



Spring 2024 Senior Events

Caps and Gowns, Prom, Commencement, & More

Update: March 26, 2024

Dear Seniors and Families,

Congratulations on reaching your High School Graduation! It's an exciting and busy time for all of you. In this newsletter, you'll find several important dates that you should keep in mind. We'll be sending out more details and information in the upcoming weeks via email. If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to help and look forward to celebrating this significant milestone with you.

-Holland High School Administration

IN-PERSON SENIOR CLASS MEETINGS - Location: Performing Arts Center. *Attendance is required.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- Emergency Response Training- 8:00 AM
 - Essential safety strategies for urgent situations, hosted by Ofc. Hamburg & Mr. Soto
- Community Resources After High School with Mr. Mouw, OCSN Coordinator- 9:30 AM

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- Senior Meeting with Mrs. Salazar, Mrs. Loveland, and Mrs. Mehall - 8:00 AM
- Senior Video Shoot - Starting at 9:00 AM
- Cap and Gown Pickup - Starting at 10:00 AM
- Senior Class Picture - 10:30 AM

PROM - FRIDAY, APRIL 19- Goei Center, 818 Butterworth St. SW, Grand Rapids 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Save the date! Tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased in the Athletic Office or online at hhsdances.ludus.com. Guest pass applications can be picked up in the Student Success Office and are due no later than April 16 at 3:05 PM. Free transportation is available.

MORTARBOARD DECORATIONS - Seniors may decorate the mortarboards on their graduation caps, with permission. A link will be sent to students detailing decoration instruction and a way to submit their designs by April 12. *HEC seniors may reuse their cap and gowns at Davenport commencement.* Seniors are encouraged to decorate cardstock to apply to the top of their mortarboards. **The deadline to submit mortarboard decorations is Monday, May 6.** Submissions will be reviewed on May 7.

SENIORS' LAST DAY - MONDAY, MAY 13 - The following events comprise the day's agenda. Details coming soon:

- Chromebook/Charger collection (unless needed for exams), beginning at 7:30 AM- PAC Lobby
- Senior signing event in the PAC
- Walk the halls of the elementary buildings in caps and gowns
- Lunch
- Senior Assembly

SENIOR EXAMS - *This only applies to Seniors needing to take exams.*

- Seniors earning a B- or better in their classes are exempt from taking final exams.
- All final assessments will be administered IN CLASS by Friday, May 10.
- Senior grades will be finalized by 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 14 for Commencement.
- Students not earning a passing grade by May 14 at 3 PM may continue to work until June 4th. Students may attend in person or complete work from home and submit electronically.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT - *Attendance is optional* - **Sunday, May 19, 6:00 PM, Performing Arts Center**

Students who are receiving awards will receive an invitation, and all other graduates are welcome, but not required to attend. Students and families will enjoy a dessert reception after the event. Semi-formal attire for students is preferred. *Attendance is strongly encouraged for award recipients.*

COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL - REQUIRED - TUESDAY, MAY 21 AT 12:30 PM, DeVOS FIELDHOUSE, HOPE COLLEGE

All graduating Seniors must attend graduation rehearsal on **Tuesday, May 21 at 12:30 PM** at DeVos Fieldhouse on the campus of Hope College. . Failure to participate in rehearsal will disqualify you from participating in the evening commencement ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT - TUESDAY, MAY 21 AT 7:00 PM, DeVOS FIELDHOUSE, HOPE COLLEGE, 222 Fairbanks Ave, Holland, MI 49423

- Seniors must arrive at the West end of the Fieldhouse no later than 6:15 PM.
- Seniors must wear caps, gowns, tassels, and stoles. Students must wear clothing under their gowns that is reflective of the formality of the ceremony. No flip flops, shorts, etc.
- There is no ticketing system for Commencement guest. There is no limit on the number of family and friends a graduate may invite.
- Do not bring balloon bouquets or any other item that would obstruct the view of those around you.

CLASS OF 2024 WEBPAGE www.hollandpublicschools.org/2024

QUESTIONS? The following people work closely on the planning of Senior Events. If you have a question, feel free to reach out to one of the following:

- **Veronica Salazar**, Associate Dean of Students / Graduation Advisor. Point person for Senior related events including, Seniors Last Day, Commencement, Caps and Gowns, and mortarboards. vsalazar@hollandpublicschools.org
- **Dana Loveland**, Counselor / Graduation Advisor. Point person for Senior Awards Night and Senior Signing event. dlovelan@hollandpublicschools.org
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- **Andrea Mehall**, Principal - amehall@hollandpublicschools.org