

# Hickory Ridge High School

## Senior Notes

### June 2023

*This newsletter is e-mailed monthly to all Seniors who provided a functional e-mail address in the 'Senior Profile' assignment in the Class of 2023 canvas course available to all Seniors. If the student provided a functional e-mail for a parent/guardian, we also e-mail it to that address. This newsletter is also available on the HRHS website under: 'Academics'- 'Student Services'- 'Senior Information' and is posted to the Class of 2023 canvas course in every seniors' canvas dashboard.*

#### **Graduation Practice**

Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – Noon in the HRHS main gym. We will practice procession and recession during this time and you will be provided with your graduation tickets. If you owe any school fees from this or past years, please pay the fees before or on June 9<sup>th</sup>. You will not participate in the graduation ceremony if you are not at practice. You will not participate in the graduation ceremony or receive your diploma if you have not paid your fees.

#### **Graduation**

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at the Cabarrus Arena. Please see the letter at the very end of this newsletter with LOTS of extremely important information. When you read it, you'll find out how many tickets each senior receives for the ceremony, when graduation practice is and many details that will make this event a great one for you and your family!

The Education Center has made a change to the time graduates must arrive at the Cabarrus Arena for the graduation ceremony– seniors are now requested to arrive 2 hours in advance. Seniors should plan to be there at 2:00pm.

#### **Chromebook Collection:**

After your last exam, turn in your clean and sticker-free Chromebook and charger in the media center between the hours of 7:00-11:00am.

#### **Bridge Out!**

A bridge near the Cabarrus Arena will be under construction when we are all traveling to the graduation ceremony on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The bridge is located on old Airport Road between Crestmont Drive and Setter Lane SE. To avoid being late for the graduation ceremony, please avoid this route.

#### **Scholarship Reporting form**

If you have been awarded a scholarship, please complete this form. Please do not use this form for grants. If you have trouble accessing this form, use your school Chrome Book to complete it. <https://forms.gle/AM41oY79cWdQVa5w9>

## Transcripts

When school is over and grades have been confirmed, your final high school transcript will be sent wherever you directed us to send it when you completed the 'Senior Exit Survey'. If you have taken any CCP dual enrollment classes while you were a Junior or Senior in high school, you also have a college transcript. If you plan to attend a university in the Fall, you must also send your college transcript to your university.

Steps to follow:

1. Go to: <https://www.rccc.edu/recordsregistration/transcript-request-policy/>
2. Follow directions to send transcript (click "Curriculum/College-Level Students")
3. Begin by selecting the *Request My Curriculum Transcript* button to start the ordering process through NSC and to track your order online. It looks like this:

**Request Your Curriculum Transcript**

4. You will need your Social Security Number OR your RCCC Student ID Number. A fee is generally charged by the community college.

## Scholarships

Use these online tools to find scholarships. In addition to these search tools, the HRHS School Counselors list some 'featured' scholarships at the end of every edition of this newsletter.

<https://www.myscholly.com/>

<http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>

<http://www.onlineschools.org/financial-aid/minority/>

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships>

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

## Balanced Man Scholarship

*Award: Varies. Requirements: Male senior demonstrating leadership qualities who will be attending a university in Fall 2023 where the Sigma Epsilon Fraternity has a chapter (NCSU and Davidson are a couple). For more information and to apply:*

[sigep.org/scholarships](http://sigep.org/scholarships) **Deadline: June 30, 2023**

### **Big Sun Scholarship**

*Discipline: Athletics. Award: \$500. Requirements: High School Senior currently involved in a sport at school or in the community. Visit <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> for more information and to apply. **Deadline: June 19, 2023***

### **Horatio Alger CTE Scholarship**

*Discipline: need. Award \$2,500. Non-renewable. Requirements: applicant must be a senior who has faced and overcome great obstacles in their life and wishes to pursue a career or technical education @ a community college. To apply: [ACTEonline.org/haascholarship](http://ACTEonline.org/haascholarship) **Deadline: June 15, 2023.***



March 2023

Attention Seniors:

Below is some very important information regarding graduation. You are responsible for knowing everything in this letter. ***Failure to do so will result in you not participating in the graduation ceremony.***

- Graduation is on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. You are expected to be there by 2:00 pm to meet with your homeroom teacher. Traffic is very bad...so leave early! Bring extra everything in case you need to change.
- Graduation practice is on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at HRHS in the main gym. You have been given plenty of notice. Make plans now to take time off from your job. **You will not be allowed to walk if you are not at practice. There will be NO exceptions.**
- During the practice time, you will practice procession and recession with your homeroom teacher. You will also find out where you are sitting during the ceremony. You may wear normal clothes to practice. At this time, you will be required to pay any current or overdue fees you owe to the school. You will not participate in graduation or get your diploma until all fees

are paid.

- When you receive your cap and gown, you can **NOT** decorate the top of your cap. This is a county-wide rule. Also, you can only wear cords approved by Cabarrus County Schools at graduation. This includes: honors cords (given by guidance), National Honor Society, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Technical Honor Society, National Thespians Honor Society, National Honors Arts Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, AOHT, National Society of Leadership and Success, and Phi Theta Kappa.
- Graduation attire: on graduation day, you are expected to look your best. The following attire is required:
  - White shirt
  - Dark, solid tie
  - Dark pants (NO khaki)
  - Dark dress shoes (NO boat shoes or boots or tennis shoes)
  - Dark dress socks
- **Dress** that adheres to HRHS dress code
- **Blouse and skirt** that adheres to HRHS dress code
- Black dress shoes (NO flip-flops) (spike heels are discouraged...the stairs to the stage are grated)
- No hem on a dress or skirt that hangs below the graduation gown

**Please** take heed to this letter. We have had many problems with students thinking they could ignore this, only to find out they were not allowed to walk or scrambling frantically to find proper attire or shoes. If you are not sure, bring extra or ask your senior homeroom teacher or Mrs. Brown or Mr. Robinson.

Please see the back of this letter for a reminder about graduation ticket/program information.

### Graduation Ticket/Program Reminders

Important information about procedural change regarding family/guest attendance at your HRHS graduation:

Your graduation will be held at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center on Saturday, June 10th at 4:00 pm. Due to fire codes at the Events Center and the size of the 2023 Senior Class, HRHS will be using a ticket system for graduation this year.

Each senior will receive eight (8) tickets for guests. This number is in compliance with fire code regulations and maximum capacity for safety. PLEASE NOTE: due to the Events Center's first come, first served seating (NOT assigned seating), these tickets guarantee admittance through the doors to the ceremony, but do NOT guarantee a seat. EVERY person, regardless of age (including babies in strollers and children carried), MUST have a ticket.

Please tell your guests to arrive early. Finding seats together to accommodate your group will be easier the earlier they arrive; late arrivals may see only scattered empty seats and may find themselves standing and watching the ceremony from the walkways.

You will each receive your eight tickets at graduation practice in June. Some seniors will not need all eight tickets allotted to them; some seniors may be expecting a larger group to attend. If you need additional tickets, you may ask your fellow graduates for any extra tickets they are not using.

**DO NOT LOSE YOUR TICKETS.** Additional/substitution tickets will NOT be provided.

In addition to receiving your graduation tickets at graduation practice, you will also receive your graduation programs. You will get seven (7) graduation programs this year. These can be kept or distributed to family/friends, as you see fit. Programs will NOT be distributed at graduation. Please give these out ahead of time to those that you want to have one.