

**Class of 2024
Senior Information**

Dear Graduating Senior,

Graduation is quickly approaching, and I know how excited you must be! During these last few months, you will be finishing your time at Horseheads High School and will participate in many senior activities. I have put together some important dates and information for planning ahead. Please see Mrs. Wida in the Main office if you have any questions.

Please continue to check your emails for information, date/time changes, etc.

On behalf of Horseheads 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. Congratulations and best wishes!

Mrs. Earl



Important Dates and Events

Cap and Gown Distribution

Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Lunch Periods – Outside of Auditorium

Senior Prom

Saturday, May 18, 2024
6:30-10pm @ Hilltop Inn

Senior Trip

Friday, May 31, 2024
Hershey Park 9:30am-11:00/11:30pm

Sports Tribute

Thursday, June 6, 2024
6pm @ High School Auditorium

Yearbook Distribution

Monday, June 10, 2024
South Gym

CTE and New Visions Graduation Ceremonies

Tuesday, June 11, 2024
BOCES Bush Campus – Ceremony Schedule Listed Below

Senior Day

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Regents Exams

June 14-26, 2024

Mark Twain Scholars Dinner

Monday, June 17, 2024
6pm @ Elmira College

Senior Walk

Tuesday, June 18, 2024
1:30pm @ Elementary Schools

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Ceremony

Tuesday, June 18, 2024
5:30pm @ Bath CSD Auditorium

No School – Juneteenth

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Graduation Rehearsal

Tuesday, June 25, 2024
1pm @ High School Stadium

Graduation Ceremony

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 (Weather Dependent)

6pm @ High School Stadium

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

Senior Prom

This year's theme is "*Tangled in our Memories.*" Photographs will be shared from over the years and there will be an opportunity to take pictures throughout the night. Prom will be on Saturday, May 18th at the Hilltop Inn. Arrival time is 6:30 with a buffet dinner starting at 7:00 and ending at 10:00.

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. They will be available in the Main Office or with Mrs. Fesetch in room 234.

Distribution of Caps, Gowns, and Other Senior Items

A Jostens representative will be distributing caps, gowns, and other graduation items on Wednesday, April 17th during lunch periods, outside of the Auditorium. If did not pick your items up then, you can pick them up from the Main Office. When you receive your order, please be sure that all items are included – gown, cap, tassel.

If you have not yet ordered, please do so ASAP - www.nygrad.com

All honors stoles, cords, sashes, and pins will not be handed out until the end of 7th marking period when all grades are finalized.

Senior Survey

All students are required to fill out this brief electronic survey to help ensure the accuracy of post-secondary plans. [2024 Senior Survey \(office.com\)](http://office.com) This survey is mandatory, even if you are undecided at the time. This information will be used for several reasons including our graduation program and tracking of college enrollment trends. To speed up the task you should be prepared with the following information: post-graduation plans – college, work, or armed forces; the colleges you have applied to and all admission decisions; and all scholarships awarded, including the amounts.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, Mrs. Matthews in the Counseling Office will be able to assist you.

Senior Trip

Senior Class Trip to HERSHEY PARK will be on Friday, May 31, 2024. Students will depart at 9:30am from the High School Pool doors and return at approximately 11:00pm. Admission tickets will cost \$25 which will include entry to the park, rides, waterpark, and the zoo for the entire day. Please note this is a “cashless” park. You must use credit/debit cards, or Google or Apple Pay. Students may also purchase a single-use meal deal for \$19.06 on the website (hersheypark.com) or onsite. Seniors attending the trip will receive an Educational Excuse for the day. Class release forms are due to Mrs. Fesetch in room 234 no later than Friday, April 26th.

Sports Tribute

The Varsity H Athletic Tribute will be held on June 6th at 6pm in the High School Auditorium. Athletes are to report at 5:45. The tribute will recognize students that participated in athletic activities this school year. There will also be individual awards given, Sectional Champion recognition, STAC Champion recognition, and Scholar Team recognition, as well as the male/female Athlete of the Year nominees and winners, along with many other awards.

BOCES CTE and New Visions Graduation Schedule

Letter from BOCES administrators -

Ceremony Schedule	Arrival	Ceremony Run Time	Group Departure
Audio Media, Criminal Justice, Culinary, Digital Media Arts, Fashion Design and Nurse Assisting	8:45 AM	9:00 AM to 9:45 AM	9:45 AM to 10:15 AM
Animal Science, Cosmetology, Early Childhood and Welding	10:15 AM	10:30 AM to 11:15 AM	11:15 AM to 11:45 AM
New Visions	11:45 AM	12:00 PM to 12:45 PM	12:45 PM to 1:15 PM
Auto Body, Auto Tech, Building Construction, Conservation, Diesel, and Dental Assisting	1:15 PM	1:30 PM to 2:15 PM	2:15 PM to 2:45 PM
Freedom Academy	2:45 PM	3:00 PM to 3:30 PM	3:30

Senior Celebration

Senior Day will be Thursday, June 13th. It is the last day of regular classes before Regents exams. The class of 2024 will be excused for the day to celebrate together. An itinerary for the day will be sent out to seniors later this month.

Senior Walk

We are thrilled to invite our graduating seniors to a special “Senior Walk” parade at their former elementary schools. This is a unique opportunity to don your caps and gowns and inspire the younger students as you showcase your remarkable journey from the very place it began. Participation is optional, but highly encouraged, as it promises to be a memorable event for both our seniors and the young students.

Seniors must arrive at their assigned elementary schools by 1:15pm on June 18th for the parade to start promptly at 1:30pm. A link to sign up for this event will be emailed to seniors within the next couple weeks.

Graduation Rehearsal – MANDATORY

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

All graduating seniors must be at the High School Stadium on Tuesday, June 25th at 1pm. Rehearsal will last about an hour.

Students are to report to the stadium, find their designated seat, and be ready to receive instructions at promptly 1pm. It is imperative to pay close attention to the instructions. We will briefly run-through the program, practice the processional, walking across the stage, and the recessional.

Graduation Ceremony

June 26, 2024 – WEATHER DEPENDENT – Rain Dates 6/27, 6/28, 6/29

All graduating seniors must report to the South Wing of the High School on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 5:15pm. Students will line up inside the building and walk out to the stadium. The graduation ceremony will begin at promptly 6:00pm and last approximately 1.5 hours.

Seniors are to park in the senior lot and report directly to the South Wing. Teachers and administrators will be present to help you line up in the correct order and to take attendance. Do not leave your processional line once attendance has been taken.

If you will not be participating in the graduation ceremony, please notify Mrs. Wida as soon as possible to let her know.

A photographer will be on site for the ceremony. You will find a flyer with a link to view and purchase photos in your diploma envelope.

You will not receive your diploma at the graduation ceremony. They are to be picked up from the Main Office the week of July 8th anytime during regular business hours.

Graduation Procedures and Etiquette

Seniors will graduate in alphabetical order. Students will receive their seating assignments at rehearsal. Students will receive their diplomas with their left hand and shake (right) hands with the Board of Education President. Once students receive their diploma and exit the stage, they are to return directly to their assigned seat. While waiting for others to receive their diplomas, please give your fellow graduates respect so that each graduate'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

You have worked hard to reach this milestone and deserve a ceremony of which you should be proud. A lot of hard work and time – on your part, as well as 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.

No heels or flip flops!

Caps are worn straight on the head with the tassel on the right side.

Caps may be tastefully adorned.

Only school issued cords and stoles may be worn.

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

