



Homewood-Flossmoor High School

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Dear Graduates, Parents or Guardians:

Graduation day is fastly approaching! On behalf of the Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School administration, I want to congratulate each of you for a job well done and share with you some expectations about the graduation ceremony to be held on Sunday, June 1, 2025. The graduation ceremony should be a positive, memorable experience for the entire family, and we are all responsible for the dignity and decorum associated with this ceremony. The graduation rehearsal will be held on Thursday, May 29, at 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the South Gymnasium. **All graduates must attend the practice or have a stand-in attend the practice, or they will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

Graduation will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Stadium, on Sunday, June 1. Each graduating senior will receive 5 graduation tickets (2 white and 3 red).

Important Reminder: In the event of inclement weather on Sunday, the contingency graduation date will be Monday, June 2, at 6:00 p.m., at the Stadium. Our rationale for this is to ensure that all 5 tickets are used in support of your student on this joyous occasion. Our third and final option, if necessary, will be the South Gymnasium if the weather is unfavorable on Monday. If held in the South Gymnasium, there will be limited seating. This means that **only the two white tickets will allow admittance**. Due to fire code, every person, including lap children, must have a ticket to enter the South Gymnasium.

Graduates must be in line and ready for the ceremony no later than 12:00 p.m. on Sunday in the South Building, in order to participate.

Caps, gowns, honor cords, and graduation tickets will be distributed after the Graduation rehearsal from 2:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29 in the South Cafeteria. Please note: **Graduation caps can be decorated. Students may wear custom cultural, ethnic, or religious stoles in addition to the H-F issued honor cords.**

To preview your seat assignment for graduation, please visit: <https://infos.hf233.org/pages/graduationseat/>, or log into HF student app (<https://infos.hf233.org>) and click "graduation seat assignment".

During the rehearsal, we will discuss with the graduates the following directions:

- Dress must be appropriate for the ceremony. No informal dress will be tolerated. Students are allowed to wear crew neck shirts, but are not allowed to wear shorts or jeans. Students are allowed to wear casual tennis shoes, however, no bare feet, slippers, or flip flops/beach shoes will be allowed.
- Any student involved with smoking, fireworks, alcohol or drugs will be immediately removed from the practice and/or ceremony.
- As students walk across the stage to receive their diploma, their demeanor must be appropriate for the ceremony and they must not use any attention-getting antics.
- If any graduate feels that he or she cannot handle the responsibilities as listed above, the graduate should return his or her cap and gown to the Principal's Office and pick up his or her diploma on Tuesday, June 3 in the Guidance Department.
- Graduation gowns are expected to be zipped up for the full duration of the ceremony. They can be unzipped for pictures before or after the ceremony.
- Only VIP Photography and pre-approved media members are permitted on the field during the ceremony.
- Family and friends are not allowed on the field until AFTER the ceremony has concluded. This means no flowers, gifts, etc. can be given to graduates and no pictures or videos can be taken on the field until the ENTIRE ceremony is completed.
- **Do not throw your cap after the ceremony.** You must show your cap to get your diploma before leaving campus.
- **Cap and stole decorations must be school-appropriate. Decorations featuring offensive language, images, or symbols will not be permitted.**
- Students will receive their diploma cover on the stage during the ceremony. Students will receive their diploma after the ceremony in the North Building Fieldhouse.

We are asking for the cooperation of all parents, relatives, and friends who attend the ceremony. Each family wants to hear the name of their graduate when the Senior is recognized and see them receive their diploma as they walk across the stage. Therefore, no balloons, umbrellas, or noise makers will be allowed. We ask you to refrain from any verbal recognition so that everyone can hear the names as called. Posters and flowers are permitted, but must be held on the lap during the ceremony. We expect

attendees to wait for the appropriate time to verbally recognize all graduates as directed by the Administration. **The ceremony will start promptly at 1:00 p.m.** The Stadium gates will open to ticket holders at 11:30 a.m.. Ticket holders in wheelchairs may have 1 family member accompany them in the seating area on the Stadium Track. All other family members will sit in the bleachers. Water bottles will be permitted and water stations will be available on the stadium tarmac.

PICTURES



Graduation Pictures

- **Candid** – Pictures captured throughout the ceremony
- **Stairs** – Picture taken prior to climbing the stairs to the stage
- **Stage** – Handshake photograph as the graduate receives the diploma on the stage

PARKING

Parking will be limited this year due to our ongoing construction projects and field upgrades. As a result of the limited parking spaces available, we highly recommend that families plan accordingly on Graduation Day.

