



Attention Seniors!!!

Graduation is quickly approaching! We want to make sure that you have all the information needed for a positive graduation experience.

- **College and Military Acceptance Luncheon** is on January 31st during 3rd block. Students that have submitted acceptance letters will receive an invitation. This event is for students only.
- **Senior Fees Deadline** is March 29th. Seniors fees are \$150 and can be paid on GoFan.co. Senior fees are mandatory if you plan to participate in the May graduation ceremony. Fees include: graduation tickets, graduation decor, graduation programs, staging/field set up, senior souvenirs, and senior awards.
- **Yearbooks** are currently on sale for \$75. They can be purchased on www.yearbookforever.com. Yearbooks are limited and must be purchased by February 14th.
- **Cap and Gowns** are currently \$100 plus taxes before January 31st. An additional \$15 handling fee will be applied. Herff Jones will be at DHS on Jan. 31, Feb. 14, and Mar. 28. You can also visit www.herffjones.com to order your cap and gown.
- **Senior Trip** is April 3rd-6th for students that paid. A parent meeting will be held on March 13th at 6:00 pm to give final information regarding the trip. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.
- **Academic Signing Day** is April 25th Seniors will proudly reveal their college, career, or military choice and sign their commitment for the next 2–4 years.
- **Prom 2025** is May 2nd at Southern Exchange Ballroom in Atlanta from 7:00-11:00 pm. This year's theme is "A Black Tie Affair". Tickets are \$160 until February 7th. Purchase tickets on www.hometownticketing.com.
- **Senior Final Exams/Last Day of School** will be April 30th-May 1st. Seniors last day of school is May 1st.

- **Senior Clearance** is May 7th and 8th from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. All fees and fines must be paid prior to Senior Clearance. A clearance form will be given to all students to complete.
- **Pre-Commencement** will be at Tabernacle of Praise on May 18th at 3:00pm. This is an inspirational celebration sponsored by DHS School Council to honor the graduating senior class. All graduates and their families are asked to attend. Graduates should arrive by 2:00pm and report to the fellowship hall.
 - Address: 1620 GA-42 North McDonough, GA 30253
 - **Attire**
 - Girls – Dress, Black Shoes & Cap/Gown
 - Boys – Black bottoms, White shirts, Black Shoes & Cap/Gown
 - **No Decorated Caps**
- **Senior Walk/Field Day** will be at DHS on May 16th at 9:00am. Meet in DHS Commons at 8:30am. Dawg Walk will start at 8:45 am. We will walk to DES and DMS. Field Day will take place immediately after on the DHS Baseball Complex.
 - **Attire**
 - Caps with Tassel & Senior 25 shirt
 - School appropriate shorts
 - **No Decorating Caps**
- **Grandparents' Breakfast** will be in the DHS AUX gym on May 13th at 9:00 am. Only students and 4 grandparents/guests. Parents are only allowed to attend to support elderly/disabled parents. Doors will open at 8:30 am.
 - **Attire**
 - **Business Casual**
- **Senior Awards Night** is on May 15th at 6pm in the DHS gymnasium. Invitations will be emailed and mailed.
- **Graduation practice** will be at 8:30 am on May 19th, 20th, and 21st. Please report to the gymnasium by 8:00 am so that practice can begin on time. On May 19th and 20th practice will proceed from the gymnasium to the stadium. Students will receive their 25 graduation tickets at the end of practice on May 21st. Bring water to practice daily.

- **Commencement** will be at Atlanta Motor Speedway on May 22nd at 9:00 pm. Please arrive at AMS and report to the main parking lot to ride the bus to the AMS Media Center by 7:30 am. Only graduates and faculty working graduation will be allowed in the Media Center. Parents should report directly to the stadium.
 - **Attire**
 - Girls – Dress, Black Shoes & Cap/Gown (No Heels; wedge or flat shoes only)
 - Boys – Black bottoms, White Shirt, DHS bow tie, Black Shoes & Cap/Gown
 - **No Decorated Caps**
 - **Students are not allowed to have any items (cellphones, cameras, etc.) on the field**
 - **All items will be in a secured location and distributed with diploma pick-up.**
- **Graduation Programs** will be provided for each graduate. This will be a special keepsake program with a tassel. All graduate names will be listed on the graduation program as candidates for graduation. Programs will also be available for guests.
- **Honor Graduates** will be identified once all grades have been posted and calculated. Honor Graduates will receive Stoles. Valedictorian and Salutatorian will also receive medallions. Students with weighted cumulative grade point averages will be recognized as follows:
 - Cum Laude – 3.63 – 3.79
 - Magna Cum Laude – 3.8 – 3.99
 - Summa Cum Laude – 4.0 and higher
- **Cords** will be given to students that are members of nationally recognized academic organizations. Only these cords may be worn during graduation ceremonies. Cords and their colors are as follows:
 - AP Scholars – White
 - BETA- Black

- CTAE Pathway Completers (must pass EOPA) – Royal Blue
 - Dual Enrollment – Silver
 - Fine Arts- Pink
 - Fine Arts Diploma Seal- Blue/Yellow
 - International Diploma Seal – Green
 - JROTC- Baby Blue
 - National Honor Society – Gold
 - Spanish National Honor Society – Navy Blue
 - World Language- Maroon
- **Guest Seating** is in the Atlanta Motor Speedway Stadium. Graduates will receive 25 tickets. There is adequate seating available for all guests and is on a first come, first served basis. Stadium gates will open at 6:00 pm.
 - **Parking** will be at gates 12 and 13. Atlanta Motor Speedway workers and officers will direct you to the correct area. Gates will open at 6:00 pm.
 - **Attendance and Conduct** - All practices for graduation are MANDATORY! **You must attend and be on time** for all practices. Roll call will begin promptly at 8:30 am. It is vital that you are on time and you maintain proper conduct so we can prepare for your graduation ceremony. It is essential that everyone's part in the graduation exercises be well rehearsed. Parents and Seniors have a responsibility to make the necessary arrangements to be at graduation practice. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule. **All school rules will be enforced, including the school dress code, during all practices.**

Graduation for Dutchtown High School is a formal occasion and is one of the largest academic events held in the community each year. Graduation is a DIGNIFIED ceremony that will leave a lasting impression on all that attend. The ceremony is to honor an **ENTIRE** class of graduates. An individual does not have the right to ruin the ceremony for everyone else. It is essential that everyone work together to maintain the dignity and respect that you, our Seniors, deserve. **All school rules will be enforced including the school dress code.** During the ceremony, you should remain alert, quiet, and courteous at all times. Remind guests that they too should be quiet and only applaud at the appropriate time. Rude, unruly, or disruptive behavior may result in removal.

- **Audience Expectations** - Graduation ceremony honors an entire class of graduates. We expect our audience to exhibit appropriate and dignified behavior during the graduation ceremony. Every graduate's family deserves the opportunity to hear their graduate's name; therefore, please refrain from distracting noises that would prevent someone else from hearing their child's name. Cell phones should also be turned off or silenced and phone conversations should not be conducted in the seating area. All policies and procedures of Henry County School System and Dutchtown High School apply to this ceremony.
- **Diploma Pick-up** will be at the Media Center immediately following the commencement ceremony. Only graduates will be allowed in the Media Center. Family and guests will receive the graduate in the stadium once the diploma has been picked-up.

We are very excited about our upcoming graduation events and look forward to celebrating with you. Additional information can be found on the Dutchtown High School webpage and will be updated regularly. Thank you for adhering to all guidelines, policies and requests in an effort to make this the best possible experience for all graduates.