

Brunswick High School
Class of 2024



Graduation Information

Calendar of Senior Activities

- March 15 Senior Meeting during Block 2 in Auditorium
Distribution of Caps and Gowns
- March 18 Graduation Information Meeting for Families
6:30 PM in Auditorium
- April 26 **Prom:** 7:00 - 10:00 PM at the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company Hall
- May 10 Graduation Requests (Awards Assembly Participation, Special Seating & Extra Tickets) due to Class Advisors
- May 13 Last Day of Instruction for Seniors
Senior Final Exams
- May 17** Practice for Graduation (**Mandatory**)
Senior Portrait (**Mandatory**)
8:00 - 11:30 AM in New Gym Caps & Gowns **Required!**
- May 20** Practice for Graduation (**Mandatory**)
8:00 - 10:30 AM in New Gym Caps & Gowns **Not Required!**
- Practice for Senior Awards Assembly (Interested Seniors)
10:30 - 11:30 AM in Auditorium Caps & Gowns **Not Required!**
- SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY** (Interested Seniors and Families)
12:30 PM in Auditorium Caps & Gowns **Required!**
Dress Code **Required!**
- May 21** **GRADUATION**
9:00 AM at The Knott Arena at the PNC Sports Complex on the Campus of Mount St. Mary's University **Arrive by 8:00 AM**
8:00 AM - Doors open to the public Caps & Gowns **Required!**
Dress Code **Required!**
Ceremony will be live streamed through FCPS
Safe and Sane All Night Graduation Party

Financial Obligations

All obligations to the school **must** be paid by **Friday, May 10, 2024**. FCPS issued chromebooks and textbooks need to be returned by this date in order to avoid obligations.

Any senior who has not paid their obligations to the school will not receive tickets to the graduation ceremony and will not receive their diploma.

Senior Exams

May 13 - Seniors Last Day of Instruction/Final Exams

Seniors should report to school as though it were a regular school day.

Departure times remain the same for seniors as their normal schedule!

Awards Assembly & Graduation Practices

Attendance

ALL practices are **MANDATORY** in order to participate in ceremonies. Appointments, work schedules, vacations, etc. are NOT considered an excuse for missing practice. **Now is the time to rearrange your schedule!** In addition, students arriving late to practice will face disciplinary consequences up to and including exclusion of participation in the ceremony.

(Seniors are not required to attend the Awards Assembly.)

Any student who has an exceptional reason to miss practice must present a written request from parent(s)/guardian(s) no later than May 10, 2024, to Mr. Berry. **Permission to miss a practice will not be automatic.** Do not assume that permission has been granted until you receive permission in writing from Mr. Berry.

If a student misses practice without being granted prior written permission, they **may not** be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Exceptional emergency situations may only be considered after a meeting is held including the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), and the principal.

Guidelines

- All practices are the same as regular school days and all school rules apply.
- Students may not bring guests, family members or friends to practices.
- Students should not bring cell phones or other personal items to practices. Valuables should not be left in the auditorium/gym during practices or ceremonies.
- No food or beverages may be brought into the auditorium or gym.
- All seniors are expected to leave school grounds after the conclusion of the practice.
- **No student will be allowed to participate in any graduation activity if they are suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Policies and procedures in the school handbook apply to all school functions! Student disciplinary consequences may exclude you from participation in graduation.**

Dress Code For Graduation Ceremonies

General Information - All Graduates

- **Stoles, honor cords, and medals bestowed by FCPS or the State of Maryland may be worn during graduation and award ceremonies. Those bestowed by outside (non-FCPS) organizations or purchased by families may not be worn during graduation ceremonies.**
- Cap, gown, and tassel are required for participation
 - Caps & gowns should be ordered through www.jostens.com as soon as possible! Search for Brunswick High (Maryland); select "Graduation Shop"; scroll down to "Shop All Graduation Products"; find the "Cap and Gown Unit."
 - No decoration or jewelry attached to the cap, gown, or tassel (FCPS Policy)
- Appropriate attire for a formal ceremony
 - Clothes: Dresses, dress pants, collared shirts, button downs, blouses, skirts, ties, etc. (Avoid gym shorts, jeans, t-shirts, etc.)
 - Shoes: Dress shoes such as heels, loafers, Oxfords, flats, etc. (Avoid sneakers or sandals)

Graduates with financial concerns should speak with an advisor or counselor as soon as possible

**Graduation
May 21, 2024
9:00 AM**

The Knott Arena at the PNC Sports Complex on the Campus of Mount St. Mary's University

In order to participate in this ceremony, a student must:

1. Have successfully completed all necessary academic requirements.
2. Not have been involved in inappropriate or unlawful behavior which led to suspension or exclusion from school or activities during the time leading up to the practices and ceremony.
3. Dress as required by the dress code above.

