

HVHS
Class of 2024



Senior Information Packet

Please read this packet in its entirety as it contains very important information regarding Senior Day and Graduation.

Should you have any questions,
please contact Mrs. Laura Weaver, Senior Class Sponsor

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March 22nd, 2024

Dear Senior Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe, but graduation is right around the corner! This packet includes information you and your senior will need to make the last months at Hidden Valley High School memorable.

Please read this thoroughly, make note of specific deadlines for each item, and use the checklist on the final page to ensure you have met all deadlines. Please also sign and return the field trip form for the Salem Red Sox field trip **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

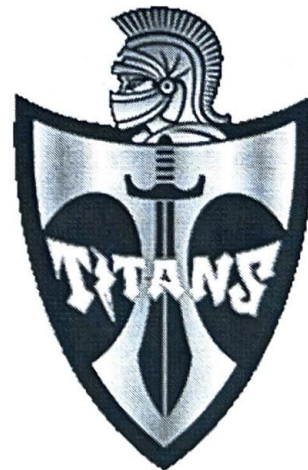
As in previous years, we invite you to make a poster to honor your senior's life and future. Posters should include your senior's name and a picture collage of their life. Feel free to be creative! Many posters include photographs of the senior's life, mementos of achievement, and other graphics that represent their future (college, military service, workforce, etc.)

You may use a full-size poster board in any color, **but please do not use foam board** (it is too heavy to hang on our walls.) The Senior Council recommends using copies of original pictures and laminating your child's poster to prevent damage. Additionally, any items that are not firmly attached to the poster board do run the risk of being damaged and/or lost. Finally, anything attached to the poster that does not lay flat (embellishments, clothespins, flowers, etc.) will run the risk of being damaged.

Please drop your posters off in the front office between April 8th – 12th. They will be displayed in First Hall during Senior Week, which will run from April 15th – 22nd. We will have students remove their posters to take home and keep at the conclusion of the Senior Day event on April 22nd. Thank you for continuing this Titan tradition!

Sincerely,

HVHS Senior Council 2024



March 22nd, 2024

Dear Senior and Parents/Guardians,

Graduation is fast approaching and there are a few topics that require your attention:

1. Be sure you have collaborated with your counselor to ensure graduation requirements have been met. If you do not complete graduation requirements in order to receive your diploma, you may participate in graduation activities provided the following criteria are met:

- a. You must enroll and pay for summer school. Generally speaking, students attending summer school must pay for new courses whereas repeat courses do not require payment.
- b. You must be able to complete requirements for graduation by **the deadline given by counseling. Please arrange with your counselor to ensure you know the deadline.**

Additionally, please be aware of RCPS School Board Policy 6.51:

"8. Students who are within three credits of completing graduation requirements and are registered for summer programs prior to graduation may participate in the commencement ceremony and will receive a diploma cover during the commencement ceremony."

Once these conditions have been satisfied, you will be included in the planning for all graduation activities including Senior Week and the formal graduation ceremony in May.

2. Know and follow the criteria for exemption from Final Assessments

1. Seniors enrolled in any full-year credit bearing class, with the exception of classes taken for dual enrollment credit, may be exempt if they meet the criteria listed in (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) below. Students taking courses for dual enrollment credit must take all exams in conformance to the policies of the college and, therefore, are not eligible for exemption from final assessments.
 - a. Must have A or B average in course for the second semester at the time exemptions are declared.
 - b. Students may not miss more than five days of school for the second semester for courses on the A/B day and seven days of school for the second semester for courses that meet daily. Exceptions include school-sponsored activities and nationally recognized religious holidays. Students must attend at least 50% of a class period in order to be counted present in a class for the purpose of exemption from final assessments.
 - c. The student may not be absent more than 13 full days during the entire school year (includes A and B days combined and not counting days absent for exam exemptions) Students must miss 100% of the school day to be considered as absent for a full day.
 - d. The student must attend all review sessions held for a course. (Students are still responsible for all work and must maintain their A or B grade average through the review sessions)
 - e. If the student is enrolled in a subject with an industry certification, the student must have passed the corresponding industry certification.

Seniors with incompletes will not be eligible for exemption from final assessments.

2. Students enrolled in a course with a corresponding SOL test that the student must take for verified graduation credit or due to a federal requirement, are exempt from final assessments for that course.

3. Please make sure you have taken care of any school fees owed prior to senior activities.

This is a very exciting time of year and a milestone in your life journey which I find a privilege to be part of. I wish you the very best this spring as you celebrate your accomplishments as well as prepare for the next chapter in your life. Please see your counselor should you have any questions about final assessment exemptions or your status as a graduating senior.

