



HOLLY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Families of the Class of 2017:

It has been a great start to the school year and we hope to keep that positive momentum moving forward to graduation and beyond! The purpose of this letter is to begin providing some information and timelines for the school year as it relates to senior activities. I hope this helps you to plan accordingly to participate in these events.

On the reverse of this letter, you will see a calendar of events. Please read over these events and contact the individual listed for more information or questions. As you work through these events, please keep the following in mind:

- **Senior Survey.** We will ask all seniors to complete a senior survey that will give us some information on their desires for opportunities after graduation. We will use this information to funnel information to seniors throughout the school year. You can access this survey at: bit.ly/HSHSSeniorSurvey.
- **Meeting with Your Counselor.** Counselors are planning to connect with seniors regarding their future plans, resources to support those plans, etc. during the first quarter of the school year. However, seniors should be exploring college and scholarship deadlines now. Please know that your counselor is open to meeting with students and parents at any time to support a smooth and successful senior year.
- **Senior Handbook.** The senior handbook is now available on the school website at bit.ly/HSHSSeniorHandbook. This includes a variety of different information related to the senior year including resources for the college search, scholarship search, school-to-work resources, etc. It also includes details about graduation.
- **Planning Ahead for Graduation.** As you plan for graduation, you should expect to receive eight (8) tickets per student graduating in the June graduation. There will not be a process through the school to request additional tickets. Students needing additional tickets will need to work that out with each other.

We want the senior year to not only be exceptional but to connect to exceptional experiences after graduation. Please be in touch with your counselor throughout the year with any questions or needs as we work together to achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

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Senior Class Calendar of Events

Date / Time	Event	Contact Person
Thurs., Nov. 3	Financial Aid Night. During this event, our financial aid advisor talks parents and students through the types of financial aid available, how/when to apply, etc.	Your Counselor
Wed., Nov. 9	Golden Hawk College Fair. HSHS will host a college fair on this evening from 5-8pm. Plan to attend to talk with many college admissions representatives from various institutions.	Mr. Herrick, CDC sherrick@wcpss.net
Tues., April 18	Senior Class Meeting. This senior class meeting will be important as we will discuss details around graduation, senior awards day, etc.	Brian Pittman, Principal bpittman@wcpss.net
Fri., May 26 8am	Senior Awards Day. The senior awards day is a program where we celebrate student awards, scholarships, etc. Students are encouraged to submit scholarship notifications throughout the year to their counselor in preparation for this event. Parents are welcome! The event will be approximately two hours.	Brian Pittman, Principal bpittman@wcpss.net
Fri., May 26 10am	Senior Picnic. This annual tradition allows the senior class one more celebration together prior to graduation. This happens in the HSHS Stadium.	Ms. Janzekovich, Senior Class Advisor ljanzekovich@wcpss.net
Mon., Jun. 5 6-8pm	Graduation Rehearsal. During this event, seniors do a "walk through" of the graduation program. <i>This event is a required event. Students not participating in rehearsal will not be permitted to participate in graduation.</i>	Ms. Solender, Graduation Coordinator asolender@wcpss.net
Sun., Jun. 11 4pm	Graduation! This event will be at the Raleigh Convention Center. The event will last about one hour. This is a ticketed event. All guests regardless of age will require a ticket.	Ms. Solender, Graduation Coordinator asolender@wcpss.net

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