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HOLLY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL | *Home of the Golden Hawks* HawkBlast for Seniors | May 21, 2017

News & Updates

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. Seniors who arrive on campus prior to 8am will be required to report to 1st period.

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).

Please note that we can only celebrate what we know about at the Awards Day event. If there are scholarships that have not yet been reported to Student Services, please do so early in the week. See your counselor for more details.

Seniors who wish to leave campus following the picnic should return a permission form by Thursday, May 25. Forms are available in the front office. Students who have early release do not need to submit a form.

Interim Progress Reports

The final interim progress reports for this year will be distributed on Wednesday, May 24. If you have questions, please contact the individual teacher or your student's administrator. If a senior's grades do not indicate that they are on track for graduation, they will be excluded from the senior picnic on Friday and instead moved to a location to improve their grades.

Exams

The [exam schedule](#) is posted for seniors. **It has been revised!** They will take teacher made exams for which they are not exempt on Thursday, June 1 and Friday, June 2. State tests for seniors will be on Monday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 6. Seniors will take state exams in the period where they have the class. This is an update to our exam schedule. Please contact the front office Ms. Hurst if you have questions (mhurst@wcpss.net).

Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal is a **required** event. Seniors must participate in the rehearsal activity on Monday, June 5 from 6-8pm in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. They should plan to arrive at the Raleigh Convention Center by 5:30pm. Anticipate heavy traffic in Downtown Raleigh during this time of 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](#).

Please remember that participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a right. Students whose behaviors indicate that they may be disruptive at the graduation ceremony will be excluded from participating. Please contact Principal Brian Pittman if you have questions.

Senior Incentives

At the beginning of the semester, seniors were given some goals for their work in the spring and some incentives for meeting those goals. Specifically, the goal targets were:

- C or better in 95% of classes needed for graduation
- Attendance at or better than the level in the fall semester
- No disruption to the school day as a result of choices by the senior class.

As of this point, the senior class is in striking range if they can bring up their class averages just a bit in the next few weeks that we have left. Meeting these goals COULD allow for seniors to have greater flexibility with senior exam exemptions. Making this happen is up to the senior class!

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](#).

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](#).

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 and a strong, positive finish, Hawks!



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