

Senior Information for Hillcrest High School Graduation 2018

Wednesday, June 6 - 10:00 am

Bon Secours Wellness Arena (BSWA)

The following information should be helpful as you prepare for your Graduation Day. Please read carefully as you are responsible for meeting all deadlines and fulfilling requirements for participation in Graduation. All graduation supplies are ordered from Herff Jones, and their office number is 244-0110. It is our goal to celebrate your accomplishment with a respectful and meaningful ceremony. Please note all important upcoming dates on the back:

Graduation Attire

1. Females will wear a skirt or dress that is shorter than the gown so it does not hang below the robe. Females also have the option of wearing black, navy, grey or slacks. They should wear black, nude, navy or dark brown shoes. **NO RED SHOES**. Bring the shoes you plan to wear to practice on June 1 so that you can practice going up and down the steps. Be mindful that you will be standing for long periods of time.
2. Males will wear a collared dress shirt (preferably white), with a tie, dark trousers like black, brown, navy, or grey (**no jeans**), socks (**mandatory**), and dark shoes (**no tennis shoes or sandals**). Email any questions to lterry@greenvilleschools.us
3. When you receive your gown, take it out of the package and hang it up so that the wrinkles will fall out before graduation.
4. Bring your cap and tassel to graduation. Graduation caps will be worn **parallel** to the ground. Do not tip them backwards. **Nothing should be visible on your cap except your tassel**. Herff Jones will be at the BSWA before the ceremony if you have any?'s.
5. **Only cords, etc received from the school should be worn during the graduation ceremony.**

Ticket Information

1. Each senior will receive 10 tickets. Many seniors do not have a need for the maximum number of tickets while others need more. Please give any tickets you do not need to a senior who needs additional tickets. **Do not lose your tickets.**
2. Up to two extra tickets may be purchased on June 5 in the front office for \$10 each.
3. Children 3 and under do not require a ticket all other guests must have a ticket to enter the BSWA.
4. Please do not give these tickets away indiscriminately. Each senior is responsible for the guests he/she invites to the ceremony. Small children and babies tend to get restless and cry. Please discourage your guests from bringing them.
5. Tickets for graduation will be issued to seniors who have cleared indebtedness. We will distribute the tickets at the June 1 practice. Please note that tickets will not be reissued to those who have lost/misplaced their tickets.
6. **For out-of-town guests** – There is a “will call” table outside the BSWA, near the parking deck, for a senior to leave a ticket for a guest. Write the guest’s name on top of the ticket and your name on the bottom of the ticket.

7. Graduation Information

1. Graduation is a dignified ceremony. In a graduation exercise, as in a church service, any unsolicited applause, catcalls, whistles, or other types of noise are inappropriate and unacceptable. Remember if a guest makes a noise after your name has been read, the guests of the senior marching behind you will not be able to hear his/her name announced. Please be considerate. **Audience members who disrupt the ceremony will be removed by security personnel. Seniors are asked to advise their guests of this policy.** At the

end of the ceremony, the audience will be given an opportunity to cheer for all of the graduates.

2. Please make your guests aware that balloons are not allowed in the BSWA.
3. See list of prohibited items and info at BSWAs website
<http://www.bonsecoursarena.com/guest-services/prohibited-items>
4. Any senior who is not dressed appropriately will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. See Graduation Attire for guidelines.
5. Do not bring cameras, purses, or other valuables with you due to there being no secure spot for them to be held.
6. According to BSWA's policy Purses, Bags, and Backpacks must be clear otherwise they are prohibited for all students and guests.
7. Remind guests that security will prevent anyone from walking to or from the stage to take pictures during the ceremony. There will a photographer from Piedmont Portraits taking each graduate's picture as he/she receives their diploma. It will be available for you to purchase on their website, www.imagesbypiedmontportraits.com.
8. Parking is available in nearby parking garages or local lots. The average cost of parking is \$5-\$10. Handicapped parking is available near the Plaza entrance to the BSWA for a charge. Doors will be open at the BSWA starting at 9:00 am. Limited handicapped seating is available at the BSWA.

Senior Responsibilities

1. Seniors must clear all debts before they will be allowed to participate in the ceremony or receive a diploma. This includes locks, books, media fines, technology fees, dues, graduation supplies, and any other debts you may have incurred. Debts can be from this year or previous years. Remember that after April 30 no checks will be accepted.
2. It is your responsibility to provide transportation to both practices and the ceremony and be on time. Parking is available in the parking deck next to the BSWA. (\$7)
3. Improper behavior on the part of any senior will result in suspension from the graduation ceremony. Use of alcoholic beverages or drugs at the practices, the breakfast, or during the ceremony will not be allowed. These are school functions and school and district policies will be enforced.

Senior Activities Information

1. Senior Exams are scheduled for May 21-24. Exam periods will not always allow for your permanent early dismissal at the appropriate time. Exam takes precedent over a permanent early dismissal. Even if you are finished with the exam.
2. During senior meetings or practices, students should be prompt and in dress code. There should be no children or pets at any of the meetings or practices.
3. All seniors are dismissed at the end of the 4th Exam Period on Thursday at 11:45.
4. Everyday counts, there are 0 holidays between today and May 24.
5. Any disciplinary acts during this time may result in seniors not participating in graduation ceremony.

Seat Time Recovery (STR)

1. Anytime you reach more than **5** unexcused absences in a semester class or more than **10** unexcused absences in a yearlong class you will need to do STR in order to pass the class.
2. Tuesday & Thursday afternoons 4:00–7:00 & Saturday 8-11:00am
3. Cost is **\$10** per 3 hour session
4. All Senior Seat Time Recovery Must be Completed by May 29.