Sincerely,

Joshua J. Whitlow

Mr. Joshua J. Whitlow, Principal



March 22nd, 2024

Dear Senior Parents/Guardians,

Graduation for the Hidden Valley High School Class of 2024 is quickly approaching. We want to take a moment to inform all parents/guardians of the senior activities this spring. Together, we can help make the final months of high school memorable for our seniors.

Monday, April 22nd

SENIOR DAY- HVHS (8:30 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.)

8:20-8:40: All seniors will report to Homeroom and then 1st block.

8:45-10:00: Graduation Practice in Main Gym

10:00-11:00: Seniors travel to elementary schools and middle school for farewell walk through

11:00-1:00: Senior Day at the Salem Red Sox- Field trip forms are attached to this packet and **MUST BE RETURNED TO THE STUDENT'S GOVERNMENT**

TEACHER OR MRS. WEAVER IN ROOM 222. For any students that do not currently take classes in the building, you may drop off the completed field trip form in the front office **OR** you may email the form to Mrs. Laura Weaver at Lweaver@rcps.us Please be sure to complete **both sides** of the form.

-This is a free field trip for all seniors. We will have private use of the ballpark, including a movie playing on the big screen, yard games, the wiffle ball field and an all you can eat lunch buffet. Lunch will include hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, mac and cheese, chips, cookies, and drinks. If you have specific dietary restrictions, please feel free to pack a lunch.

1:00 – 1:30: Seniors return to HVHS via bus

1:30 – 3:25: Seniors will spend the remainder of the day being celebrated in the main gym. **Seniors are encouraged to wear their cap and a school appropriate t-shirt that represents their plans for their future (college, military, career, etc.)**

***All seniors must be present for graduation practice. Work release seniors will need to make arrangements with Mr. Whitlow to leave from Senior Day early. However, all other seniors, including those dismissed at 1:45, are expected to stay until 3:25.

Saturday, April 13th

Junior-Senior Prom – “All That Glitters”

Hunting Hills Country Club

After Prom event held at the Launching Pad in Salem

Wednesday, May 22nd

Graduation –5:30pm at the Salem Civic Center

All seniors must report at 4:30pm. Proper Dress is required to participate.

*** All seniors must turn in their laptops as soon as possible. If you are completely exempt from all exams, laptops should be turned in no later than Wednesday, May 15th. If you are not exempt, you must turn in your laptop as soon as you complete your final exam.***



General Graduation Information

The primary purpose of commencement ceremonies in Roanoke County Public Schools is to recognize and honor students' accomplishments in earning a high school diploma. The earning of a high school diploma is a significant achievement for students and their families. Graduation represents the culmination of many years of effort and the accomplishment of a major life goal. Given the significance of graduation, the commencement ceremony is designed to be a formal event, upholding the traditions of the school community, and respecting the dignity of the occasion. Accordingly, only graduation regalia officially issued through the school may be worn at the commencement ceremony. Regalia issued through outside groups or activities is not permitted. Proper dress should be worn for this occasion. Proper dress includes business casual attire such as dress slacks, dress shirt and tie, dress, or skirt and blouse. All graduates should also wear presentable shoes. Personal decorations, whether to the mortarboard or gown, are not allowed and gowns must be fully zipped. Please see Roanoke County School Board Policy 6.51 for additional details.

Cap, Gown, and Tassel:

-All seniors that ordered a package will receive their materials on Friday, March 15th. Any senior that misses this pick-up date or any senior that is not currently taking classes in the building, may stop by the front office during school hours any day after March 18th to pick up their materials. Seniors need to bring their cap, tassel, gown, gold stole, Beta sash, honor cords, etc. to the graduation ceremony.

-On Senior Day, seniors only need to bring their caps for the Senior Assembly and tassels if they are eligible to exchange their tassel and receive a solid gold tassel.

-Seniors may decorate their cap for the Senior Assembly. Most students decorate their cap with something representative of their post-graduation plans. All decorations must be school appropriate. Please make sure nothing permanent is attached to the cap as it must remain presentable and free of any decoration for the graduation ceremony. Students are not allowed to have ANYTHING on their caps for the graduation ceremony.

Gold Tassel:

- Students who qualify for a gold tassel (3.5 GPA or better) can receive a solid gold tassel from their counselor on Senior Day. To receive the gold tassel, seniors must return the blue and gold tassel that was issued or pay an additional \$5.00 to keep both. This tassel exchange will take place on Senior Day, April 22nd.

Graduation Day:

-Tickets are **NOT** needed for graduation. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. There will be handicapped seating available on the floor of the civic center. Space is limited.

