**HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025 YEAR END SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! The staff and administration of Highlands School District are excited to celebrate this accomplishment. The list below summarizes important upcoming dates/activities:

* **Friday, May 30th**
	+ Last day of classes for seniors/ Spring Sanity
* **Monday, June 2nd**
	+ NO SCHOOL FOR SENIORS!
	+ Senior Banquet, Natrona Heights VFW (7-10 P.M.)
* **Tuesday, June 3rd**
	+ First day of Commencement rehearsal (7:45 A.M.)
	+ Distribution of caps and gowns (if you already have your cap and gown please bring it with you today!)
	+ Senior Walk to elementary/middle schools (9:00 A.M.)
* **Wednesday, June 4th**
* Second day of Commencement rehearsal (7:45 A.M.)
	+ Senior Awards Assembly (9:00 A.M.)
	+ Distribution of Senior Banners
* **Thursday, June 5th**
* Third day of Commencement rehearsal, report to the football field at 11:30 A.M. (weather depending)
	+ Chalk the Walk, food trucks and DJ Michael Zeiler
	(High School Courtyard 4:00-6:00 P.M.)
	+ Senior Parade (6:00 P.M.)
* **Friday June 6th**
	+ Final Commencement rehearsal, report to football field at 9:00 A.M.
	+ Graduates will receive their tickets and handicap parking passes.
	+ Commencement Exercises at *6:00 P.M.!!* (report to MS cafeteria at 5:00 P.M.)

**COMMENCEMENT REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS**

**COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL:** Seniors are invited to participate in the Commencement Exercises held on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm at Golden Rams Stadium. **(In the event of rain, Commencement will be moved indoors to the High School Gymnasium.)**

Commencement exercises are an important event characterized by formality and tradition. To ensure that students are prepared, seniors who have successfully met the requirements for a high school diploma are required to attend rehearsals beginning Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

**Expectations for Rehearsal:**

1. All students MUST attend each rehearsal. Students will meet each morning at 8:00am in the high school gymnasium.
2. Students are not permitted to miss rehearsal for work, doctor appointments, or any other event.
3. Proper school dress is required during rehearsal days.
4. Lunch will be provided in the high school cafeteria after rehearsal. Students are NOT permitted to leave or order food to be delivered.
5. Students must follow all school guidelines and procedures for appropriate and respectful behavior during rehearsal.
6. Any senior who fails to meet these expectations will not be permitted to participate in Commencement exercises.

The following teachers will be working with students to prepare for Graduation. Should you have questions or concerns, please address the appropriate staff member:

* Mrs. Eckenrod & Mrs. Armstrong - class sponsors
* Mr. Silverman - detention obligations & handicap parking for day of graduation
* Mr. Zeiler - obligations such as textbooks or fees owed
* Mrs. Stack - tickets/picture forms
* Mrs. Katz - commencement speakers/picture forms
* Mrs. Ferrante - marching supervisor/picture forms

**GRADUATION TICKETS:** On the final day of rehearsal, students will receive two sets of tickets for guest seating at Commencement.

Each senior will receive two (2) Reserved Seating tickets for Golden Rams Stadium. These tickets, in the center section of the bleachers, ensure that all students have representation in this section. No additional tickets will be made available for reserved seating. All other guests are welcome to celebrate and be seated in the general admission sections of the stadium where tickets are not required.

Should Commencement exercises be moved indoors due to inclement weather, each senior will receive four (4) tickets for admission to the gymnasium. All other guests will be directed to the auditorium where they can view a live broadcast of the ceremony.

**CAPS & GOWNS:** Cap and gown distribution will occur on June 3rd . A cap and gown are required to participate in Commencement exercises. If you did not order a cap and gown, it is YOUR responsibility to find one; we DO NOT have extra caps and gowns. Caps are not permitted to be decorated. Students that arrive at Commencement with decorated hats will not be permitted to walk in Commencement exercises.

**DRESS CODE/ATTIRE:** Appropriate attire is expected for the Commencement ceremony. Examples of appropriate attire include white or light-colored shirts, dresses, ties, dress pants, and dress shoes. We recommend that girls not wear heels on the turf, as it makes walking more difficult; please wear flats or wedges. If you need appropriate clothing, please see any of the teacher helpers.

**SENIOR OBLIGATIONS:** Obligations owed to the school must be paid before a student receives a diploma. A list of those with obligations will be available at each practice.

* Please see Mr. Zeiler to make payments or return books.
* Please see Mr. Silverman if you owe detentions.

*Students failing to meet outstanding obligations will not receive their diploma until all obligations are met.*

**GRADUATION DAY:**

Students must report to the Middle School Cafeteria no later than 5:00 P.M. where they will receive a corsage/rose and the stole. Staff will line up students in preparation for the ceremony. If the ceremony is moved indoors, students are to report to the High School commons area.

Diplomas will be issued in the Middle School Cafeteria immediately following the ceremony (or High School commons area if indoors).

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE TO
MRS. ECKENROD OR MRS. ARMSTRONG
BY FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025**

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of the rehearsal and graduation for the Highlands High School Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony.

I understand that participating in Commencement is a privilege and not a right. Failure to meet the above expectations and obligations may result in removal from Commencement exercises.

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Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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