



North Thurston High School SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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FINES AND FEES

ALL FINES AND FEES WERE DUE MAY 18TH! 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

VOLUNTEER HOURS WERE DUE MARCH 27TH! Seniors who have not completed their required 20 hours of community service **WILL NOT** receive graduation tickets, be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony, or receive a diploma until the Community Involvement Documentation Forms are turned in to the Counseling Center.

LAST DAY FOR SENIORS

The last day of school for graduating seniors meeting all graduation requirements is Friday, June 5th.

GRADUATION PRACTICES

There is one more **MANDATORY** marching practice on **Tuesday, June 9th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the Marcus Pavilion at Saint Martin's University.** This marching practice is **MANDATORY** for all seniors walking in the graduation ceremony. **SENIORS WHO DO NOT ATTEND THIS MARCHING PRACTICE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.**

HONORS DESIGNATION AT GRADUATION

Honors designation is based on your cumulative grade point average at the end of 1st semester. Honor cords will be distributed at the June 9th marching practice.

Cumulative 4.0 GPA (blended gold/white cord): 4.00

Highest Honors (gold cord): 3.75 – 3.99

High Honors (silver cord): 3.50 – 3.74

Honors (bronze cord): 3.25 – 3.49

GRADUATION TICKETS

Each graduate receives **8 tickets** to give family and guests attending the commencement ceremony. Every guest, regardless of age, is required to present a ticket at the door.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

The graduation ceremony will be held Tuesday, June 9th, 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, May 30th

PROM at 7:30 pm
Hands On Children's
Museum

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Monday, June 1st

Honors and Awards Night
(By Invitation Only)

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Tuesday, June 2nd

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

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Friday, June 5th

Last Day for Seniors
Meeting Grad Requirements

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Monday, June 8th

Grad Walk at
Elementary Schools

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Tuesday, June 9th

Final Marching Practice
8:00 am - 11:00 am
Marcus Pavilion at
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7:00 pm
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Wednesday, June 10th &

Thursday, June 11th

Diploma Pick-Up
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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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.

GRADUATION ATTIRE

All graduates are required to wear a purple cap and fully zipped gown during the ceremony. In addition, acceptable adornments include honor cords and/or medallions awarded by North Thurston High School, club/activity stoles, and cultural embellishments. Any additional adornments must be preapproved by administration.

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. 2nd Semester grades will not show on senior transcripts until July 1st. Seniors requesting their official high school transcripts should wait until July 1st 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 2026 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 2nd 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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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LAST NAMES: N – Z

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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YOU MUST PROVIDE PHOTO ID!

If you cannot 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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