



# CLASS OF 2023

INFORMATION FOR  
END OF YEAR EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

March 17, 2023

Dear Graduating Senior:

Graduation is quickly approaching, and I know how excited you must be! During these next few months, you will be finishing your time at Horseheads High School and can participate in many senior activities. This booklet has been designed to answer any questions you have about end of year events. If you require further information, please feel free to contact the main office 607-739-5601 x1620.

On behalf of the high school, I would like to congratulate you on successfully completing your graduation requirements and it is our sincere hope that the education you received has prepared you for whatever your future holds.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kris Earl".

Mrs. Earl

This senior booklet has been prepared for graduating seniors and their parents to help coordinate time and responsibilities for senior activities.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Thursday, March 30, 2023**

Jostens - Cap and Gown distribution  
Outside the cafeteria during lunch periods

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

Senior Prom  
6:00-9:00PM  
Elmira Country Club

**Friday, June 2, 2023**

Senior Trip  
9:00AM-9:00PM  
Darien Lake

**Thursday, June 8, 2023**

Sports Tribute  
6:00PM  
Auditorium

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

CTE Graduation  
During school day

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

Senior Day

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

Senior Walk  
Elementary Schools

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

Graduation Rehearsal  
1:00PM  
High School Stadium

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023 (weather dependent)**

Graduation  
6:00PM  
High School Stadium

\* Project Graduation are events not sponsored by Horseheads High School.

**DISTRIBUTION OF JOSTENS ORDERS**  
**CAPS, GOWNS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.**

Jostens will be outside the cafeteria during lunch periods on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, to distribute caps, gowns, announcements, and any other items ordered from the company. Once you get your order home, please be sure to open the cap and gown bag to make sure it includes all the items including your tassel. In the female cap and gown order bags, there will be a small white collar. This collar only adds confusion and discomfort to your ensemble – throw it away!

**SENIOR PROM**

*“La Nuit en Rose” ... “A Night in Pink”*

Senior Prom 2023 will be a Parisian themed event. The name comes from the song “La Vie en Rose” based off the idea of seeing the world through rose-colored glasses and seeing the positive side of life.

The night will begin with a sit-down dinner at 6:30, DJ, Class Superlatives, “Rose Ceremony”, and the crowning of Prom Royalty.

Prom tickets are \$80 and will be on sale April 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in the box office during 5/6. All students that met quota in the Raise Craze Fundraiser will receive a FREE prom ticket and will receive them at that time as well.

You will make your dinner choice of beef, chicken parmesan, or pasta at the time of ticket purchase.

Out of district guest forms will be available at the end of March and will need to be completed and handed in at the time of ticket purchase. Please see Mrs. Lowe for a form.

**SENIOR SURVEY**

You will be asked to fill out a brief electronic survey to help ensure the accuracy of post-secondary plans. The link to this survey will be sent out in May via email. This information is used for several reasons including our graduation program and tracking of college enrollment trends. You can gain access to the survey by using his/her HHS school computer account password. To speed up this task you should be prepared with the following information: post-graduation plans – college, work, or armed forces; the colleges applied to and all admission decisions; and all scholarships awarded including amounts. You will receive specific log in information (by email) when the survey opens.

**SENIOR TRIP**

Seniors will be going to Darien Lake on Friday, June 2, 2023. Seniors will leave at approximately 9AM and return to the school at approximately 9PM. This is a school day and the seniors attending will receive an Educational Excuse for the day.

The cost to attend will be \$70 per student. This will cover the cost of the bus and a ticket to the park. Cash or checks made out to “Class of 2023” is to be turned in March 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> in the box office during period 5/6.

### **SPORTS TRIBUTE**

The Varsity H Athletic Tribute will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 6PM in the High School Auditorium. Athletes are to report by 5:45PM. The tribute will recognize the athletes who participated throughout this school year. There will also be individual awards, sectional champion recognition, STAC champion recognition, and Scholar Team Athlete recognition as well as the male/female athlete of the year nominees and winners and many other awards.

