HawkBlast for Seniors, 4/22/2018

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HawkBlast Update for Seniors | April 22, 2018

This HawkBlast is specific to seniors at Holly Springs High. Periodically during the 4th quarter the HawkBlast will be unique to you so that you can get information that is useful and avoid some of the information related to the next school year.

Interim Progress Reports

Interim progress reports will be distributed on Wednesday, April 25. If you have any questions, please reach out to the teacher. As I shared with seniors at the beginning of the semester, our exams this year are just days before graduation. You do not want a course to come down to the exams. If your student has less than a C in a course they need to graduate, I strongly encourage you to take notice!

Graduation Tickets

In the senior class meeting this past week, I shared with students that we will be able to give them 11 tickets for graduation instead of 10. I also shared with them that there is no process to request additional tickets. Students can, however, give their tickets to friends if they choose as they are not student specific.

Key Details Around Graduation

Nearly every detail you will need around graduation can be found in <u>this document</u>. The bulk of what we discussed in the senior class meeting is covered in this document. Some things to highlight:

- If you know you will have guests who need additional assistance, in wheelchairs, in need of interpreters, etc., please contact Mr. Ellington (aellington@wcpss.net). He will be able to talk you through the details about this.
- Students are not permitted to decorate their caps and gowns. Doing so will keep them from being able to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- If you do not yet have your cap and gown, please see Ms. Young (tyoung@wcpss.net). Time is running short!
- Graduation will be live streamed for those who cannot attend. The link will be on the front page of the HSHS website on the day of graduation.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Pittman or Mr. Ellington.

Scholarships

We need to ensure that students are turning in scholarships, grants, etc. that they are being offered so that we can count it to our school total and so that we can recognize them at Senior Awards Day! They just need the letter or email indicating the offer and should bring that to Mr. Ellington. He will take care of the rest.

SAVE THE DATE: Senior Class Breakfast – Monday, May 21

More information to come but please save the date for the 2^{nd} annual senior class breakfast! We will need parents to help us make this event a success! It will be first thing in the morning (7:30 – 9:00am). Look for more information coming soon!

Key Dates for Seniors

Please be sure that the following dates are on your calendar and that of your senior:

• Monday, May 21: Senior Breakfast

There is no program at this event. It is just an opportunity for the senior class to get together and enjoy each others' company as we head into senior activities. Seniors do not need to arrive to school until 8am on this day.

• Friday, May 25: Senior Awards Day & Senior Picnic

Seniors will need to arrive at 7am on this date to get lined up. They should be in cap & gown and dressed in a way that matches dress code for graduation. The awards day program will run from 8am – 10am in the main gym at HSHS. Following the program, seniors will have the opportunity to change clothes and then enjoy the senior picnic.

• Thursday, May 31: Graduation Rehearsal

Seniors should report to graduation rehearsal by 3pm. We will begin at 3:30pm promptly and will conclude by no later than 5:30pm. Rehearsal is at the Raleigh Convention Center downtown. **Attendance at the rehearsal is required for participation in the graduation ceremony.**

• Monday, June 4 - Friday, June 8: Exams

Seniors will take their exams at the same time as underclassmen. You can view the exam schedule at this link. Similarly, information about exam exemptions can be viewed at this link.

• Saturday, June 9: Graduation

Our graduation ceremony will begin at 12pm. Graduates must be present by 11am. Guests will not be let into the Raleigh Convention Center prior to 11am regardless of the weather. Please plan accordingly.

If you have questions, please feel free to let us know. We ant this to be a great experience for all involved.

Have a great week, Hawks!



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