



Class of 2022

Graduation News

May 2022

Dear Graduates and Parents of the Class of 2022,

As the Class of 2022 bids farewell to the halls of Northern, please join us as we recognize their achievements. The administration is excited about this special time for the commencement of the Class of 2022. Our students have worked very hard and have earned the recognition that they will receive at the events planned for this June. This newsletter will serve as a great resource for your planning and preparation for the big day!

Senior Award Ceremony:

- Thursday, **June 9th at 6:30pm**
- Middle School Cafetorium
- Seniors receiving awards will be notified by a separate letter.

Senior Send Off:

All seniors are encouraged to attend this event after the school day on **Tuesday, June 14th from 12:00 pm-2:30**. There will be food and games. Teachers will be available to sign students' yearbooks as well. At this time, seniors will receive the following:

- Cap and gown (outstanding payments must be sent into the main office by June 1, 2022)
- Graduation regalia if applicable
- Graduation tickets (5)
- Yearbook if ordered
- Yard sign

Technology - Chromebooks & Google Drive

Seniors will be submitting their chromebooks & chargers during their ELA classes on Tue, June 14 & Wed, June 15.

All Class of 2022 google drives and email accounts will be disabled and deleted on June 24th. Please make copies or move your content from your northern accounts over to personal accounts by that date. Items will be unrecoverable after 30 days.

Eligibility & Obligations:

Board of Education policy requires that students meet full graduation requirements by the graduation date in order to be eligible for participation in the commencement ceremony. It is expected that seniors owing obligations (material or financial) will have satisfied these by **Monday, June 6th**. Caps & gowns will not be distributed to students until all obligations are satisfied. (The cost of the cap & gown is \$23.05 please bring cash or check to the main office)

Decoration of Caps:

Students may decorate their caps, but it must be appropriate and approved by Dr. Lopez.

- There may be nothing hanging down from any of the sides of the cap except for the tassel.
- Decorations must be flat on the surface of the cap.
- 3-D creations are prohibited.
- Graduation caps must be reviewed and approved in advance of the ceremony at the REQUIRED graduation practice on **June 16th at 8:00 am**.

Students keep their caps and gowns. Students are expected to dress appropriately under their caps and gowns during their ceremony. No shorts, jeans or sneakers are permitted. Graduation is a special ceremony.

Graduation Announcements:

Commencement announcements will be mailed to your homes for seniors who previously ordered them from Jostens.

Rehearsal

Seniors will practice for the graduation ceremony on Thursday morning, June 16th, beginning at 8 am in the Middle School Gym. Attendance at the rehearsal is MANDATORY in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. The rehearsal will be held rain or shine and **graduation caps will be inspected at this time**.

Outdoor Graduation:

- We are planning for ONE outdoor ceremony on the football field on June 16th at 6:30pm.
- Students will be seated on the field. Guests will be seated in the bleachers.
- Each graduate will receive 5 tickets (2 white, 2 blue, 1 pink). **Additional tickets cannot be issued. The event will be live telecasted on Northern's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qz0h0tre-k>**

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- Seniors will park in the WEST parking lot and MUST arrive at the Middle School Gym not later than 5:30 pm.
 - The commencement ceremony will begin promptly at 6:30 pm.
 - The gates to the stadium will open at 5:30 pm. Friends and family are encouraged to arrive early to secure a seat and should be seated by 6:20 pm. SEATS CANNOT BE SAVED! Handicap seating can be reserved by emailing rguevara@nburlington.com.
 - After the ceremony, graduates will recess to the lobby just inside of the 300 hallway doors of the high school to obtain their official diplomas.

Indoor Graduation:

- In the event of inclement weather, the graduation ceremony will be moved to the Middle School GYM.
- The decision to move the graduation indoors will be made by 1pm on June 16.
- 2 white tickets will be used for admittance to the Middle School Gym.
- 2 blue tickets will be used for admittance to Mansfield Elementary School where there will be the live telecast of the ceremony in the gym. (It will also be live telecasted for outside viewing on Northern's YouTube Channel).
- The pink ticket cannot be used for either location if the graduation ceremony is used indoors.
- Seniors who are driving will park in the MAIN parking lot. All seniors must report to the MAIN café no later than 5:30 pm and will be transported to the Middle School by bus.
- The commencement ceremony will begin promptly at 6:30 pm.
- The doors will open at 6:00 pm. Friends and family are encouraged to arrive early to take their seat by 6:25 pm. SEATS CANNOT BE SAVED!
- **After the ceremony, graduates will recess to the MS Auxiliary Gym to collect their official diplomas.**

Guests

No one may stand along the fence in front of the bleachers as this obstructs the view of those seated. It is important that guests arrive early to secure a seat on the bleachers. SEATS MAY NOT BE SAVED. We ask that acknowledgement of accomplishments be confined to applause. Air horns, noisemakers and other distractions are not appropriate for a dignified ceremony.

Professional Photography

A photographer from LifeTouch will be capturing the graduates as they prepare for the ceremony and enter the stadium. A candid photograph will be taken of each graduate's moment of recognition. Approximately one month after graduation, photos will be available on the LifeTouch website (events.lifetouch.com) and a link will be shared on nburlington.com. Since photographs will be available, family members and guests are asked to remain in their seats during the ceremony.

Expected Behavior

We consider the graduation exercise at Northern Burlington County Regional High School to be a dignified event at which we acknowledge the completion of the formative years of education for each of our deserving graduates.

As such, please review the following Board of Education resolution:

Whereas, the Board of Education views the commencement exercises as a solemn event, and

Whereas, to maintain the ceremonies as a solemn event, certain measures must be taken to ensure that there are no distractions to detract from this occasion.

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Education directs the administration to take whatever measures deemed necessary to maintain an atmosphere befitting this occasion, and

Be it further resolved that the Board of Education directs the administration to publicize their intentions to students and parents so that there is no doubt as to what consequences will result in the event that a participant Fails to exercise good judgment in his or her conduct before and during the Commencement Exercises.

Please understand that any action that detracts from the solemnity of the occasion will result in the responsible student (s) not receiving a diploma on the day of graduation. Should circumstances warrant, it is possible that the ceremonies could be halted. Further, we are asking all parents and friends to acknowledge the accomplishments of our students by means of applause and not engage in any distracting conduct.

We are hopeful that the graduation exercises for the Class of 2022 will be representative of the grace and dignity that our students so richly deserve.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We extend to you early congratulations on the impending graduation of your son/daughter.

Kindly acknowledge that you and your son/daughter read and understand our expectations by completing the [2022 Graduation Newsletter Acknowledgment Form](#). **The google form must be completed by Monday, June 6th in order for your student to participate in graduation.**
