

# Hutchinson Public Schools

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April 10, 2024

Dear HHS Class of 2024 and Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Spring is here and we are less than 8 weeks until Commencement Day for the Class of 2024! This communication is intended to provide you with a timeline of events and information leading up to and through Commencement Day.

## **Wednesday, May 1**

- Seniors interested in speaking at graduation - Class Speaker Intent email to Ms. Telecky by 3:00 pm. (auditions May 8).

## **Thursday, May 2**

- Cap/Gown/Commencement Tickets distribution during advisory and lunches. There will be a table set up in the commons. If you are not able to pick them up at this date/time, they can be picked up in the office beginning May 3. All fees must be paid before pick up. *Reminder: Each member of the Class of 2024 will be provided with six (6) tickets to Commencement. HHS **will not** be holding any extra tickets. Therefore, if a student desires additional tickets, we are recommending that the student informally crowdsource.*

## **Monday, May 20**

- TigerPath Reception
  - 5:30-7:30 pm in the HHS Commons
  - This is a “come and go” reception where you can celebrate our seniors and honor their future pathways with a “Your Future is Bright” photo opportunity. Come enjoy some refreshments as you take photos celebrating your senior and their future path!
- NHS Senior Salute
  - 6:00 pm HHS Auditorium: This event is for National Honor Society students and guests.
- Senior Awards Night
  - 7:30 pm HHS Auditorium: Students receiving an award will be mailed an invitation.

## **Wednesday, May 22**

- Baccalaureate at 6:30 pm in HHS Auditorium
- Please direct any questions to [Kristenm@faithlc.com](mailto:Kristenm@faithlc.com)

## **Friday, May 24**

- Last day of school for Seniors!

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## **FRIDAY, May 31 - Commencement Day**

### **9:30 am -- Commencement Practice (meet in the Whalen Gymnasium)**

This is a MANDATORY event. The Class of 2024 should meet in the Whalen Gymnasium. We will start practice promptly at 9:30 am. We will practice staging, processional, ceremony, and recessional. Practice will last until at least 10:45 a.m. Students DO NOT need to wear their cap/gown to practice → casual clothing is appropriate. Commencement practice is a STUDENT-ONLY event.

**Please note:** Students with extra Commencement tickets are encouraged to bring these tickets to Commencement practice to assist students in need, if necessary.

### **11:00 am -- Senior Luncheon (Commons)**

Immediately following Commencement Practice, food (pizza) and drink will be provided to the Class of 2024 in the Commons. This is a free event, and attendance is not required but encouraged. The Senior Luncheon is a STUDENT-ONLY event.

### **5:30 pm -- Seniors Begin Staging for Commencement (Activities Hallway)**

Class of 2024 students should PARK IN THE WEST LOT AND ENTER DOOR 20 and proceed to the Activities Hallway to begin staging for Commencement. Students are required to arrive NO LATER than 6:00 pm to the Multipurpose Gym. Access to Door 20 will end at 6:00 pm. Commencement is a formal exercise, and HHS requests student and parent/guardian assistance in ensuring this expectation. Students are asked to wear formal or semi-formal attire underneath their Commencement robes.

### **5:30 pm -- Doors Open to the Public (Door 1 and Door 3)**

At 5:30 pm, Door 1 and Door 3 will open to the public. Spectators WITH TICKETS will be permitted to take their seats in the Whalen Gymnasium. The first two rows of bleacher seating in the Whalen Gymnasium will be reserved for those with limited mobility; please see an usher inside the gymnasium for assistance. The Auditorium will also be open to all non-ticketed spectators. The ceremony will be streamed live in the Auditorium.

**Broadcast:** HCVN will be broadcasting the HHS Commencement live on their network, including online. As well, HCVN will offer DVD/BD copies of Commencement for purchase from their website.

### **6:30 pm -- Ceremony Begins**

### **7:45 pm (approximately) -- Ceremony Concludes**

Immediately following the ceremony, Class of 2024 students will recess back to the Multipurpose Gym. There, they will receive their actual diploma documentation. This is a STUDENT-ONLY process.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, and thank you for your support!

Jennifer Telecky, Principal  
Hutchinson High School