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## **HOLLY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL | *Home of the Golden Hawks*** **HawkBlast for April 23, 2017 - Senior Class Edition**

### **News & Updates for Seniors**

Dear Senior Parents:

Exciting times are ahead for the class of 2017! This update is focused specifically on the needs of the senior class. We met with seniors last week and the updates they received are listed below. We will continue updating the [Senior Class Website](#) with more information throughout the next few weeks. Please feel free to be in contact if there is anything we can do to make the last few weeks of high school great.

#### **Caps & Gowns**

Jostens will be on campus for a make-up delivery day on Friday, April 28 in the cafeteria during lunch to deliver caps and gowns as well as senior products. All items must be paid in full before students can receive their products. Online payments must be made 24 hours prior to the delivery date. Cash or money order only will be accepted on the delivery date. If you still need to place an order, go to [www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com). For questions, please contact Ms. Young ([tyoung@wcpss.net](mailto:tyoung@wcpss.net)).

#### **Senior Awards Day**

Senior Awards Day is on Friday, May 26 and will start at 8am. Seniors must arrive by 7am. Students will dress as they will for graduation including their caps and gowns. All student names will be called at this event. Invitations will be sent to the parents of students who are being specifically celebrated for awards, scholarships, etc. This event is typically about two hours. Parents are invited to attend. If you have questions about this event, please contact Mr. Pittman.

#### **Graduation Rehearsal**

Graduation rehearsal is at 6pm at the Raleigh Convention Center (RCC) on Monday, June 5. Seniors must arrive by 5:30pm. It is during this event that students will walk through the logistics of graduation. Dress is casual and students do not need their caps and gowns for this event. Students should plan on heavy traffic going to this event and should expect to pay for parking. They will receive guest tickets at this event. **If a student does not attend graduation rehearsal, they will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

### Graduation Ceremony

Graduation will be at 4pm on Sunday, June 11. Students must arrive at the RCC by 3pm. Student dress code must be met of either: (1) dark pants and shoes, dress shirt with tie or (2) dress that does not extend beyond the hem of the graduation gown. Graduation caps / gowns cannot be decorated in any way. Anticipate that the graduation will last about 60 minutes.

Please keep the following in mind with regard to the graduation ceremony:

- Each student will receive 9 tickets to graduation. There are no additional tickets to request.
- All individuals require a ticket including infants / babies. This is an RCC rule, not an HSHS rule.
- Many items are prohibited by RCC including flowers, food, drink, wrapped packages, camera bags, etc.
- Students must clear all fines, fees, and obligations to the school to be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Graduation will be live streamed so that those who cannot attend can view the graduation.
- A photographer will take photos of the students as they cross the stage. Details on ordering those photos is forthcoming.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Pittman.

### Senior Exam Exemptions

I shared with seniors that a process would be forthcoming to request that a very small number of absences be waived above the limit for exam exemptions for absences specifically and narrowly related to the mission of the school (ex: if a senior were to attend a scholarship interview for which they do not have control of the time). Note that many things approved as educational absences will not be waived as a part of this process. More to come in the next week on this topic.

### Purple Craze 5K

Join the Golden Hawks Club for the first ever Purple Craze 5K to support the Track & Field team. The event will be on May 27 at Sugg Farm. Sign up at [this link](#).

### Exams

The [exam schedule](#) is posted for seniors. They will take teacher made exams for which they are not exempt on Thursday, June 1 and Friday, June 2. State tests will begin for seniors on Monday, June 5 regardless of what period the student has the class.

### Senior Signs

Senior signs are still available from the PTSA while they last from the HSHS main office or by contacting Elisa Benevento at [mom899@emargmail.com](mailto:mom899@emargmail.com). Signs are \$10 cash or check made payable to the "HSHS PTSA."

### Golden Sidewalk

If you or a family member is considering a graduation gift for your senior, please consider the option of purchasing a brick in the HSHS Golden Sidewalk. See more information [here](#).

### Benchmarks Week

This week is benchmarks week for all students. Students will take their benchmarks based on the following schedule:

- Monday, April 24 – English, Fine Arts, Special Programs
- Tuesday, April 25 – ESL, Math, World Languages
- Wednesday, April 26 – PE, Science
- Thursday, April 27 – CTE, Social Studies

## This Week at the Springs

- Monday, April 24 – Women's Soccer @ Panther Creek (away), JV 4:30 / V 6:30
- Tuesday, April 25 – JV Softball vs. Panther Creek (home), 4:30pm

- Tuesday, April 25 – V Softball @ Panther Creek (away), 4:30pm
- Tuesday, April 25 – Women's Lacrosse vs. Cary (home), 5:30pm
- Tuesday, April 25 – V Baseball @ Panther Creek (away), 6:30pm
- Tuesday, April 25 – JV Baseball vs. Panther Creek (home), 7pm
- Tuesday, April 25 – Varsity Men's Lacrosse @ Cary (away), 7pm
- Wednesday, April 26 – Spirit Night at Blaze Pizza to Support Band Boosters, 5-9pm
- Wednesday, April 26 – Women's Soccer vs. Athens Drive (home), JV 4:30 / V 6:00
- Thursday, April 27 – Track & Field vs. Apex Friendship (home), 3:30pm
- Thursday, April 27 – Women's Lacrosse @ Apex (away), 6:30pm
- Friday, April 28 – JV Baseball @ Athens Drive (away), 4:30pm
- Friday, April 28 – Mens Lacrosse @ Apex Friendship (away), JV 4:30 / V 6:30
- Friday, April 28 – JV Softball @ Athens Drive (away), 4:30pm
- Friday, April 28 – Women's Soccer @ Pine Forest (away), JV 5:30 / V 7
- Friday, April 28 – Women's Lacrosse vs. Apex Friendship (home), 6pm
- Friday, April 28 – Varsity Softball vs. Athens Drive (home), 6pm
- Friday, April 28 – Varsity Baseball vs. Athens Drive (home) 6:30pm

**Have a great week, Hawks!**



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