



# North Thurston High School SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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## LAST DAY FOR SENIORS

The last day of school for graduating seniors will be **Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**.

## FINES & FEES

**All fines and fees were due by Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>!** Seniors with any outstanding fees and/or fines **WILL NOT** receive graduation tickets, be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony, or receive a diploma until all fines and fees have been cleared.

## VOLUNTEER HOURS

If you have not completed your 20 required community service hours, please do so **ASAP** and submit the [volunteer documentation form](#) to Mrs. Kaiser in the Counseling Center.

## GRADUATION PRACTICES

There is one more mandatory marching practice:

**Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>: 8-11 am - Marcus Pavilion at Saint Martin's University**

This marching practice is **MANDATORY** for all seniors walking at graduation. Seniors who do not attend this marching practice will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony.

## HONORS DESIGNATION AT GRADUATION

The cumulative grade point averages to earn an honors designation at graduation are:

**Cumulative 4.0 GPA (blended gold/white cord): 4.0**

**Highest Honors (gold cord): 3.75 – 3.99**

**High Honors (silver cord): 3.50 – 3.74**

**Honors (bronze cord): 3.25 – 3.49**

Honors designations are based on your GPA at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester. The honors cords & medallions will be distributed at the June 11<sup>th</sup> marching practice.

## GRADUATION TICKETS

Each graduate received **7 tickets** to give family and guests attending the commencement ceremony. EVERY guest (regardless of age) must provide their ticket at the door.

## GRADUATION CEREMONY

The graduation ceremony will be held **Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**, at the Marcus Pavilion at Saint Martin's University. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm sharp and doors will open at 6:00 pm.

## CAMERAS/VIDEO RECORDERS

No one will be allowed on the main floor near the stage to film or take pictures of the ceremony. Professional photographs will be taken as each graduate receives their diploma and will be available for purchase.

## SEATING ACCOMMODATIONS

There will be designated areas available for guests who require special handicapped seating. There is no need to reserve these areas. Once you arrive at the facility, we will guide you to these locations.

## VALUABLES

There is no secure storage for purses or other valuables at the Pavilion. Graduates should leave valuables at home or in the care of their families.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Cap and Gown Distribution  
During Lunches  
ASB Room (off the Commons)

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**Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Honors and Awards Night  
6:00 pm at the KPAC  
(Invitation Only)

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**Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Senior Banquet  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
NTHS Commons

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**Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Senior's Last Day!

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**Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Grad Walk at  
Elementary Schools

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**Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Final Marching Practice  
8:00 am - 11:00 am  
Marcus Pavilion at  
Saint Martin's University

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(Ticket Required for Every Guest)

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**Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Diploma Pick-Up  
(Last Names A-M)  
9 am – 1 pm  
NTHS Counseling Center

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**Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Diploma Pick-Up  
(Last Names N-Z)  
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## GRADUATION ATTIRE

**All graduates are required to wear a purple cap & gown.** In addition, acceptable adornments include honor cords and/or medallions awarded by North Thurston High School, club/activity stoles, and cultural embellishments. Please get administration approval for any additional adornments.

## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY GUIDELINES

Commencement is the culminating ceremony for years of learning, a formal occasion to be enjoyed by graduates and their families. In keeping with the tone of this occasion, no air horns or other noise making devices are allowed. **Unfortunately, graduates and guests WILL NOT be permitted to bring balloons into Marcus Pavilion as it is against St. Martin's rules.**

## TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

All transcripts are processed through an online company called Parchment. If you are needing transcripts, please go to the [Parchment website](#) to request transcripts. You will need to set up an online account with Parchment to receive your official and/or unofficial transcripts. 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester grades will not show on senior transcripts until July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Seniors requesting their official high school transcripts should wait until July 1<sup>st</sup> to submit their request.** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wright at Student Services.

## RUNNING START STUDENTS

If you are enrolled in a course during spring quarter 2025 that is required to fulfill your NTHS diploma requirements, counselors will be confirming with the college that you are in good academic standing for graduation. **Your diploma will not be issued until final grades are received from the college.**

## NEW MARKET STUDENTS

If you are enrolled in a course at NMSC 2<sup>nd</sup> semester that is required to fulfill your graduation requirements, counselors will be confirming with New Market that you are in good academic standing for graduation. **Your diploma will not be issued until final grades are received from New Market.**

## DIPLOMA PICK-UP

### LAST NAMES: A – M

THURSDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
NTHS COUNSELING CENTER

### LAST NAMES: N – Z

FRIDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
NTHS COUNSELING CENTER

### **YOU MUST PROVIDE PHOTO ID!**

If you can't pick up your diploma yourself, you may send a **SIGNED NOTE** with a friend or family member giving them permission to pick up your diploma for you.

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