Guidelines

1. Students will be assigned seats and places in the march line. Students may not change these assignments for any reason.
2. Each senior will receive **10** tickets to the graduation ceremony. Tickets will be given to students at the end of graduation practice on May 20, **if all obligations to the school have been paid.** All guests must have a ticket, no matter the age.
3. Additional tickets can be requested using the form found in this packet. **Forms must be returned to Mrs. McCabe or Mr. Wetzel no later than May 10, 2024.**
4. Doors open to the public at 8:00 am.
5. Guests who require special consideration for seating should notify an adviser in writing specifying the accommodations needed (see attached form). Special seating will be given to the individual with the need and two accompanying guests. Please submit the request form for special seating to **Mrs. McCabe or Mr. Wetzel no later than May 10, 2024.**

6. A professional photographer from Victor O'Neill Studios will be taking photos of all students as they are awarded their diplomas. After graduation, photos can be viewed and ordered online. Use this link for ordering information:

VIEW EVENT PHOTOS HERE!

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Or visit this link after 72 hours.

[HTTPS://GALLERIES.PHOTODAY.IO/GALLERY/BHSGRAD24](https://galleries.photoday.io/gallery/bhsggrad24)

Questions? Email us at graduation@vosphoto.com



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7. Graduates must report to The Knott Arena at the PNC Sports Complex on the campus of Mount St. Mary's University on May 21 **no later than 8:00 am**. Upon arrival, graduates will check in personal items, including cell phones, and will then line up. Once the class has begun the march into the arena, a senior arriving late will not be allowed to join the line or participate on stage in the ceremony.
8. The cover that students receive on stage **will not** contain the actual diploma. Students will pick up their diplomas in designated areas after the ceremony. **Any student involved in inappropriate behavior during the ceremony will not receive a diploma on May 21 but at a later date mutually convenient to the parent(s)/guardian(s) and administrators.** A discipline letter will be placed in the student's permanent record. Misbehavior could result in being escorted from the ceremony and/or an arrest. Students who have not cleared all obligations to the school will not receive their diplomas.
9. All guests are asked to be seated before the procession begins. Once the graduates begin entering the arena, guests will not be allowed to enter until the procession has ended.
10. Persons wishing to take pictures or videos during the graduation ceremony are requested to remain in their seats. The ceremony will be live streamed through FCPS.
11. There is usually significant traffic congestion on Route 15 North as guests arrive for commencement exercises. BHS strongly recommends guests plan to arrive at least 30-45 minutes before the ceremony begins in anticipation of traffic delays.
12. We respectfully request that you hold your applause until all graduates have been awarded diplomas. This will ensure that each student's name will be heard by the audience.

Safe and Sane ~ Class of 2024

For information regarding this year's Sane and Safe activities, please contact members of the Class of 2024 Safe and Sane Committee: bhssafeandsane2024@gmail.com

Auditions for Graduation Speaker

Monday, March 25 2:30 pm Auditorium

If you are interested in giving this year's graduation speech, auditions will be held on Monday, March 25 after school in the auditorium.



Remember – the speech you use for your audition should be the speech you plan to give at graduation!



Auditions for Graduation Performer

Wednesday, March 27 2:30 pm Auditorium

If you are interested in performing a musical selection at graduation, auditions will be held on Wednesday, March 27 after school in the auditorium.

Remember – the musical selection you use for your audition should be the one you plan to perform at graduation.

**See Ms. McCabe or Mr. Wetzel with questions.
If you cannot attend auditions on the dates listed above, you
MUST contact an advisor in advance!**

Request for Extra Graduation Tickets

Each graduate will receive ten (10) tickets for the graduation ceremony at The Knott Arena at the PNC Sports Complex on the campus of Mount St. Mary's University. Students may request additional tickets. These extra tickets will be distributed along with the ten regular tickets at the graduation practice the morning of May 20, provided that the student has met all financial obligations to the school.

Seniors should complete this form and return it to BHS **by Friday, May 10, 2024**.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. McCabe (heather.mccabe@fcps.org) or Mr. Wetzel (adam.wetzel@fcps.org).

All ticket requests received by May 10 will be honored unless you are notified by BHS

Graduate's Name: _____

Number of Extra Graduation Tickets Requested: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Please return this form to Mrs. McCabe or Mr. Wetzel by Friday, May 10, 2024

Senior Awards Assembly Participation

This year, participation in the Senior Awards Assembly will be optional. Seniors who participate will receive lunch (provided at no charge) between the Awards Assembly practice and the ceremony.

Seniors wishing to participate are required to:

- Complete and return this form to BHS **by Friday, May 10, 2024** in order to provide an accurate count for lunch. Seniors may also complete the digital form using the QR code below.
- Attend practice for the Awards Assembly on Monday, May 20 at 10:30 AM (immediately following the mandatory graduation practice).
- Follow the dress code for graduation ceremonies including cap and gown. Details can be found in the Graduation Information packet.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. McCabe (heather.mccabe@fcps.org) or Mr. Wetzel (adam.wetzel@fcps.org).

Graduate's Name: _____

I **WILL** be participating in the Senior Awards Assembly _____

I **WILL NOT** be participating in the Senior Awards Assembly _____

Please return this form to Mrs. McCabe or Mr. Wetzel by Friday, May 10, 2024

