



**HEMPFIELD AREA HIGH SCHOOL**  
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May 9, 2019

Dear Parents of Senior Students:

Congratulations! Soon your student will graduate from Hempfield Area High School. The staff and I share in your pride at this time. This is an enjoyable and emotional time for parents and students. This year's senior class has worked diligently to complete their graduation requirements, and we want everyone to enjoy the graduation ceremony.

Since this is a busy time of the year, I know that you need information about our end of the year activities. Attached you will find details that you and your child may find useful. Also, please refer to the District's website, [www.hasdpa.net](http://www.hasdpa.net), for information and updates.

The graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 31, 2019, at 7:00 PM in Spartan Stadium. If the weather is prohibitive, the ceremony will be held in the Field House. Please refer to information included in this packet. There is no additional rain date this year.

In closing, thank you for your help and cooperation over the last four years. Best wishes in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathleen Charlton  
Principal

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**TO: CLASS OF 2019**  
**FROM: Mrs. Charlton**  
**SUBJECT: 2019 Graduation information**

**Graduation Date: Friday, May 31, 2019**

Students must agree to abide by the instructions listed below. Any senior who is disruptive or improperly dressed will be refused the opportunity to participate. Commencement is a solemn ceremony. Students misbehaving during the ceremony will not receive their diploma and will return to school the following day to discuss disciplinary action. Please cooperate to have a safe and enjoyable ceremony for all.

**Non-Participants**

While it is encouraged, it is not mandatory that graduates participate in the ceremony. If all obligations are cleared you may pick up your diploma on Monday following graduation, in the High School Main Office.

**Non-Graduates**

Students who do not meet graduation requirements will be notified by the Guidance Office. Non-Grads do not participate in practice or in the ceremony. If you received your cap and gown, it must be returned to the grade 12 office.

**Obligations**

Any student who owes money for lost textbooks, or debts for locks, Cafeteria, Chromebooks, or other equipment must make payments or turn in items prior to May 31. Any detention(s) owed must also be served prior to May 31. You will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony if any are outstanding.

**Proper Dress**

**Only school-issued caps and gowns are permitted – boys in royal blue, girls in white. See attached Rules and Procedures for cap decorating guidelines. Other attire as follows:**  
 Boys- white or light-colored shirt, dark tie, dark trousers and dark shoes and socks.  
 Girls- white or light-colored dress and white or light-colored shoes

*Students wearing anything but proper dress will be refused the opportunity to participate in the ceremony*

**May 31st Graduation Practice**

- 7:25am-Seniors report to homerooms
- Practice will begin after attendance is taken & obligations cleared.
- Seniors will be dismissed at the conclusion of practice. Bus transportation home will be available as this is a modified day for all students.

- Graduates will be given 4 tickets each for the ceremony. **Tickets are necessary ONLY IF the ceremony is moved into the Field House. Tickets are NOT needed for Spartan Stadium.**

**Instructions for Seniors – Graduation Night**

5:45pm- Report to High School staging area

6:00pm- Put on caps and gowns.

6:15pm- Be in proper **row** and **seat** for attendance.

6:30pm- Name cards distributed.

**IF you are not in your proper row and seat at 6:30pm, you will not participate in the ceremony.**

**Graduation Ceremony**

**Friday, May 31, 2019, 7:00pm at Spartan Stadium**

- **Inclement Weather** - Every effort is made to hold the ceremony outside. **In the event of inclement weather on May 31, the graduation will take place in the Field House at 7:00 PM. Announcements concerning changes will be made via the District website, District Alert System and local TV stations.**
- **Spartan Stadium – NO TICKETS REQUIRED**  
No reserved seating. Handicapped seating will be available.
- **Field House - TICKETS REQUIRED**  
Each graduate will receive 4 tickets at practice on May 31st. Every person entering the Field House must have a ticket. Tickets will not be replaced if lost. There are no reserved seats. Handicapped seating will be limited due to space.
- **Parking**  
While there is considerable parking, it is not unlimited. Shuttle service will be available from Harrold Middle School. Handicapped parking is limited but cars may be driven to the entrance to drop off handicapped guests.

