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HOLLY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL | *Home of the Golden Hawks* **HawkBlast for Seniors, 5/7/2017**

News & Updates

Senior Exam Exemption Waiver Request

A form has been posted on the HSHS website that will allow seniors request a waiver. The waiver request allows for a limited number of absences narrowly connected to the mission of the school to be waived above the allowable absences. Requests are due by Friday, May 26. You can view the form at [this link](#).

Interim Progress Reports

Interim progress reports were sent home on Wednesday of this past week. We observed an overall drop in grades for seniors during the beginning of the 4th quarter. Please encourage your senior to finish strong. The seniors are very close to their goal of having 95% of courses needed for graduation at a C or better! If they achieve this along with the other goals that were set, they will increase their access to exam exemptions!

Holly Grove Elementary Alumni

We are planning for interested Holly Grove Elementary School alumni to visit the school in late May to be cheered on by the elementary kids, revisit their former school hallways and teachers, etc. Students interested in participating should email Mr. Pittman (bpittman@wcpss.net) by no later than Friday, May 12.

Senior Breakfast – Monday, May 22

On Monday, May 22, seniors should plan to arrive at school at 8am and report to the HSHS Cafeteria. Students will report to second period following the breakfast if time permits. Parents can still sign up to donate supplies for the breakfast [at this link](#). IHOP of Holly Springs will be providing pancakes and bacon! Thanks to our community partner for their support of this event! Thanks to the parent volunteers who have agreed to help on that morning!

Senior Awards Day – Friday, May 26

Senior Awards Day will be at 8am on Friday, May 26. Seniors must arrive by 7am. The program will be between 90 minutes and two hours. All students will be recognized by having their name called. Some students will be recognized for scholarships,

awards, or senior honors. If you have questions about this event, please contact counselor Kristie Jones (kjones15@wcpss.net).

Scholarship Notices

It is important that seniors let their counselors know about scholarships they have received. We will work to recognize as many of these scholarships as possible at Senior Awards Day.

Graduation Updates

Senior families have been mailed a letter with details about graduation and the rehearsal for graduation. You can view the letter [at this link](#).

Also, we are beginning to get some questions about graduation that we would like to share with you so that everyone is aware of these answers. As we get more questions, we will work to share those as well. If you have a question, please feel free to email it to Mr. Pittman or submit it online [at this link](#).

Q: How should we handle guests at graduation with special needs (wheelchair, language needs, etc.)?

A: Contact Dean of Students Alan Ellington (aellington@wcpss.net, 919-577-1444 ext. 23472) if you have needs related to this. He will help you develop a plan that ensures all guests enjoy the graduation.

Q: Can seniors decorate their graduation cap and gown?

A: No. Seniors who have decorated their cap and gown will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

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. 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](#).

Have a great week, Hawks!



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