-Areas will be roped off on both sides of the Salem Civic Center for you to take a picture of your child as they receive their diploma and exit the stage. As soon as your child has graduated, please exit the area to allow other parents the same opportunity. A Lifetouch photographer will also be present to take pictures of each graduate as they receive their diploma and ordering information will be provided during the summer.


Thank you in advance for all of your help and support. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Laura Weaver (Senior Class sponsor) or the school at 776-7320.

Thank you,

Mrs. Laura Weaver

Lweaver@rcps.us

Hidden Valley High School



Senior Checklist

Please use this checklist to ensure that you have completed the necessary tasks for Senior Day and Graduation.

_____ Read this entire packet

_____ Ordered a cap, gown, and tassel package via Herff Jones (pick up from Mrs. Weaver in Room 222)

_____ Have a senior portrait on file with the yearbook (done through Lifetouch) **OR** have emailed Mrs. Weaver a senior portrait to be used in the graduation slideshow (only if you did **NOT** have one taken by Lifetouch)

_____ Field trip form for the Salem Red Sox **signed and returned** to your GOVERNMENT TEACHER OR MRS. WEAVER IN ROOM 222 – due by Friday, April 5th.

_____ Made your senior poster (can be turned in to the front office starting April 8th)

Senior Day Bus Assignment Survey

Please go to the link below to complete the very short, one question survey regarding which elementary school you would like to visit on our Senior Day field trip.

Please complete this no later than Friday, April 5th.

If you do not complete this survey, a bus will be assigned to you at random.

<http://tinyurl.com/HVClassof2024>

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION
GRADES PK - 12

School HVHS Date 3/22/24
 Class or group: HVHS Senior Class
 Destination: Salem Red Sox Stadium
 Departure: Time: 10am Date: 4/22/24
 Return: Time: 1:15pm Date: 4/22/24
 Type of transportation: School Bus
 Total charges/student: \$0
 Type of supervision: Members of school staff

This activity will provide an excellent educational experience for students. In order for your child to participate, your permission and release from liability are required. Please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the school along with the appropriate fee by THIS DATE: 4/15/24.

If you have questions concerning this activity, please do not hesitate to call.

Please mark your calendar with this information.

_____ has my permission to go on the field trip to
Salem Red Sox Stadium on 4/22/24.

In the event of any illness or injury, I hereby consent to whatever x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care from a licensed dentist, physician, surgeon and/or healthcare practitioner as deemed necessary for the student's safety and welfare. It is understood that the resulting expenses will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian and not the Roanoke County School Board.

It is important that all families understand that, should conditions in our country at the time of the trip be such that the school administration believes the trip be unsafe in travel or destination, the trip will be cancelled. While this would indeed be unfortunate for all involved, we must make safety our first priority. Should this occur, the money paid for the trip will not be refunded. Most of the costs associated with the trip must be paid in advance. Therefore, the school will not have the money to refund. We will make every effort to recoup money spent. However, it is highly unlikely that refunds will be issued.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete the reverse side of this form and return to your child's school.

Must complete back →

FIELD TRIP GRADES PK-12 HEALTH INFORMATION

(Please print all information)

Name _____ Age _____ Date of birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____ Telephone no. _____

Names of custodial parents/legal guardians _____

Mother's/female legal guardian's work phone number _____ Mobile no. _____

Father's/male legal guardian's work phone number _____ Mobile no. _____

Alternate contact name and phone number if neither parent/guardian can be reached:

Name _____ Phone no. _____

List any medical conditions/allergies, dietary restrictions, etc., of which school staff should be aware:

Date of last tetanus shot: _____

School Insurance: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Insurance: If yes, company name _____ policy no: _____

PARENT PERMISSION

I give permission for designated staff to administer a Benadryl dose according to bottle directions for an allergic reaction.

☐ Yes ☐ No

I give permission for my child to receive the medication(s) listed below as needed and/or prescribed. Prescription medications require a doctor/healthcare provider's signature below.

☐ Yes ☐ No

I agree to provide the school with prescribed emergency medicine which may include but not be limited to inhalers, epi-pens, glucagon and insulin.

☐ Not Applicable

☐ Yes ☐ No

* Parent signature: _____ Date: _____ *

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

****PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED BELOW FOR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION UNLESS ALREADY ON FILE AT THE SCHOOL.** The parent must provide medications in the original container and complete the following information for each one.

Name of Medication	Dosage	Time to Administer	Date/Time Administered/Initials			

If more space is needed, use additional paper and staple to this form.

**Physician signature (Rx Med only): _____ Date: _____
(Required if not on file at school)

Signature of Designee Administering Medication _____

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