

April 2019

Dear Northeast High School Senior Parents,

Congratulations!

Your child's graduation is almost here, and our staff shares your excitement for this event. Your student and their class will celebrate their graduation here on campus, and in our community. We also know that this time brings a rush of activity for parents and students. Consequently, we compiled this booklet of useful information to help you prepare for all senior events. Please take the time to review it with your senior.

I would like to extend to you a warm invitation to our 54th Annual Senior Awards program on Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. This program gives us an opportunity to celebrate seniors who have distinguished themselves during their time at Northeast High School. Parents and seniors are invited to stay for refreshments, hosted by the junior class, immediately following the program.

Finally, all Seniors who achieved summa cum laude status are eligible to apply to be the second student speaker at the graduation ceremony. These students, who submit an application by April 17 will be chosen by a committee made up of faculty, administration, and counselors. The decision of this selection committee is final.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions pertaining to graduation and the information in this packet. Please continue to speak to our seniors about making good decisions as we celebrate all students' achievement of their high school diploma.

We are Northeast,

Jason T. Williams  
Principal

## ***Northeast High School Senior Calendar of Events***

*The following dates are for upcoming Senior Events and Graduation: (These dates are subject to change based on final decisions by the Board of Education for days missed due to inclement weather.)*

Monday- Friday	April 1 <sup>st</sup> - April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Prom tickets on sale - Outside Guest forms must be submitted to Ms. Littleton by April 5th.
Friday	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	All senior class obligations due prior to purchasing Prom tickets.. This includes senior class dues, cap & gown fee, uniforms, media books and textbooks obtained prior to 4th marking period.
Thursday	April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Prom Promise – 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Thursday	April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Seniors in violation of alcohol or BOE Policy IID after this date are denied senior privileges.
Saturday	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Prom – 7:00-11:00 p.m. The Westin Annapolis
Saturday	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	After Prom Party – 11:30 p.m.-3:00 a.m. Northeast High School Cafeteria All students must arrive by 12:30 a.m.
Thursday	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Awards Program – 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Auditorium)
Monday	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for all coursework to be finalized and turned in to teachers.
Monday	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Quarterly Assessments - 3A & 4A Obligations due for 3A & 4A
Tuesday	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Quarterly Assessments - 3B & 4B Obligations due for 3B & 4B
Wednesday	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Quarterly Assessments - 1A & 2A Obligations due for 1A & 2A
Thursday	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Quarterly Assessments - 1B & 2B Obligations due for 1B & 2B Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal at NHS 11:00 a.m.- 2:18 p.m. Tickets and Caps and Gowns will be distributed at the close of practice.
Thursday	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Senior Athletic Banquet – 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Michael’s 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Wednesday	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Ceremony – 10:00 a.m. All seniors must arrive by 8:30 a.m.

*Participation in graduation ceremonies is a privilege granted to qualifying students. This applies to all graduates, including diploma and certificate recipients.*

***Violation of Board of Education Policy IID and Administrative Regulation IID-RA  
Graduation Activities:***

Graduating students who violate Board policies on possession, consumption, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, controlled dangerous substances, counterfeit controlled dangerous substances, non-controlled substances as defined by the Criminal Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or other intoxicants at any time during the last four weeks of school prior to the last scheduled day for graduating students, or during the time between the last scheduled day and the graduation ceremony, whether the activity takes place on school buses, within a school building or upon any school property or during any school, school-related, or Board-sponsored activity, whether held on school property or at locations off school property, including private clubs, businesses, or commercial establishments, shall be prohibited from participation in all senior activities, including proms, award ceremonies and graduation exercises.

- Diplomas earned by students denied participation in graduation ceremonies will be available upon request in the office of the school principal on the first workday following graduation ceremonies.
- Students who earned out-of-state diplomas, but are enrolled in AACPS at the time of their former school's graduation ceremony, may participate in their current respective school's graduation activities and receive their respective former school system's diploma if approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee
- April 26 is the last day a graduating senior can be enrolled in the Alternative to Drugs Program, Responsible Actions Program, or Anti-Tobacco Use Program, which is a required condition for reinstatement into school for Violation of IID-R.A.

***Senior Awards Program:***

- Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Northeast High School auditorium.
- Parents of seniors to be honored will be notified.
- Students please dress appropriately.

***Quarterly Assessments – May 2019:***

- Make-up assessments: Anyone who misses an assessment because of illness will take the assessment on the school day immediately following the day of illness.
- All assessments must be made up by 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 23.
- No seniors will be allowed to participate in graduation exercises unless all academic and other requirements are met. All senior work must be turned in by Monday, May 20.
- Quarterly Assessments are 10% of the quarter grade and 5% of the semester grade.

***Textbooks/Obligations***

- Textbooks will be collected on the day of each exam. You must be sure to get a receipt for each textbook.
- Senior Dues are \$40 and must be paid before you can receive Prom or Graduation tickets.
- Students will not be allowed to participate in graduation exercises if any outstanding debts to the school are not cleared.

## ***Senior Prom:***

The Senior Prom will be held at The Westin Annapolis, 100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The dress for the prom is formal: girls should wear a gown and boys should wear a tux. If you are not dressed appropriately, you will not be admitted. No refunds will be given.

### ***TICKET INFORMATION:***

- Tickets will go on sale during lunches April 1 - April 12.
- Cost will be \$70.00 per single ticket. No couple discounts will be given.
- Outside Guest Permission forms can be picked up in Ms. Littleton's room (C211), the main office, or Ms. Lebowitz's room (C286). ***Please note, any request for a guest who attends a middle school or who is 21 years of age or older, will not be granted.*** Forms are due to Ms. Littleton by April 5.
- All school obligations must be cleared with Ms. Kohlhafer before tickets can be purchased.
- No tickets will be sold at the door.