**Diplomas**

Following the ceremony, graduates will report inside the high school, to homerooms, for graduation gown collection, diploma & immunization card distribution.

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR DECORATING GRADUATION CAPS**

Please take into consideration the following rules when decorating your graduation cap. Failure to follow these rules will result in the removal of the cap at the ceremony. Students WILL NOT be allowed to participate in the ceremony without a cap and gown.

### **CAPS CANNOT:**

- *Contain advertisements, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans, patches, or pictures which: refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons; or be of a sexual nature, cultural, or gender bias.*
- *Denote an affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students.*
- *Be obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, denote hate speech, or be a visual representation of perceived hate speech.*
- *Include numbers other than the graduation year.*
- *Threaten the safety and welfare of any person.*
- *Threaten, bully, disparage, or demean another person including fellow classmates or professional staff members.*
- *Have objects such as signs, stuffed animals, or any 3-D object. Decorations must be flat on the surface of the cap and cannot hang or dangle from it.*
- *Make noise.*

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR DECORATING YOUR CAP:**

- *Thank a parent, grandparent, teacher, or friend.*
- *Recognize the university you will be attending.*
- *Indicate your graduation year.*
- *Identify the branch of the military you are joining.*

**\*\*GRADUATION CAPS WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED IN ADVANCE OF THE CEREMONY\*\***

# HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

## MAY/JUNE 2019

**THURSDAY, MAY 1**

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony  
(evening – Auditorium)

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

Junior/Senior Prom

**AP EXAM SCHEDULE:**

	<b><u>AM</u></b>	<b><u>PM</u></b>
May 6	Amer Gov	
May 7	Spanish	Physics 1
May 8	English Lit.	French
May 9	Chemistry	German/Psych
May 10	US History	Comp Sci/Phys 2
May 13	Biology	Phys C
May 14	Calculus AB/BC	Geography
May 15	English Lang	Macroeconomics
May 16	Wld History	Statistics
May 17	Microecon/Music	Comp Sci A

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

CHORUS CONCERT (Evening – Auditorium)

**MONDAY, MAY 13 (thru May 20)**

Keystone Testing

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**

BAND CONCERT (Evening-Auditorium)

**TUESDAY, MAY 21**

Underclass Awards Breakfast

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22**

Gregg Norton Self-Reliance (Senior girls)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 - THURSDAY, MAY 24**

IEP Days

**MAY 23, 24, 25**

One-Act Plays

**FRIDAY, MAY 24**

BLOOD DRIVE (GRS 11/12)  
Middle School Awards Breakfast

**MONDAY, MAY 27**

Memorial Day Holiday – No School

**TUESDAY, MAY 28**

Senior Awards Assembly  
Yearbook Signing Party

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**

Senior Awards Breakfast

**THURSDAY, MAY 30**

Senior Class Day  
Car Decorating  
Senior Picnic

**FRIDAY, MAY 31**

**MODIFIED DAY-10AM DISMISSAL** (approximate)

**GRADUATION PRACTICE:**

Seniors in homerooms @ 7:25am – Attendance Taken  
Graduation Practice – after all obligations are cleared  
Graduation – Seniors report @ 5:45 - 6:00pm  
Ceremony, 7:00 PM, Spartan Stadium  
(If the weather is inclement on May 31, the ceremony will be held in the Field House. Tickets are required if held in the Field House. Each graduate is issued 4 tickets at practice.) **A decision based on inclement weather will be made by 4:00 PM.**

**MONDAY, JUNE 3**

Kennywood School Picnic

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4**

Inservice Day for Teachers

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5**

Clerical Day

**MONDAY, JUNE 10**

Report Cards Posted to Family Access