



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. Morris, Mr. Meibers, Mr. Niehaus, or me.

Sincerely,

Joe Pollitt  
Principal

## End of the Year Events

**\*All dates are subject to change\***

January 28		Senior Mailing for Yearbook and TV Production Items -Senior/Baby Pictures for Yearbook & Senior Video <b>MUST be submitted by Friday, February 27, 2026</b>
January 29	3:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Parent Teacher Conference Night
February 5		Fee Notices Distributed in Advisory - <b>Remember ALL fees and fines MUST be paid before diplomas are issued.</b>
February 13		<b>No School</b> – Conference Release Day
February 16		<b>No School</b> – Presidents’ Day
February 19		Graduation Speech Information Available to Seniors in Advisory
February 20		Yearbook Senior Quotes due
February 24		ACT testing day for ALL Juniors – Remote Day for grades 9,10 and 12
February 27		Baby Pictures, Senior Pictures, and <b>payments due for yearbook and senior Video</b>
March 4	7:00 pm	Late Winter Choir Concert
March 11	7:00 pm	Winter Band Concert
March 13		<b>No School</b> – End of Third Quarter
March 23		Nominations for Senior Class Superlatives & Most Influential Teacher Opens
March 24	Lunch	<b>Graduation Announcement Pick Up - Available during lunch (Harrison High School students)</b>
March 27		Nominations for Senior Class Superlatives & Most Influential Teacher Closes
March 30		<b>Greak Oak students – Graduation Announcement Pick Up at Diamond (in the morning) and Scarlet (in the afternoon)</b>
March 30 – April 3		Spring Break
April 6		<b>Endangered Senior Letter</b> 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 7		Voting opens for Senior Class Superlatives and Most Influential Teacher
April 10	3:00 pm	<b>Senior Graduation Speeches</b> due for consideration; please submit a hard copy to Mr. Morris
April 13	7:45 am – 1:45 pm	Blood Drive – Hoxworth Blood Center at Wildcat Sports Arena
April 15		Graduation Survey opens in SchooLinks to be completed in homeroom during advisory <b>**Graduation Surveys must be completed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony</b>
April 17		Voting closes for Senior Class Superlatives and Most Influential Teacher
April 17 & 18		Spring Drama Production – “Into the Woods”
April 23	2:00 pm	Class of 2026 Athletic Signing Day – Wildcat Sports Arena
April 24		Deadline to complete Graduation Surveys in SchooLinks
April 28	Lunch	<b>Cap and Gown Pick Up – Available During Lunch (Harrison High School students)</b>
May 1		<b>Great Oak students - Cap and Gown Pick Up at Diamond (in the morning) and Scarlet (in the afternoon)</b>
May 1		<b>Last Day for Fee Payments to receive diploma at graduation</b>
May 3	6:00 pm	DECA Banquet – Martin Marietta Performing Arts Theater
May 4	7:30 am	<b>AP Testing – Biology, Activity Center</b>
May 4	11:30 am	<b>AP Testing – European History, Activity Center</b>

