day - Seniors
May 16	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Physics 1: Algebra-Based, Active Center</u>
May 16	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Psychology, Activity Center</u>
May 19		No School - Teacher Inservice Day
May 19	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Senior Banquet, Miami Township Community Center
May 20	5:30 pm	Academic and Military Signing Ceremony
May 20	6:15 pm	Community Scholarships
May 20	7:30 pm	Senior Awards Program/Senior Scholarship Video
May 22	8:30 am	Class of 2025 Walk-throughs at the High School
May 22	9:00 am	Class of 2025 Walk-throughs at the Junior School
May 22	9:30 am	Class of 2025 Walk-throughs at Miami Whitewater Elementary
May 22	10:00 am	Class of 2025 Walk-throughs at Crosby and Harrison Elementary
May 23	8:00 am	Graduation Breakfast (donuts) for Seniors, Activity Center Bistro
May 23	8:30am – 11:30 am	Graduation Rehearsal – Wildcats Sports Arena (mandatory to attend to walk in Graduation Ceremony)
May 26		No School – Memorial Day
May 27	7:30 pm	“Class of 2025” Graduation Ceremony – Wildcat Sports Arena
May 28	TBD	Underclass Award Assemblies
May 28		Last Day for Underclassmen
May 29		End of 2 nd Semester
May 30		Records Day
May 31	6:00 pm	Alumni Assoc. Dinner and Meeting – Alumni Scholarships Awarded - Welcome Class of 2025

Senior Events

Senior Play Day/Senior Banquet

Senior Day is Thursday, May 15 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. Besides transportation and lunch being provided, students will also have access to spaces at NKU's Campus Recreation Center (which includes pools and courts for basketball/volleyball/racquetball). The cost for the entire day is **\$15.00**.

The Senior Banquet will be held at the Miami Township Community Center (3780 Shady Lane, North Bend, OH 45002) on Monday, May 19th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This senior-only event will include the senior video, senior superlatives, and dinner. The dress is semi-formal (no jeans or sweatpants). The cost for this event is **\$25.00**.

NOTE: Tickets will be purchased through Local Level online ONLY. A QR code and link will be sent in Class of 2025 Teams by April 28, 2025.

Athletic, Academic and Military Signing and Awards

Athletic signings will be held on Tuesday, April 22nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Wildcat Arena.

Academic and Military signing and awards will be held on Tuesday, May 20th at the Martin Marietta Performing Arts Theatre. **Academic and Military signing will be at 5:30 p.m. and Community Scholarships will be at 6:15 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 recognized on this evening, you will receive an invitation in the mail.

Graduation Practice

Mandatory Graduation practice will be held in the Wildcat Sports Arena on Friday, May 23rd from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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 Tuesday, June 3rd providing the office is open. Please call the school before you arrive at 513-367-4169. All disciplinary and delinquent obligations MUST be settled, or arrangements approved by an administrator prior to attending graduation practice.

Class of 2025 Walk-throughs

"Class of 2025" Walk-throughs will be on May 22nd beginning at the High School at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Junior School at 9:00 a.m. Walkthroughs in respective elementary schools will also take place on Thursday, May 22nd at 9:30 a.m. (Miami Whitewater Elem) and 10:00 a.m. (Crosby & Harrison Elem). Students will wear their caps and gowns and must provide their own transportation for the walk-throughs. This is a student organized event.

Thursday, May 16th is senior computer turn in day.

William Henry Harrison High School
2025 Prom
May 3, 2025

6:00pm – 7:00pm

- Check-in at the High School

6:30pm – 8:00pm

- BB Riverboat

8:00pm – 11:00pm

- Prom at BB Riverboat
- Dinner will be available starting at 7:30 pm

11:30pm – 2:00am

- After Prom at The Place

Miscellaneous

- Students cannot have more than 6 unexcused absences from the beginning of the 2nd semester
- From BB Riverboat the buses will take the students interested to After Prom
- Students not interested in After Prom will return via bus to the High School
- Students will be bused from After Prom to the High School
- Tickets will go on sale the week of April 14th through April 25th **online**
(date of ticket sales online are subject to change)
- Students will need to enter their student ID to purchase tickets
- The Guest permission slip form will be available to print online and return to the High School office

Ticket Cost: TBD.