### ***PICTURES:***

- Photographers from Lifetouch will be available at the prom to take pictures.
- All pictures must be prepaid on the night of the prom.

### ***Prom Rules and Procedures:***

- You ***must*** have your ticket. You will not be admitted without a ticket, and no tickets will be sold at the door. (No exceptions).
- No student may enter before 7:00 p.m. or after 8:30 p.m. (No exceptions).
- All students must abide by the AACPS Student Code of Conduct.
- Alcoholic beverages and other drugs are strictly prohibited. Students found with these items, or students who arrive after having ingested these items, will not be permitted entrance or will be required to leave the prom, will be subject to police action as well as administrative action, and will not be permitted to participate in graduation exercises.
- Areas of The Westin Annapolis other than the ballroom, lobby, and assigned bathrooms, are off limits to students.
- Once students leave the prom, they will not be permitted to return.

### ***Directions to Westin Annapolis***

#### **From Pasadena:**

Take MD South (Ritchie Highway). Take ramp for MD-2 South / US-301 South / US-50 West toward Annapolis/Washington. At exit 24A, take ramp right for MD-70 South toward Annapolis. Turn right onto MD-435 / Taylor Avenue. Turn left onto Park Place. Turn right onto Westgate Circle. The hotel is 100 Westgate Circle.

## ***Graduation Day:***

- Seniors are to be at Northeast High School with caps and gowns by 8:30 a.m.
- All students are to report to the cafeteria for preparation and line-up.
- All seniors must wear the current Northeast High School cap and gown to participate in the commencement ceremony. Cost: \$50.00 through April 30. After April 30, the cost is \$75.00. Students must see Mrs. Lebowitz in room C286 if you still need to order a gown. You can no longer order online with Jostens.
- Students should wear semi-formal, appropriate dress under their gowns. Ladies should wear dresses or skirts and gentlemen should wear a dress shirt and tie.
- No jeans, shorts, tennis shoes, or flip flops should be worn.
- Each senior will receive (7) graduation tickets on the day of graduation practice, Thursday, May 23. Admission is by ticket only.
- Please consider leaving small children at home, as even an infant/toddler will require a ticket for entrance. No strollers in seating area. Please use stroller parking at the concession stand.
- All guests should be seated by 9:30 a.m. Please consider traffic conditions en route when planning departure time.
- Any inappropriate behavior before or during graduation ceremonies will not be tolerated and may result in a student's exclusion from graduation ceremonies. This includes behavior at all rehearsals.
- All members of the audience including parents, family, and other friends are guests of Northeast High School. Consequently, they must adhere to all ceremony rules.
- Any member of the audience who uses a noise making device, such as an air-horn, will promptly be removed from the Northeast High School Stadium.
- Seniors should make arrangements to be dropped off.
- Only one parking pass per family for campus parking.
- On campus parking is in the gymnasium lot.
- Handicap parking along stadium visitor's side bleachers and Tick Neck Lot. Enter through Tick Neck Park entrance.
- Shuttles provided for off campus parking at Lauer's on Edwin Raynor Blvd. and Riviera Beach locations will begin at 8:00 a.m.
- Parking instructions and a map will be provided at a later time.
- Graduation Day is your last day as a senior at Northeast High School. You may not come back to visit while school is still in session.

*The following distinctions are signified by the appropriate stole/cord. These are the only stoles/cords recognized by Northeast High School:*

***Latin Honor Stoles:***

<i>Gold</i>	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
<i>Silver</i>	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Cum laude</i>

***Honor Cords:***

White Cord	National Honor Society
Red & Gold	Spanish Honor Society
Blue, White & Red	French Honor Society
Black & Gold Twist	NHS Scholars Program
Royal Blue & Gold	Advancement via Individual Determination Program
Blue & Gold	International Thespian Honor Society
Pink	Tri-M Music Honor Society
Light Blue	National Dance Honor Society
Red, White & Blue	MCJROTC

Speakers for Graduation Ceremony

The senior class president shall address the class during the graduation ceremony. For the second speaker, the principal will provide notice to all summa cum laude seniors that they have the opportunity to apply to be a graduation speaker. Each interested senior who is qualified must write and submit a personal statement of 250 words or less outlining their reason for wanting to speak at graduation; statement should include highlights of the main message they want to communicate to their peers through their speech and why they wish to personally address their class. The principal will designate a team of faculty and staff of three to five members to select the second speaker from the summa cum laude students who apply to speak using guidelines established by AACPS Board of Education. Applications must be submitted to Ms. Pam Allen, Principal's Secretary, in the main office, by Wednesday, April 17. The selection will occur no later than April 30, and the decision of the faculty/staff selection team shall be final. We encourage all seniors and their parents to embrace this change in tradition, as these changes provide new traditions inclusive of more students. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school for clarification.

**Parent Notification:**

*The commencement ceremony is intended to recognize those seniors who have completed all requirements for a Maryland High School Diploma. The school staff has, since the end of first semester, reviewed report cards and transcripts and counseled with seniors at risk of not meeting all diploma requirements. Any senior who does not meet all requirements will not be permitted to take part in commencement. Parents and seniors have been notified personally and in writing if academic performance is uncertain until the last exam. The staff will notify those seniors and parents as quickly as possible when the final grades are known. Conferences can be arranged by calling the school, 410-437-6400 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on school days.*