



Graduation is fast approaching, and final plans are being made for the big day. The following information outlines important dates for seniors as they prepare for end-of-the-year activities including our commencement ceremony. All this information and more can also be found on the North Hills High School webpage under links & downloads. [Class of 2024 site](#)

If you have any questions, please call the High School Main Office at (412) 318-1402.

COMMENCEMENT RECOGNITION + SPEAKERS

BY MAY 8th

Seniors who qualify for academic honors will be notified in writing. Seniors earning academic honors will be recognized at commencement exercises based on cumulative quality point average (QPA) from all courses attempted throughout high school and the criteria scale below. The cumulative QPA at the end of the third marking period of the senior year will serve as the basis for these distinctions.

- Summa Cum Laude – 4.00 or higher cumulative QPA
- Magna Cum Laude – 3.75 – 3.99 cumulative QPA
- Cum Laude – 3.50 – 3.74 cumulative QPA

BY MAY 17th

Any student who qualifies for any of the aforementioned distinctions may apply to speak at graduation. Join the google classroom using the code: **hdz4nr6** & submit the following items by 2:30pm on May 17th.

- A written script of the speech
- A video delivering an oral presentation of the speech

A committee of high school teachers and administrators, established by the high school principal, will review all submissions and select by consensus one (1) speaker from among those students, unless determined otherwise by the committee.

FINAL SENIOR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

During all senior English classes guidance counselors and senior class sponsors will meet with seniors to go over important deadlines and details for end of the year events.

SENIOR CELEBRATION + DECLARATION DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

Senior Celebration & Declaration Day is an opportunity for seniors to share their future plans. Whether that be attending college, entering the workforce, pursuing a trade, or serving in the military, the NH community wants to know!

On this day, Seniors are asked to show their "college or career pride" by wearing clothing/uniforms relating to their chosen college or career path. During their scheduled lunch period, seniors will utilize a picture station to announce their future plans. Pictures will be collected and made into a video to celebrate for the Class of 2024.

CAP + GOWN DISTRIBUTION

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

- Caps and gowns will be distributed during all lunches on Thursday, May 9th as part of Senior Celebration & Declaration Day! This is the only day caps and gowns will be distributed. If your child does not pick up his/her cap & gown during lunch, it will be available in the high school Main Office during school hours.
 - All NH seniors who have an early release & do not have a scheduled lunch period should stop in the cafeteria and pick up his/her cap & gown before leaving for the day.

Caps and gowns for the 2024 Senior Class have been paid for by the district.

- Do not iron your gown. For the best appearance, gowns should be removed from the bag when received and placed on a hanger.
- We do not have extra caps, tassels, etc. so please keep them in a safe place until graduation.

SENIOR EXIT SURVEY + FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

DUE: FRIDAY, MAY 10TH

Information regarding the required Senior Survey (via Google Form) will be emailed & presented to students in April. Students will have the opportunity to fill this out at the final senior meeting on April 17th. Students are asked to complete this by May 10th. Reminders will be communicated via Google Classroom for the Class of 2024. **This is a required activity that is designed to gather information regarding the senior's fall of 2024 plans, the commencement program, and final transcript requests.**

The final transcript request is an important part of this form as most post-secondary schools and colleges require an official final transcript to verify the student's successful graduation from high school. Sending a final transcript is NOT done automatically and requires consent. It is the student's responsibility to complete this final transcript request and submit it to the CRC for processing after graduation.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

MONDAY, MAY 20TH

Seniors receiving an award or scholarship presented on Senior Awards Night **will be sent an invitation.** The awards night event will be held at **7:00 PM** in the **North Hills High School Auditorium.**

SENIOR OBLIGATIONS

ALL obligations must be satisfied before you will be issued your diploma. Check the assistant principal's office on the 2nd floor to see if you have any outstanding library, textbook, athletic or other obligations.

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD

All seniors who owe debts must be sure the obligation is paid by this day! **Again, any student with outstanding debt(s) will not be able to pick-up his/her diploma until the debt is satisfied.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH

All seniors must return the school-issued iPad & charging cord free of damage. Senior iPad collection will occur **the first day of graduation practice.** Any costs associated with damage and/or failure to return an iPad will result in an obligation and not receiving your diploma until the obligation is satisfied.