Commencement

The Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2025 will be held at the William Henry Harrison High School Wildcat Arena on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Commencement Information

1. The ceremony will be as follows:
 - **ALL** graduates will need to arrive no later than 6:30 pm.
 - The number of graduation tickets for students' families will be seven (7) tickets per student. **Graduation tickets will be handed out to students at the end of graduation practice on Friday, May 23, 2025.** If you are not in need of all the tickets, please return the unused tickets.

2. **ALL** graduates should report to the staging area (hallways adjacent to Gym) no later than **6:30 pm**. All graduates will process in for the 7:30 pm ceremony. We will review this in detail with the seniors during graduation practice.
3. The commencement ceremonies will be broadcast via closed circuit TV to the Auditorium area for those preferring to view in this manner. There is no ticket needed to view the ceremony in the Auditorium.
4. Special handicapped seating will be available upon request. Please contact Mrs. Frey at 513-728-8425 (direct line) or 513-367-4169 (main line) for specific details. **We ask you to call by Monday, May 5th 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 2025, anything that detracts from the dignity of the ceremony will not be permitted. Because Commencement is a formal ceremony involving over 338 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; students may not alter and/or decorate their cap or gown in any way. Only cords and stoles issued by William Henry Harrison High School or Great Oaks may be worn.
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 April 29, 2025, for Harrison High School students and on May 1, 2025, for Great Oaks students.
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 23rd.
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 pictures. Contact them with questions.

Graduation Requirements

The first requirement for graduation is that students at William Henry Harrison High School must earn a minimum of 21 Credits to be eligible for graduation. Among the credits necessary for graduation, the following are required:

English	4 credits
Social Studies (American History, American Government, World History & Financial Literacy/Econ) ***	3 credits
Mathematics (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 & Math Elective)	4 credits
Science (Biology, Physical Science & Science Electives)	3 credits
Fine Art*	1 credit
Physical Education	½ credit
Health	½ credit
Electives	5 credits
	21 Credits

Recommended for most Colleges and Universities

English	4 credits
Speech (Public Speaking)	½ credit
Social Studies	3 ½ credits
Mathematics (see college preparatory math offerings)	4 credits
Science (see college preparatory science offerings)	3-4 credits
Foreign Language (required by many colleges)	2-4 credits
Physical Education and Health	1 Credits
Fine or Practical Arts*	2 credits
Electives	5 credits

Graduation Requirements for Career Center Students

English	4 credits
Social Studies (American History, Government & World History)***	3 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Physical Education	½ credit
Health	½ credit
Electives	6 credits

*Students planning to attend a public college or university in Ohio must have one credit in Fine Arts, which can only be fulfilled by taking music or art courses. Students completing a Career Based Vocational program do not have to obtain a full credit in the Fine Arts but may have to fulfill the requirement still if they are planning to attend a public college or university in Ohio.

*** Students must meet the financial literacy requirement as set by the state. This requirement is met when completing a FULL credit of American Government or American Government CP course or by completing the approved Financial Literacy class online for an additional fee.

*The deadline for senior completion of Edgenuity classes to participate in the commencement ceremony is **Friday, May 9th**.

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

- Earn a passing score in Ohio's high school Algebra 1 and English 2 test **OR** fulfill 1 of 3 graduation options along with earning 2 diploma seals. For details, please see your counselor.
- All School fees must be paid in full, textbooks, computers, chargers, 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 the parents of those seniors who have failed to meet academic requirements.
2. **Graduation Survey & Information for the Commencement Program:** Each senior will have the opportunity to complete their Graduation Survey online during homeroom on April 24th during their Advisory period. The deadline to complete the Graduation Survey is May 1, 2025. The information submitted in 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. **Graduation Surveys must be completed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.**
3. **Academic Signing:** Students who will be receiving 50% or more of college tuition in scholarship money will be recognized at the Academic Signing and students entering the armed forces will also have a Military Signing. Again, this information is obtained from the Graduation Survey which is due May 1st. Students being recognized will receive information at a later date.
4. **Seniors going to college:** If your student 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 in the final senior survey.
5. **Picking up Diplomas:** Students will receive their diplomas during the graduation ceremony unless they have delinquent obligations. Those students that have delinquent obligations will receive only a diploma cover. Upon full payment of school fees or delinquent obligations, they may pick up their diploma from Kimberly Frey in the high school office. Please call the school to make sure the office is open. **Diplomas will not be issued unless all school fees are paid in full, and computers are turned in.**
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 27, 2025. Any graduate participating in or contributing to inappropriate behavior during Commencement will be removed.