

Dear Class of 2024 Families,

We are excited to celebrate the Class of 2024 as they conclude their high school careers. Here are all the details for the end of the year events and important reminders for our seniors.

### **SENIOR RECOGNITION AND SENIOR WALK**

We invite you to attend our Senior Recognition and Senior Walk on May 17, at 1:15 p.m. in the NAHS Eagle Stadium, 7600 Fodor Road. During the Senior Recognition, our seniors will be acknowledged for their achievements and have an opportunity to celebrate with their classmates. The event concludes with seniors taking their final walk around the high school campus.

Your attendance at the event is welcome and would be appreciated by our students.

Our goal is to recognize and honor our seniors through this tradition and we hope you will join us to celebrate the Class of 2024!

### **GRADUATION DAY**

Saturday, May 18, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. (Procession will begin at 9:45 a.m.)

\* Rain Date: Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Huntington Park

330 Huntington Park Ln

Columbus, OH 43215

### **TIME**

Center field gates open at 9:00 a.m. and the Graduation Ceremony begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Huntington Park is directing all guests to enter through the center field gates located at the corner of Neil Avenue and Nationwide Blvd.

For handicapped access only, please use the home plate gate located at Huntington Park Ln and Brodbelt Ln. Allow plenty of time for traffic and [parking](#).

Graduates report to the high school at 7:45 a.m. to ride buses to Huntington Park. After the ceremony, parents will meet graduates outside the stadium on Huntington Park Lane and students will ride home with families. The ceremony will conclude at approximately 12:30 p.m.

### **TICKET GUIDE**

Tickets are not required for admission.

If you need Handicap Accessible or Mobility Impaired seats, they are located at the top of section 16 & 17 on the 3rd base side and the top of sections 7, 8, & 9 on the 1st base side. ASL Interpretation may be provided in front of section 4 and 5.

### **DIRECTIONS & PARKING**

Pay to Park is available at several locations in the Arena District. Please visit the [Arena District](#)

[website](#) to learn more on the parking options for your family and guests. Again, please allow plenty of time for traffic and [parking](#).

### **LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE**

For friends and family that aren't able to attend in person, please visit our District [YouTube](#) page to enjoy the live streaming of the Graduation Ceremony, available at approximately 9:20 a.m.

### **SPECIAL NOTE**

Graduating seniors could select a NAPLS staff or faculty member to give them their diploma during the ceremony, which is a huge honor for selected staff members. For this to be a smooth process, students will be alphabetized by the staff member they selected. This will ensure seamless transitions and an orderly ceremony. Please check with your student to find out who is giving them their diploma so you are aware of when they will walk across the stage.

### **FOR STUDENTS - PLEASE READ**

**Graduation Day – May 18, 2024**

### **STUDENTS ARRIVE AT THE NAHS GYM NO LATER THAN 7:45 A.M.**

On the graduation date – Saturday, May 18 – graduating seniors must arrive on time. Upon arrival at 7:45 a.m., students are to report to the NAHS gym for attendance and final announcements. Any graduate who is not in place at that time will have his/her name deleted from the graduation list and his/her diploma will be “pulled.” From that time forward, any senior who arrives late will not be placed in line. Therefore, they will not participate in the graduation ceremony. We will then load the school buses to travel to Huntington Park.

- Senior “Last Ride” Permission Slip.
- Please click the [link](#), complete the form and submit the permission slip, if you have not already done so.

### **DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION (under graduation gown)**

Graduates should wear business casual attire under their graduation gown. Dresses, trousers (no jeans), neck ties, shirts with a collar, are all appropriate options. Please note that **NO heels are permitted for graduates** at Huntington Park. Students who wear heels will be asked to remove them. Wedges and other dress shoes are permissible

Graduation caps are not to be decorated. Also, we may not have extra tassels so make sure students bring and keep their tassels with them before the ceremony.

### **SPECIAL NOTES**

The graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a right. Please note that violations of the student code of conduct could result in the denial of participation in the ceremony. Involvement in pranks may result in the loss of a senior's participation in graduation.

Students are encouraged to not bring a purse, book bag, or other valuable items because there is not a secure location for storage during the graduation ceremony for such items. Thank you for your cooperation and adherence to these guidelines.

Please note that seniors must meet all obligations to graduate. Graduates and families have many responsibilities currently. We encourage you to stay in contact with teachers to ensure that all requirements are being met and that graduation is not in jeopardy.

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR SENIORS & PARENTS**

- SENIOR PICTURE AND REHEARSAL: Friday, May 17, 2024 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the NAHS Gymnasium.
  - Bring your cap and gown for the class photo
  - SENIORS WHO DO NOT ATTEND GRADUATION REHEARSAL MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY.
- RETURN OF ALL ITEMS:
  - Who: All Seniors
  - What: Textbooks, Library Books, and Technology Drop Off
  - When: May 13 - 16 between the hours of 8:00-10:15 a.m. and 12:00-2:30 p.m.
  - Where: Lower rotunda of HS Library
  - Why: You're graduating!
  - If a teacher assigned you a textbook, please return the textbook to that teacher.
  - If you are testing after May 16, please return your textbook to the teacher who signed it out to you and your technology to the main office.
- PAYMENT OF FEES/FINES:
  - Any and all fees/fines must be paid in full no later than May 13, 2024 at 3:00 PM. This includes any fines or charges for textbooks, library books, AP testing fees, course or CCP fees, extracurricular and athletic fees, negative lunch balances, and roll over balances from previous years.
- STUDENTS WHO DO NOT FULFILL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS BY MAY 13, MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
  - In addition to paying in person by check or cash, you also have the option to pay fees online using your Mastercard or Visa – Debit or Credit Card. Please visit [PaySchoolsCentral.com](https://PaySchoolsCentral.com) and follow the instructions. If you are having trouble using PaySchoolsCentral.com, please call the high school office.

Thank you,

New Albany High School Administration