SENIOR GRADES DUE

FRIDAY, MAY 24TH

Teachers will submit final grades for senior students by 4:00 PM. All outstanding work must be submitted to the teachers **prior to this date.** *Any senior student who has not met all graduation requirements will not participate in commencement practice and/or ceremonies.*

SENIOR LAST DAY + CLAP OUT

TUESDAY, MAY 28TH

All seniors will participate in the "clap out" on their last day in the building, Tuesday, May 28th.

Seniors should wear their caps & gowns for the "clap out" HOWEVER, please leave tassels, chords, hoods, etc. at home. We do not have extras if they are lost before the commencement ceremony.

Seniors will walk through the halls of the high school & middle schools while their teachers and fellow classmates clap & cheer. Following the Hilltop clap out, a senior celebration breakfast will be provided. We will then travel to the senior students' home NH elementary schools for the elementary clap out following the senior breakfast. More information will be given to seniors regarding the Hilltop & Elementary clap outs in May.

Upon the conclusion of the elementary clap out, seniors may submit written parent consent dismissing them for the day. Any senior who does not have transportation or written parent consent should report to their regularly scheduled classes.

A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER SENIOR RECOGNITION CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH

The A.W. Beattie Senior Recognition Ceremony will be held at Martorelli Stadium. More information will be given to students closer to the date. Please contact the A.W. Beattie Career Center directly for information regarding the ceremony.

Contact the A.W. Beattie Career Center at (412) 847-1900 or visit their website

GRADUATION GARB

- All senior students will wear the district issued graduation gowns with honors cords (if applicable).
- It is recommended that all participants wear formal attire underneath their gowns. Flat shoes are preferred. For your own protection, it is recommended that you do not wear high heeled shoes.
- The graduation cap should be worn with the point of the bottom of the cap centered on the forehead. Tassels are worn on the right side of the graduation cap and will be turned to the left at the end of the commencement ceremony. Feel free to decorate your caps APPROPRIATELY.

GRADUATION PRACTICE DAYS ONE + TWO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH & THURSDAY, MAY 30TH

**** Important – seniors must be present at both practices to participate in commencement ceremonies unless prior administrative approval to be absent is secured.**

- Graduation practice will begin at **8:15 AM** at Martorelli Stadium.
- **Seniors must provide their own transportation to and from practice.**
- All seniors will be seated alphabetically in the order they will be lined up for the processional with the exception of the class officers & speakers who will lead the processional.
- Seniors should NOT wear caps or gowns to practice
- Seniors must leave the stadium immediately after they are dismissed from practice.

It is imperative that you listen to and follow ALL instructions. Disruptions cause delays. If you persist in disruptive behavior during practice, you will be asked to leave and your parents will be notified.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY FIELD SET UP

*Students will be seated alphabetically with the exception of the class officers in row 1



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

FRIDAY, MAY 31ST

Please be advised that participation in the commencement ceremony is not a right but a privilege. If you are in violation of any District policies or Student Handbook guidelines, activity restriction may occur resulting in forfeiting your privilege to participate in the commencement ceremony. Any senior student who has not met all graduation requirements will not participate in commencement practice and/or ceremonies.

Seating on the day of graduation is first come, first serve. There are no limits on capacity for the commencement ceremony, therefore no tickets are necessary for entry. Handicapped pre-seating is available for any student who has family members requiring a handicap accessible seat. On the home side, handicap seating is located at the top of the bleachers, whereas on the visitor side located at the bottom of the bleachers.

- **5:45 PM** – Gates open for handicapped pre-seating
- **6:00 PM** – Gates open for all other guests
- **6:15 PM** – All graduating seniors should report to the practice field at Martorelli Stadium no later than this time dressed in their cap and gown. No parents/family members of seniors are permitted in the practice field area.
- **7:00 PM** – Commencement ceremony begins

Appropriate behavior is expected throughout the commencement ceremony. Graduates are expected to exhibit maturity and pride during the ceremony. Any student who chooses to display inappropriate behavior or disrupt the ceremony will be removed from the commencement area and may be charged according to the law.

Any guest who is unable to attend, may view the live stream of the ceremony on the district's YouTube channel.

If you are not planning on attending the graduation ceremony, please call the main office at the High School (412) 318-1402

DIPLOMA PICKUP

JUNE 3RD – 7TH

You will receive only the cover for your diploma at the ceremony. Please don't lose it, there are no replacements.

Diplomas will be available for pick-up in the main office of the High School the week following graduation. All obligations and debts must be satisfied to receive your diploma. Pickup dates & times are as follows:

June 3RD – 7TH

8am – 12pm

Office closed: 12pm – 1pm

1pm – 3pm