

# April 2025

## Senior Newsletter

### An important message from Mrs. Blackmon:

ATL Grad will be on campus on 4/18, during lunch, to deliver cap & gowns, tassels, and other graduation items that were ordered. Please make sure to come pick up your items!

**\*Any items not picked up during lunch can be picked up from Mrs. Blackmon from 1:00-2:00pm each day.**

*\*If you need assistance with a cap & gown, please email Mrs. Blackmon.\**

Yearbook, Job# 2055



Cap & Gown



### Honor Graduate Requirements

To graduate with honors, you must meet the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA of 90 or better
- Successfully complete one Advanced Placement or core content Dual Enrollment class AND a combination of three or more additional Honors, Advanced Placement or core content Dual Enrollment classes
- Successfully complete 2 consecutive world language classes or the computer programming pathway
- Earn a grade of A, B, or C in all courses attempted (including Dual Enrollment courses - no grades D or F on official college transcripts)
- No Level 3 discipline referrals

**\*Dual Enrollment - Any student who withdraws from a DE course after the drop/add period will receive an F at the HS level, disqualifying the student from being an Honor Graduate.**

### Important Dates

- **4/1 - Deadline to order Cap and Gown for April delivery to the school**
- **4/1-4/4 - Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)**
- **4/10 - SAT school day test (see counselors for more info)**
- **4/12 - Prom at UWG (email Mrs. Barkley if you have questions about prom)**
- **4/18 - Cap & gown deliveries during all lunches**

### Upcoming

- **5/15 - Senior Awards Night at HCHS**
- **5/16 - Senior Field Day at HCHS (12:00-1:30 pm)**
- **5/18 - Baccalaureate (email Mrs. Byrd with questions)**
- **5/20 - Senior Grad Walk, Senior Luncheon & Yearbook Pickup**
- **5/20 - Senior CCA Awards Night at West Ga Tech in Bremen**
- **5/22 & 5/23 - MANDATORY Graduation Practice at HCHS**
- **5/23 - GRADUATION**

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**\*These are all school events, so dress code, school rules, etc. still apply.**

### **SENIOR FIELD DAY (MAY 16)**

If you wish to participate, your safety waiver and permission form must be turned into Mrs. Blackmon by May 2 (pick up forms April 8-11). Field Day will be on the main field from 12:00-1:30pm (after final exams).

After final exams, you must report directly to the stadium WITH your VIP bracelet to attend the event.

We will have hot dogs & hamburgers, and Butter'dudder!

**\*This event is for STUDENTS ONLY.**

### **Grad Walk Parade of Schools (MAY 20)**

If you wish to participate in the Grad Walk Parade of Schools (TPS, WHES, BPS, BES, HCMS), your permission form is due May 2 to Mrs. Blackmon (pick up April 8-11).

On Tuesday, May 20, we will meet in the FINE ARTS BUILDING at 8:30 AM.

Be dressed in your cap and gown AND the outfit and shoes you plan to wear to the graduation ceremony on Friday night. This is to make sure your graduation outfit is in dress code PRIOR to the day of graduation.

**\*This event is for STUDENTS ONLY.**

### **SENIOR LUNCHEON (MAY 20)**

Chick-fil-A lunch (Senior Luncheon) and dessert from MalNourished Bakery will be served at 12 pm in the HCHS stadium. You will receive your senior letters and we will watch the senior video.

Yearbook Distribution will also take place at this time. NO yearbooks will be sold on this day.

**\*Strawberry Hill will also be set up for individual cap and gown photos on this day. No payment required at time of picture.**

**We will also take our Class of 2025 photo in the stands in your cap & gown.**

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### **SENIOR PARADE (MAY 22)**

4:30 pm-Line up at the Tallapoosa Ballpark. Decorate your car, truck, jeep, trailer, etc. and be ready to shine.

Parade starts promptly at 5:00 pm.

Throw candy, if you want to.

The parade starts at the ballpark, turns right on Hwy 100 at Crossroads, turns right on Hwy 78 at the Shell station and ends at Subway.

**\*You are still an HCHS student so behave accordingly before and during the parade.**

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## Graduation Information

### Graduation Practice & Dress Code

**Graduation Practice** is **MANDATORY**. It will be held on Thursday, May 22 and Friday, May 23 from 8:30 a.m. until we finish around noon.

**The only acceptable excuse is emergency medical care.** Failure to attend practice will mean failure to participate in graduation on Friday night.

You are seniors. You're adults. Figure it out. Do what you have to do to be there on time.

**BE ON TIME.** Roll will be checked at 8:30 AM and places in line will be assigned then. If you are not there, you will have no place in line which means you will not be able to participate on Friday. If you show up late, you will be placed at the END, even if you are an honor graduate. You may NOT leave practice early. **Being on time means IN YOUR SEAT at 8:30.**

**Dress appropriately.** School dress code STILL APPLIES at graduation practice.

**BEHAVE.** You are seniors and the leaders of our school. Behave. Any behavior issues will result in you being dismissed from practice and not being able to walk at graduation.

### Graduation Dress Code:

Graduation Dress code must be followed or you will not be allowed to walk.

**Ladies:** Dress (no specific color required) that will not hang below graduation gown or black dress pants, and black or navy dress shoes. (Remember, you will be walking on grass and up and down a ramp.)

**Gentlemen:** White collared shirt (this can be a polo), black or navy dress pants and BLACK dress shoes.

**Everyone:** No tennis shoes or flip flops, no silver or gold shoes, **no boots**. No alterations to your robes or caps. NO JEANS OF ANY COLOR!

**If you need assistance with clothing, please let Mrs. Blackmon or the school senior counselors, Mrs. Olinger or Mrs. Fjeran, know by May 16.**

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### **Cords, stoles, medals for graduation:**

The only adornment that will be allowed at graduation is the cords, stoles and medals received during the **HCHS Senior Honors Night/CCA Awards Night**.

No other athletic, fine arts, etc. awards will be allowed.

No awards from outside of our school are allowed, i.e. scouts, religious, etc.

During graduation, no “extras” on the field. No cell phones, etc. You will be pulled from the line and not allowed to participate.

**For graduation, each senior will receive 3 parking passes. One of these tickets belongs to the senior for parking. These passes will be given to the graduating senior at MANDATORY graduation practice on Thursday, May 22.**

### **Graduation Night**

Graduation is **Friday, May 23rd** at **8PM**.

You need to arrive to the Fine Arts Building from 5:45-6:45 PM. **NO LATER than 6:45PM.**

This is to ensure that you do not get caught in traffic. We will have a dress code check and wait in the Fine Arts Building. We will line up to walk to the field at **7:30PM**.

*\*Do not bring purses, bags, clothes, etc. with you, as the FAB will be locked after graduation.*

*\*\*ONLY graduating seniors will be admitted into the Fine Arts Building.*

Diplomas will NOT be handed out on the stage. You will pick up your diploma afterwards at the goal post CLOSEST to the tennis courts.

If you act unprofessionally during the graduation ceremony, your diploma will be held at the principal's discretion.