



## **HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021**

1. All seniors are expected and invited to participate in Commencement.
2. **Commencement will take place on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Golden Rams Stadium. Rain date is Friday, June 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm.** In case of rain on June 4<sup>th</sup>, Commencement will be moved to the High School Gymnasium. Information will be communicated via the School Messenger System. **PLEASE MAKE SURE WE HAVE AN ACCURATE PHONE NUMBER.**
3. **GRADUATION TICKETS:** Each senior will receive 2 Reserved Seating tickets and 3 General Admission tickets to give to family members.
4. If the ceremony is moved inside due to inclement weather, each senior will receive 2 guest tickets. These will be distributed on June 3, 2021 during commencement practice.
5. **COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE:** Practices will begin on Friday MAY 28, 2021. 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 practices. 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 practice days. This includes students who have work release. Proper attire is required for all practices. Lunch on practice 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.
6. **TEACHER HELPERS:** The teachers working with you to prepare for Commencement are – 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, May 28, 2021. 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 guidelines are not being followed during practice 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 27, 2021. 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 May 28, 2021. 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 2021 AWARD ASSEMBLY IS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Seniors are expected to be at school at the regular time. We will begin the ceremony with the graduation march. 2 Parents/Family members will be permitted to attend the awards ceremony. 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:**

### **CHROMEBOOK RETURN DATE:**

Senior Chromebooks will be collected upon arrival for commencement practice on **Friday, May 28, 2021**. All students must return their Highlands School District distributed Chromebook and Chromebook charger. Chromebooks must be returned before participation in commencement practice.

### **Regular Schedule:**

**Thursday, June 3, 2021 (Half Day for Students/ Teacher Clerical PM)**

### **Senior Practice:**

**Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Friday, May 28, 2021**

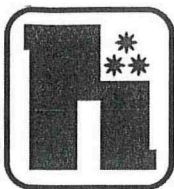
**Senior Picnic & Chalk the Walk**

**Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

**Senior Parade 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

**Senior Awards Ceremony 9-11 am**



Dear Class of 2021 Parents and guardians,

The 2020-2021 school year has been quite a whirlwind, and we are fast approaching the 53<sup>rd</sup> Highlands High School commencement ceremony. I want to take this opportunity to offer the first of many congratulations to the graduating class of 2021, as well as to provide some helpful information regarding graduation and to request your verification of a couple of items. Please keep the top portion of this letter for your records, and detach and return the bottom half with your student's information. Thank you!

**Mr. Shawn M. Bennis, Highlands High School Principal**

### **Important Dates for 2021 Graduation**

<b>Friday, May 28, 2021</b>	Commencement Practice/ Cap & Gown Distributed
<b>Tuesday, June 1, 2021</b>	Senior Commencement Practice
<b>Wednesday, June 2, 2021</b>	Senior Awards Program 9:00-11:00 AM (HS Gym)
<b>Wednesday, June 2, 2021</b>	Senior Commencement Practice
<b>Thursday, June 3, 2021</b>	Senior Commencement Practice
<b>Thursday, June 3, 2021</b>	53 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Commencement at Golden Rams Stadium (6:00 PM)
<b>Friday, June 4, 2021</b>	RAIN DATE (Commencement will be moved to the High School Gymnasium if needed due to inclement weather.)

**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION TO THE HIGH SCHOOL  
OFFICE BY Thursday, May 27, 2021.**

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Lastly, we want to do our absolute best to get everyone's names exactly right. Please indicate below the phonetic spelling of how you would like your child's name to be announced during the commencement ceremony.

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**Please confirm the information above is complete and accurate:**

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_