- Graduates are highly encouraged to be dropped off at the Kedzie Ave semicircle drive and must enter through Door 1 to report to their assigned building.
- Families may park in the North and South Building parking lots and enter the Stadium through the home and visitor gates. The access road between North and South Buildings will be closed for pedestrian safety.
- There will be limited parking for handicapped vehicles displaying a placard or plate at both the North and South Buildings. Parking attendants will be available for assistance, if needed.
- To accommodate our graduates and their families, we have arranged overflow parking at both James Hart and Parker Jr. High Schools. **Shuttle buses will be available to transport attendees to HF beginning at 11:00 a.m, and the last shuttle bus will run at 3:45 p.m..** All shuttle bus drop-offs and pick-ups will be at the Kedzie Ave semicircle drive.
- **By 12:00 p.m.**, we anticipate the HF parking lots will be full. To provide sufficient time to arrive for the Graduation ceremony, please utilize the overflow parking and shuttle buses at James Hart and Parker Jr. High Schools. A Parent Square message will be pushed to parents/guardians when the HF parking lots are full.
- It is illegal and unsafe to stop on Kedzie Ave and Governors Highway to drop people off.

The ceremony location will be posted by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 1. For your convenience, regardless of the location, the graduation ceremony will be streamed and recorded. Please access the live stream at <https://youtube.com/live/K92-3RH9Fj8>. All of us want the Class of 2025 to graduate from Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School in the style in which they deserve. Let's all work together and cooperate to make this a positive and memorable experience for everyone.

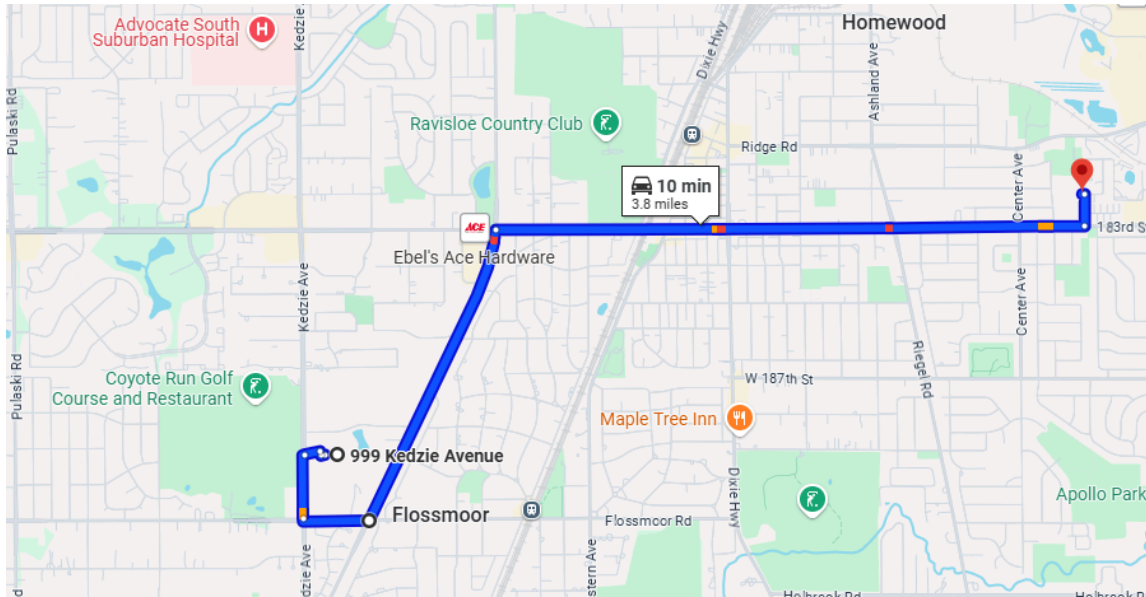
Sincerely,

Dr. Clinton Alexander, Principal

Overflow Parking Locations

James Hart Junior High School
18220 Morgan Avenue
Homewood, IL 60430

- North on Kedzie Avenue or Governor's Highway then Turn Right onto 183rd Street
- East on 183rd Street then Turn Left onto Morgan Avenue



Parker Junior High School
2810 School Street
Flossmoor, IL 60422

- South on Kedzie Avenue or Governor's Highway then Turn Left onto Flossmoor Road
- East on Flossmoor Road then Turn Left onto Braemar Road
- North on Braemar Road then Turn Right onto School Street