May 5	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Chemistry, Activity Center</u>
May 5	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Human Geography, Activity Center</u>
May 5	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – US Gov and Politics, Activity Center</u>
May 5	7:00 pm	Spring Chorus Concert
May 6	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – English Literature and Composition, Activity Center</u>
May 6	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Physics 1: Algebra-Based, Activity Center</u>
May 7	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – World History: Modern, Activity Center</u>
May 7	7:00 pm	Spring Band Concert
May 8	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – United States History, Activity Center</u>
May 8		Alternative Pathway Graduates – ALL forms and documents due
May 9	7:30 pm-11:00 pm	2026 Prom – Cincinnati Museum Center
May 11	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Calculus AB and Calculus BC, Activity Center</u>
May 11	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Seminar, Activity Center</u>
May 11	6:00 pm	Fine Arts Signing/Drama Awards/Spring Cabaret – Martin Marietta Performing Arts Theater
May 11	6:30 pm	Scarlet Oaks Senior Awards Program – at NKU
May 12	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Psychology, Activity Center</u>
May 12	4:00 pm	Diamond Oaks Senior Awards Program – at NKU
May 12	5:30 pm	Academic and Military Signing Ceremony
May 12	6:15 pm	Community Scholarships
May 12	7:30 pm	Senior Awards Program/Senior Scholarship Video
May 13	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – English Language and Composition, High School Old Gym</u>
May 13	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Physics C: Mechanics, High School Old Gym</u>
May 13	7:45 am – 2:45 pm	Computer Turn-in Day - Seniors
May 13		Seniors' Last Day
May 14	7:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Art History, High School Old Gym</u>
May 14	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Senior Day – Northern Kentucky University – <b>Required day of Attendance</b>
May 14	7:30 pm	Senior Sunset at High School
May 15	11:30 am	<u>AP Testing – Environmental Science, High School Old Gym</u>
May 15	7:00 pm	A Cappella “Mic’d” Concert at Martin Marietta Performing Arts Theater
May 18		<b>No School</b> - Teacher Inservice Day
May 18	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Senior Banquet, Miami Township Community Center
May 19	8:00 am	Graduation Breakfast (donuts) for Seniors, Activity Center Bistro
May 19	8:30am – 11:30 am	<b>Graduation Rehearsal – Wildcats Sports Arena</b> <b>(mandatory to attend to walk in Graduation Ceremony)</b>
May 20	8:30 am	Class of 2026 Walk-throughs at the High School
May 20	9:00 am	Class of 2026 Walk-throughs at the Junior School
May 20	9:30 am	Class of 2026 Walk-throughs at Miami Whitewater Elementary
May 20	9:45 am	Class of 2026 Walk-throughs at Crosby and Harrison Elementary
May 21	7:30 pm	“Class of 2026” Graduation Ceremony – Wildcat Sports Arena
May 22	TBD	Underclass Award Assemblies – Martin Marietta Performing Arts Theater
May 22		Last Day for Underclassmen
May 23	6:00 pm	Alumni Assoc. Dinner and Meeting – High School Commons Alumni Scholarships Awarded - Welcome Class of 2026
May 25		<b>No School</b> – Memorial Day
May 26		End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
May 27		Records Day

## Senior Events

### Senior Play Day/Senior Banquet

**Senior Day is Thursday, May 14** 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 via Student Square by May 4, 2026.**

### Athletic, Academic and Military Signing and Awards

**Athletic signings will be held on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** in the Wildcat Arena.

**Academic and Military signing and awards will be held on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 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 plan to walk at graduation, contact Mrs. Frey at 513-728-8425 by Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. For students that do not walk at graduation they may pick up their diploma on or after Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2026 Walk-throughs

**“Class of 2026” Walk-throughs will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. (Miami Whitewater Elem) and 9:45 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.

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> is senior computer turn in day from 7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

## **William Henry Harrison High School**

### **2026 Prom**

*May 9, 2026*

6:00pm – 7:00pm

- Check-in at the High School
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7:00pm – 11:30pm

- Prom at Cincinnati Museum Center
- Dinner will be available starting at 7:30 pm
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11:30pm – 2:00am

- After Prom at The Place
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#### Miscellaneous

- Students cannot have more than 6 unexcused absences from the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- From Cincinnati Museum Center 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 20<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> **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 2026 will be held at the William Henry Harrison High School Wildcat Arena on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

**If a student chooses not to walk for graduation, please notify Mrs. Frey at 513-728-8425 by Monday, May 4, 2026.**

## **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 Tuesday, May 19, 2026.**  
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) for specific details. **We ask you to call by Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2026, anything that detracts from the dignity of the ceremony will not be permitted. Because Commencement is a formal ceremony involving over 340 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 28, 2026, for Harrison High School students and on May 1, 2026, 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 19<sup>th</sup>.
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 & Social Studies Elective) ***	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
Financial Literacy	½ credit
Electives	4.5 credits
	<b>21 Credits</b>

### 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 8<sup>th</sup>**.

## **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 on April 15<sup>th</sup> during their Advisory period. The deadline to complete the Graduation Survey is April 24, 2026. 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 April 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 after Tuesday, June 2, 2026. 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 21, 2026. Any graduate participating in or contributing to inappropriate behavior during Commencement will be removed.