

Journey to Commencement, Class of 2025

Fee Payment:

- Fees must be **paid by in order to purchase a prom ticket.**
- **Fees must be paid by Friday, May 16** in order to check out on May 21!
- Cash or money order ONLY.
- Avoid surprises and check ahead of time online or by calling Mrs. Jones at 440-786-3522.
- **SENIORS WHO DO NOT PAY THEIR SCHOOL FEES WILL NOT CHECK OUT AND WILL NOT GRADUATE.**

Upcoming Events

- **Exams** are given at the teacher's discretion prior to checkout.
- **Friday, May 16, 2025: Senior Field Day at Adrenaline Monkey**
 - 10:30am-1:30pm
- **Monday, May 19, 2025:**
 - Senior Project Fair in Cafeteria, 9-10:30am
 - Row Captain Practice: 11:00am-12:08pm
 - Grades finalized by teachers tonight!
- **Tuesday, May 20, 2025: Breakfast, Clap Out, Practice Day**
 - Senior Breakfast, 9:00am
 - Clap Out to Stadium, 10:30-10:40am
 - Parents: You are invited! Please plan to arrive by 10:10 at the latest so that you can be in place and don't miss the Clap Out!
 - Please enter through the main entrance and prepare to clap your (soon to be) graduate out in the auditorium lobby!
 - Graduation Practice in Auditorium then Stadium
 - 10:45a,-12:45pm
 - Practice processional, awarding of diplomas, recessional
 - Speaker & Name Reading Practice (student speakers, officers, admin)
 - 12:45-2:00pm
- **Wednesday, May 21, 2025: Senior Checkout (see below)**
- **Thursday, May 22, 2025: Senior Awards**
 - Attendance by invitation, 9:30am-12:00pm; Location: Hilton Garden Inn

Senior Checkout: May 21, 2025

Location: **Makerspace**

- May 21 Schedule:
 - 8:00-9:00 – Last Names A-C
 - 9:00-9:30 – Last Names D-F
 - 10:00-11:00 – Last Names G-J
 - 11:00-12:00 – Last Names K-N
 - **12:00-12:30 – Senior Checkout Closed**

- 12:30-1:00 - Last Names O-R
- 1:00-1:30 - Last Name S
- 1:30-2:00 - T-Y
- 2:00-2:20 - Make-Up Time (Missed Appointments)
- **2:20 - Senior Checkout Closed**
- Checkout Stations:
 - Chromebook return - Tech
 - Fee Checks - Jones
 - Credit Check - Counselors
 - Final Transcript Notification - Counselors
 - Ticket Distribution - DiTurno (extra tickets are \$5 each)
 - Reminders for Graduation Day - DiTurno
 - Yard Sign Pick Up - Keister

Graduation Day: May 27 (or 28, or June 2!), 2025

- Commencement Ceremony at Bearcat Stadium
 - PHOTOGRAPHERS:
 - **No personal photographers will be permitted on the football field.**
 - Bedford High School has a photographer who will take candid photos, and Lifetouch Photography will take posed photos when students receive their diplomas and when they exit the stage.
 - **NO OTHER PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE PERMITTED.**
 - If a photographer/videographer/guest gains access to the football field, they will be escorted off the field by BCSD security.
 - Guests:
 - **Plan to be IN YOUR SEATS by 6:45pm!**
 - Parking will be available in the north lot at BHS. **Overflow will be on the Chanel. There is no shuttle from Chanel to the high school** - please plan accordingly!
 - **ARRIVE EARLY!**
 - **All guests will enter the stadium through metal detectors - please plan accordingly!**
 - **Gate A opens at 5:00pm.**
 - Seating is NOT assigned.
 - Guests must remain in their seat areas and not gather at the railings to allow all guests to see the ceremony.
 - **GUESTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE STANDS TO ENTER THE FIELD DURING THE CEREMONY.**
 - Wheelchair areas are available on both sides of the stadium.
 - SUGGESTION: **Bring sunglasses** if you sit on the visitor's side of the stadium!
 - Tickets: Every graduate will be able to request **10** tickets. Extra tickets are available at \$5 each at senior checkout on May 21st!
 - **Graduates:**

- If you are driving yourself, please park in the parking lot near the tennis courts/practice fields and enter BHS next to the loading dock near the band trailer.
 - If you are dropped off, enter BHS by the cafeteria door (the long walkway on the north side next to the V Wing).
 - Report to the auditorium **beginning at 5:30pm. Graduates must be in the auditorium by 6:00pm at the latest!**
 - **Arrive in cap & gown.** Do not bring a hanger - there is nowhere to leave it!
 - Do not bring spare shoes! There's nowhere to leave them!
 - **Do not bring a bag or purse:** you cannot bring it into the stadium and again, there is nowhere to leave it!
 - There will be a photographer at the ceremony. Photos will be available for purchase from Lifetouch after the ceremony! **THERE WILL BE NO PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS PERMITTED ON THE FIELD.**
 - If you have received an honors cord, stole, or medallion **from BHS**, please be sure to wear it to the ceremony!
- Important Reminders:
 - Attire:
 - Females: Any colored dress/knee-length skirt or pants and dark or nude dress shoes. **DO NOT WEAR STILETTO HEELS!** You will be walking on turf! Suggested shoes: flats, wedges, or a block heel.
 - Males: Dress shirt with tie, dark dress pants, and dress shoes.
 - **We start ON TIME. Please be prompt. We will start without you!**
 - The ceremony will be livestreamed **HERE!** > **LINK COMING SOON**
 - **IN CASE OF RAIN:**
 - **If it is clear on May 27 that grad day will be a complete washout, we will make the call as early as possible.**
 - **Otherwise, we will make the call by 12:00pm on graduation day.**
 - **Rain Dates:** May 28 at 6:59pm or June 2 at ?!
 - *If we are unable to hold the ceremony on May 27 or 28 because of the weather, we will hold the ceremony on **June 2 whenever the weather looks the best!** (Time will be announced early in the day on June 2!)
 - Rain will not impact the events on May 20!