### **SENIOR CELEBRATION**

Senior Day will be Tuesday, June 13, 2023. It is the last day of regular classes before exams. The Class of 2023 will be excused for the day to celebrate together. An itinerary for the day will be sent out in late May.

### **GRADUATION REHEARSAL**

**All graduating seniors must be at the High School Stadium on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

*Report to the Stadium, find your designated seat, and be ready to receive instructions at 1:00 p.m.* It is imperative that you pay close attention to the instructions so rehearsal can be short and pleasant. Rehearsal should last approximately one hour. During rehearsal we will have a brief run through of the program and practice the processional and recessional and walking across the stage.

**ALL GRADUATING SENIORS MUST ATTEND GRADUATION REHEARSAL IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. WORK IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

All graduating seniors must be at the High School Stadium on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 5:15PM. The ceremony begins promptly at 6PM. Seniors, please park at the senior lot and report directly to your designated area (as discussed at rehearsal). Teachers and administrators will be present to help you line up in the correct order and take attendance. Do not leave your processional line once attendance is taken.

**\*This date is weather dependent - if bad weather is expected, the ceremony will take place at the same time on Thursday or Friday, possibly Saturday morning\***

Students may not leave purses, bags, food, drinks, etc. in the student seating area. If any items are found, they will be removed by administration prior to the start of the ceremony and can be retrieved at the conclusion of the event.

The ceremony should last for approximately 1.5 hours.

*Use of toys and props, i.e., beach balls, silly string, noise makers, and the like will not be tolerated. Proper behavior is expected of all participants. The ceremony will be stopped by the principal if behavior is inappropriate.*

**If you will not be participating in the graduation ceremony, please notify Mrs. Wida in the Main Office as soon as possible.**

You will not receive your diploma at the graduation ceremony. They are to be picked up from the Main Office the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. They can be picked up anytime during regular business hours.

## **GRADUATION INFORMATION FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

You do not need a ticket to attend the graduation ceremony.

Guests may enter the Stadium at 5:00 p.m.

We ask that all guests respect the right of every family to hear their student's name announced. Family members and invited guests are asked to respect all graduates and the dignity of the ceremony by remaining quiet during the ceremony and especially as the names are called for presentation of diplomas.

A professional photographer will take a photograph of each student as they receive their diploma. Ordering information for these photos will be in the diploma envelope. Friends and family members will not be allowed near the stage or down on the field during the ceremony.

### **GRADUATION PROCEDURES AND ETIQUETTE**

Seniors will graduate in alphabetical order. (Students will receive their seating assignments at rehearsal.) Exact details and directions will be given and reviewed at rehearsal.

You will receive your diploma with your left hand and shake hands (with the Board President) with the right. Once you receive your diploma and exit the stage, return directly to your assigned seat. Do not wait for the entire row to return. Be seated immediately so that others may view the ceremony. While waiting for other seniors to receive their diplomas please give your fellow graduates respect so that each person's name can be properly heard.

Later in the ceremony your class president will lead you in the traditional tassel ceremony and you will be moving your tassel from right to left.

### **GRADUATION ATTIRE**

We want your graduation ceremony to be a dignified experience. You have worked hard to reach this milestone and you deserve a ceremony of which you can be proud. A lot of hard work and time – on your part as well as the part of the administrative and clerical staff – goes into making this day a reality. For your graduation ceremony to be a special event for you and your family, we ask for your full cooperation in following procedures.

- Heels and flip flops are not acceptable especially on the turf.
  - Do not wait until the last minute to take your graduation gown out of the bag. Be sure to iron on a cool setting or hang on a hangar to eliminate some of the wrinkles.
  - Caps are worn straight on the head and the tassel should be on the right side.
  - Caps may be adorned with tasteful decorations.
  - You may wear regalia, cords, etc. from your BOCES/New Visions program.
  - Extra caps, gowns, stoles, cords, etc. will not be available at the graduation ceremony so please be sure to take care of any problems at rehearsal.
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**If you have any questions regarding any end of year information, please contact Mrs. Wida the Main Office at 739-5601, ext. 1620 or [kawida@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:kawida@horseheadsdistrict.com)**