

Hello Members of the Class of 2023 and Parents/Guardians,

This document contains valuable information regarding end-of-the-year activities for the Class of 2023. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

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Senior Awards Night

- **Tuesday, June 6, 7:00** – VHS Auditorium.
- You will receive an invitation (via email) if your child is receiving an award.
- The awards are intended to be surprises; we will not reveal who is getting what before the ceremony.
- Parents are welcome; we ask that the students dress nicely (business casual or close to it).

All Things Graduation

- **PRACTICE**
 - **Monday, June 12 - 12:30 pm - 3pm (Rain date would be Tuesday, June 13 - 9:30 am - Noon)**
 - We need to go over the procession, practice pronunciation of names, hand out caps/gowns, tickets etc.
 - PTO will have Kona Ice on site for your enjoyment after practice.
 - Practice is Mandatory - Those with legitimate conflicts should inform Mr. McGeehan by June 6th. We will need to discuss another time to meet to get you up to speed.
 - If you are a no-show at practice and didn't inform me then you jeopardize walking at graduation.
- **GRADUATION ATTIRE**
 - *Overall:* No Sunglasses, No phones, No Signs, No food or drink
 - **Decorated caps must be approved prior to June 14**
 - If you would like your cap early, see me and I can give it to you.
 - Decorations could include:
 - Your future plans (college, military, workforce)
 - A quote of importance to you, thank you to friends/family
 - All decorations must follow school policy (no alcohol/drug references, weapons, etc.)
 - *What to wear:* Collared shirt and pants (perhaps ask your parents/guardians if they want you to wear a tie - they will want pictures), dress, skirt, pants and appropriate top
 - *Footwear:* No work boots, sneakers, crocs, slippers, cheap sandals or flip flops. I would highly discourage the wearing of high heels as it is a longer walk than you think. Wedges or dressy sandals are ok.
 - Caps and Gowns
 - Have been provided by the district.
 - Will be handed out during graduation practice.
 - You get to keep the cap, gown, and tassel.

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- **GRADUATION DAY – Wednesday, June 14 – 10am**
 - Seniors must be at school by 8:45am – meet in the mall.
 - Consider getting dropped off by parents due to parking availability – you will be directed to park on the grassy knoll upon arrival.
 - Class Picture at 9:15am in the gym
 - 9:40-9:45 – graduates will be in their procession lines
 - **10am** – ceremony begins
 - In the event of a passing shower/storm, we would delay graduation to allow for an outdoor graduation.
 - In the event of an extended period of rain, we would move the ceremony indoors.
 - Any changes would be made by the early morning of June 14.
- **BEHAVIOR**
 - Students – Don't do anything that jeopardizes your special moment or someone else's
 - Parents/Family – Please refrain from the use of air horns or any other loud devices that could potentially irritate spectators or drown out the names of other graduates.
- **TICKETS**
 - There are no tickets needed nor any limitation of guests for an outdoor graduation.
 - Tickets will be needed in the event of an indoor graduation. Due to fire codes and maximum occupancy restrictions, we can only have a limited number of guests for each graduate.
 - Each graduate will receive 3 tickets during graduation practice (with their caps & gowns).
 - Only those with a ticket would be admitted into the indoor graduation.
- **LIVE STREAM**
 - The graduation ceremony will be live streamed on the VHSTV YouTube Channel.
 - The link will be emailed and posted to the VHS Website.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING & SEATING**
 - I will distribute Handicap Parking Passes to graduates (whose guests would need handicapped parking access) during graduation practice.
 - Handicapped parking will be in the back of the school.
 - We have rented several golf carts to shuttle those who have trouble walking to the field (these will be located in the rear of the school with the handicapped parking).
 - Regarding seating
 - There will be chairs set up inside the fence for those that have difficulty making it up the bleachers (as well as to have one other guest sit with them).
- **FINES AND OBLIGATIONS**
 - Students **must have all their fines paid and school property returned (including chromebooks)** in order to receive their diploma.
 - All students must complete the Graduation Survey in Scoir (click 3 lines in top right corner) in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.
 - Students also need to update Scoir as to the college they are attending so their final transcripts can be sent.
 - Mr. McGeehan will read a list of these fines and obligations during graduation practice.