

# Hampshire High School

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Dear Graduating Seniors and Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations to this year's graduates! We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2017 with students, parents, and teachers at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. This location ensures that families can invite as many guests as they would like to on this momentous occasion at no charge.

## **PRE-GRADUATION INFORMATION**

***Graduation Rehearsal*** will be held on **Friday, May 19, at Hampshire High School promptly at 9:00 a.m. Attendance at rehearsal is mandatory.** All seniors must be in attendance for graduation practice. Failure to attend will result in non-participation in graduation. Practice should last no longer than one hour.

***Obligations*** must be paid prior to May 19<sup>th</sup>. All fines and fees must be paid for students to receive their final transcript.

***Senior final exams*** will be held on **Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Seniors must attend all periods unless exempted from final exams. To be exempted from finals, a student must have a B in the course, have no detentions or suspensions (no ISS or OSS), and have eight or fewer absences for second semester.

***Senior Awards Night*** will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

## **ATTENDANCE, TARDIES, BEHAVIOR, AND GRADES**

Receiving a diploma at graduation is a privilege. Students must be careful not to jeopardize the privilege. Students must be in good standing with grades, behavior, and attendance and tardies. Students should be sure to monitor their grades in IC on a regular basis.

## **CLASS RANKING**

Class ranking for graduating seniors and selection of Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be determined using their weighted GPA.

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## GRADUATION

**Graduation Day** is Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Sears Centre, 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, in Hoffman Estates. A map of the Sears Centre is available for your reference at <http://hhs.d300.org/sites/hhs.d300.org/files/documents/parkingmap.jpg>. For directions, please visit [www.searscentre.com/arena/directions.aspx](http://www.searscentre.com/arena/directions.aspx).

**Parking** will be in the lots indicated on the map. No parking passes are required and parking is free.

**Entrance of Family members** should be through Main Door #1, which will be open at **1:00 pm**. No tickets are necessary. Special seating is available for handicapped guests.

**Graduates must arrive at the Sears Centre no later than 1:15 p.m. and enter through Door #3.**

**Graduates should not bring personal items into the Sears Centre, such as cameras, phones, or purses. No security or storage for these items is available.**

**Balloons and noise makers** are not allowed inside the Sears Centre.

**At the conclusion** of the ceremony, graduates will exit out Door #4 and proceed to the parking lot. Guests exit through Door #1.

## DRESS EXPECTATIONS

Graduates should dress appropriately for the formal graduation ceremony, exemplifying the excellent character of our senior class and their parents. Gentlemen should wear a shirt, tie or dress shirt, khakis or dress denim (no holes); dress shoes are preferred; and no shorts. Ladies should wear a dress or skirt and blouse; dress pants or dress denim; sandals or dress shoes are preferred and no shorts. Students should carry their cap and gown into the Sears Centre and not wear them so they are wrinkle-free for the ceremony.

## RECOGNITION OF HONOR STUDENTS

High honor students will be those students who have an unweighted GPA of 3.75 and above. High honor students will be wearing gold medallions. Honor students with unweighted GPA of 3.5 through 3.74 will be wearing silver medallions. National Honor Society members will be

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wearing gold stoles and white tassels. Presidential scholars will be wearing Presidential Award for Educational Excellence pins. Students who have donated blood will be wearing red cords from Life Source or Heartland. Tri-M members will be wearing pink cords and AVID students will be wearing gold and blue chords.

## **GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHY**

Central Valley Studios, our long time vendor, will once again have graduation pictures available. They will mail the proof of the graduate to your home with information on how you can order photographs of your graduate. There will be a company taping the graduation ceremony. The Pre-Order form for the Graduation DVD is available on our website at <http://hhs.d300.org/news/graduation-information>. The cost of each DVD is \$15.00.

Sincerely,

Brett Bending, Ed. D  
Principal



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017 !**