



## **HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018**

1. All Seniors are expected and invited to participate in Commencement.
2. **Commencement will take place on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 @ 6:00 pm at the Golden Rams Stadium. NO RAIN DATE.** In case of rain Commencement will be held in the High School Gymnasium. The decision to move Commencement inside will be made by 2:00 pm on Friday. Information will be communicated via the School Messenger System. **PLEASE MAKE SURE WE HAVE AN ACCURATE PHONE NUMBER.**
3. **GRADUATION TICKETS:** Tickets are NOT required for guests at the stadium. However, each senior will receive 2 Reserved Seating tickets to give to family members. If the ceremony is moved inside due to inclement weather each senior will receive 4 guest tickets. These will be distributed on Friday June 8, 2018 during rehearsal.
4. **GRADUATION REHEARSALS:** Rehearsals will begin on Friday June 1, 2018. Attendance will be taken each day. You will be instructed as where to report each day. Seniors are to report at 7:45 am. Forbes students are expected to attend all rehearsals. Please make sure if you are scheduled to work your employer knows you will not be available until after 3:00 pm or dismissal time on rehearsal days. This includes students who have work release. Proper attire is required for all rehearsals. Those who wish to not follow the dress code will be assigned to the office for the day. Lunch on rehearsal days must be eaten at school, you will not be allowed to order food or leave the building. Lunch is scheduled for 10:30 am.
5. **BACCALAUREATE:** All Seniors are invited to participate in this non-denominational ceremony on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. It is a Highlands School District tradition and all parents/ families are invited to attend.

6. **TEACHER HELPERS:** The teachers working with you to prepare for Graduation are – Mrs. Lehw, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Eckenrod, Mr. Sespico, Mr. Bengel & Mr. Silverman. If you have any questions or need assistance, please see them.
7. **Caps & Gowns** will be distributed to those who do not owe for them on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the Senior Walk. Gowns are to be pressed with a COOL iron on the inside. Wear caps parallel to the floor with the tassel on the right side. Do not alter the gown or cap in any manner. The only thing that is permitted to be worn on the gown are the Honors Chords / Medallions & NHS Medals.
8. **DRESS CODE/ ATTIRE:** Gentleman are to wear white or light colored shirts, dark ties, dress trousers, and dress shoes. Tennis, Sport or Gym shoes are NOT PERMITTED for ladies or gentleman. All gentleman MUST wear socks. Ladies are to wear dresses or suits. The neckline of the dress MUST be appropriate. No dark or bright shoes/ nylons are to be worn. All hosiery should be light and light colored dress shoes should be worn. Hair should be worn so that the cap can fit on top of your head. Sunglasses, flip flops, shower shoes, dangling & extremely large earrings are NOT PERMITTED TO BE WORN.
9. **DIPLOMAS:** Diplomas will be issued following the ceremony. Seniors should return to the Middle School Café immediately following Commencement. If it rains then you should report to the High School Commons area to pick up your diploma. Diplomas will be held from any senior who may miss a rehearsal and / or fails to fulfill other necessary obligations. If there is a problem during rehearsal or guidelines are not being followed at Baccalaureate or Commencement, a student will be removed from the line of march and he or she will pick up their diploma at a later date.
10. **LOCKER CLEANOUT:** Lockers should be cleaned out by Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup>. Lockers will be checked and those not acceptable will need to be cleaned again.
11. **SENIOR OBLIGATIONS:** Obligations are due to the office at the beginning of practice on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. Remember that some obligations may be from the current school year and were submitted after prom. If you have any questions please see Mrs. Armstrong or Mrs. Eckenrod. ALL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA. A list of obligations will be read at each practice.
12. **SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY:** THE CLASS OF 2018 AWARD ASSEMBLY IS ON THURSDAY JUNE 7 @ 9:00 AM. Seniors are expected to be at school at the regular time. We will begin the ceremony with the graduation march. Parents/ Families are invited to this assembly. Please dress up for this special event as many of you will be honored.

13. **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:** Any SENIOR involved in pranks, serious disciplinary actions or noncompliance with items addressed in this memo will lose the privilege of participating in the Commencement ceremony.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**FINALS REVIEW – MAY 23 & 24**

**FINAL EXAMS- MAY 29- JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**

### **SENIOR PRACTICES:**

**\*FRIDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> – PRACTICE FOR BACCALEAUREATE**

**\*SUNDAY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> 2018- CLASS OF 2018 BACCALEAUREATE 7:00 PM**

**\* MONDAY June 4<sup>th</sup> – Practice for Graduation**

**\* TUESDAY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> – Practice for Graduation, Senior Walk to the Elementary Schools**

**\* WEDNESDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>- Practice for Graduation**

**\* THURSDAY JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> SENIOR AWARDS 9-11AM**

**\* FRIDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> – 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CLASS OF 2018  
6:00 PM**