

IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION

Deadlines:

First Deadline: December 16: First CRLE

Second Deadline: February 24: Second CRLE

Third Deadline: March 16: Extended Application

May 9: Credit Recovery and Outside Credits

June 2: All Work completed in order to be able to walk in the Graduation Ceremony

Last day of regular classes for seniors is Wednesday, June 7th. You will check out of each class as you go through the day. On Thursday morning, June 8th, you will need to return to check out of the offices, pay your fees (if any). You will check out according to the following schedule: 9:00 – 10:00 am (A-F), 10:00 – 11:00 (G-O), and 11:00 – Noon (P-Z). Any seniors who have not checked out will not be allowed to practice or to walk in the ceremony. All GED completers who are walking in the ceremony will also need to check out with the bookkeeper before his/her tickets will be released.

Youth Rally/Baccalaureate, a non-denominational event, is not mandatory, and is not a cap and gown affair. May 30, 7-9 p.m. in the HHS Auditorium.

Graduation practice will be Friday, June 9th, promptly at 8:30 am, in the HHS gymnasium. Seniors **MUST** attend the practice or they will not be allowed to go through the ceremony on Saturday. Please note that all school rules still apply during practice. Certain infractions may result in not being allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Graduation tickets will be handed out at graduation practice on Friday. Any extra tickets will be handed out at the end of graduation practice. Please remember that we have a beautiful Fine Arts Center for non-ticketed or late guests. This facility will provide live video feed of the ceremony on a large screen and is in an air conditioned theatre with padded seats!!

Do you have friends or relatives that require special accommodations for a wheelchair or have other needs? If so, please log onto the HHS website and fill out the on-line form. This form will need to be completed before June 8th. We will have a wheelchair available on the day of graduation for those that may need assistance in navigating the building.

Graduation Day is June 10th, at 10:30 am in the high school gymnasium.

Seniors must report for line-up on June 10th at 9:45 am in the Gold Gym. This cap and gown ceremony is based on tradition dating back to the thirteenth century. It may be more important to some than to others. Some seniors choose not to walk at all; however, it is one thing not to participate and quite another to try to alter or make a mockery of those who do. Wearing a cap and gown during this ceremony is a privilege, not a right. With this in mind, seniors will be required to adhere to high standards of conduct in addition to wearing appropriate attire. Boys are required to wear long pants. No flip flops or sandals. There is to be no altering of the cap and gown; this includes glitter.

The entrance doors to the high school will be open at 9:30 am on June 10th. You have an option of entering at either the First Street entrance or at the Highland Avenue entrance. We are encouraging those with tickets to use the Highland Avenue entrance, and those without tickets to please use the First Street entrance. Guests without tickets will be escorted to the Fine Arts Center. **There will be no admittance into the gymnasium after the ceremony has begun.**

The staff, administration and school board are concerned about maintaining the dignity and ceremony of graduation. We don't deny that students need a chance to celebrate their accomplishments, but it is inappropriate for that celebration to interfere with the planned program. Each student speaker, or even each individual senior, deserves to have his/her moment in the spotlight. Time for celebrating by seniors will be given following the ceremony to include silly-string, hat tossing, etc. Students not adhering to the expectations of decorum will be removed.

Flower and balloon bouquets will not be allowed in the gym.

Pictures of the individual students and a video of the ceremony will be available for a fee.

A reception for the graduates and their guests will be held in the main commons after the ceremony. It will be catered by Hermiston High School Bulldog Catering under the direction of Susie Cobb.

If you have other questions or concerns, please contact Tammy Gattis at 541-667-6125

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