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PHS Fall Senior Newsletter

Here’s the TEA if you’re Destined to be... Class of 2023!!

ARE YOU READY TO GRADUATE??

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SENIOR ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PROM AND FAREWELL IF YOU HAVE NOT MET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE.

⇒ Have you met all of the MCAP testing requirements?
   You must meet these requirements (Government, LS-MISA, English, and Algebra) in order to participate in senior activities and graduate.

⇒ Do you have all 75 of your required Student Service Learning Hours?
   You need to see your counselor or Mrs. McClung if you have not completed those hours. We have some suggestions on what you can do to earn them.

⇒ Are you passing your classes?
   You cannot have three (3) E’s out of the four quarters or fail quarter 3 and quarter 4. If so, you will need to retake the course in EDLP (evening school) or summer school which begins in July. We do have a summer graduation in August.

A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU GET AND STAY ON TRACK!

1. SET GOALS NOW and make sure they are realistic and measurable.
2. GET MOTIVATED AND STAY MOTIVATED to stay on track to meet your goals. Figure out WHY you want to accomplish your goals.
3. STAY ORGANIZED. Make lists, calendars, countdowns, anything that works for you.
4. AVOID DISTRACTIONS that will get in the way of your goals. Whether it’s friends, TV, video games; if it’s a negative influence, get away from it.
5. GIVE IT YOUR ALL and try your best every day.
6. STUDY FOR THE FINAL EXAM since they count towards your final grade.
7. DON’T GIVE UP because it will get better and it will be worth it!

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS ON EARLY RELEASE

Students on EARLY RELEASE must leave the building at your appointed time or forfeit participation in ANY Senior Activities. This rule will STRICTLY be enforced!

Senior Ring & Inauguration Ceremony

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Friday, October 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the PHS Auditorium. Attire is Black with Gold accents/accessories. Seniors must RSVP in the main office during lunches only Monday, October 17th – Thursday, October 20th. Only 2 tickets per senior. Any remaining tickets will be distributed on Tuesday, October 25th on a first come basis.

Mid Atlantic Fundraiser

October 28, 2022 kicks off our senior fundraiser. Presentation will be given during our Senior Ring & Inauguration Ceremony. So let’s get ready to SALE, SALE, SALE!!!

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale now! See Ms. Mott, anyone on the yearbook staff, or stop by the main office and get a yearbook flyer. These are memories for a lifetime!!!
**SENIOR PROM**

The Senior Prom is Friday, May 19, 2023, from 7:00-11:00 p.m. at the The Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel in Towson, 903 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson 21204, across from the Towson Town Center. You must be at the prom no later than 1 hour after the start time (by 8:00 pm) or no admittance and no refunds will be given. If you are not on track to graduate, you cannot purchase a ticket, escorts included. If you purchased a ticket, the money will be refunded after the event.

Theme colors for prom is Black and Gold. More information will be given in the Spring, such as cost of the tickets, etc. It is extremely important that we do well with our Fundraising event(s) to help defray the cost of prom tickets.

**SENIOR FAREWELL**

The Senior Farewell & Dept. Awards will be held Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Senior Attire is all white but not mandatory and is held in the Main Auditorium. The color white symbolizes new beginnings and this is a time of reflection, and celebration. We will celebrate our accomplishments, view our senior slideshow, distribute senior superlatives, departmental awards, etc. So start looking for those baby or childhood pictures now and make sure you take a senior portrait or provide a recent and decent photo for the slideshow presentation. We will let you know when and to whom you are to submit them in the Spring.

Scholarship Night will be held in the auditorium on Thursday, May 18th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Senior recognitions and scholarships will be presented. Seniors receiving recognition and scholarships will be personally invited. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Visit the School Counseling Office for scholarship information! 

**SENIOR EXAMS**

are scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th through Monday, May 15th with make-up exams scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th and Wednesday, May 17th.
Commitment to Graduate Pledge

I commit to:

◊ Maintain 100% effort.
◊ Attend school every day except when lawfully absent.
◊ Be business like about my education.
◊ Stay organized.
◊ Attend every class.
◊ Find my own best method of studying.
◊ Take care of my health.
◊ Always keep a positive attitude and have confidence.
◊ Demonstrate interest in the school’s academic program through effort, participation, and meeting the course requirements in a timely fashion.
◊ Finishing high school on time!!!

Graduation day will be here in the blink of an eye. So keep your eyes open and focused on what you need to do to graduate. Information about graduation will be given as soon as it is received. Baltimore County Public School’s Graduation Committee sets the dates and times for the schools in the county. Once released, you will be notified.

Cap & Gown information will be distributed on October 28th at the Senior Ring & Inauguration Ceremony or pick up packet in the Main Office after the ceremony the following school day. You may order caps and gowns directly from our vendor at www.jostens.com. The standard cap and gown package includes 1 gown, 1 cap, and 1 tassel. All cap and gowns will be sent to Parkville High School. They will be distributed during the first graduation rehearsal.

The first graduation rehearsal and cap and gown distribution is scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium.

The second mandatory dress rehearsal will also be held at Tall Cedars of Lebanon on Thursday, May 18, 2023, from 7:45—11:00 a.m. You do not need to bring your cap & gown to the rehearsal.

All senior obligations must be cleared in order to receive graduation tickets. Each senior will receive their tickets at the mandatory second graduation rehearsal. The number of tickets will be decided based upon numbers provided by BCPS and Towson University.
To The Class of 2023: What They Don’t Tell You About Senior Year
A few excerpts from The CHS Courier, May 24, 2022

1. **College application season can be one of the most stressful periods of the year, so start early.** In the beginning of senior year, students are often caught off guard with how quickly the college application season approaches its end. For many colleges, applications can be due as early as November 1 for early action applicants and a few colleges have even earlier deadlines.

2. **Apply for local scholarships.**

3. **Participate in school events.**

4. **Rejection from a school or organization does not define you.**

5. **Senioritis is real.** Stay on top of your work. Procrastination will never be your friend, no matter how tempting it might seem. As the year winds down, many seniors who give in to senioritis often end up rushing to get missing assignments turned in days before the deadline. The most common time for seniors to experience senioritis is after they have committed to a college or a future pathway. It’s important to stay on top of your work because not only does it make you eligible to graduate, but it also means that you will protect yourself from the possibility of getting your offer rescinded when colleges receiving your final transcript.

6. **Friendships might not stay the same—that’s okay.** In high school, people are bound to grow and change. Friendships can grow stronger, but sometimes, they grow apart. Senior year can be a tough year in terms of maintaining friendships: some students will be working, some are in relationships, and some are ready to branch off in their college search. Saying goodbye to the people you have met along the way is almost inevitable after graduation, and as you grow as an individual, saying goodbye to the people who have shaped you into the person you are will always be bittersweet. During your senior year, do not spend too much time beating yourself up over friendships that fell through. Instead, live in the moment with the people around you.

7. **Prioritize your mental health at all times.** During senior year, work tends to pile up, balancing a social life and planning for your future gets tricky. It’s important to take breaks from your work, get outside, and find time for recreational activities such as working out, coloring, and reading. Prioritizing your mental health during this time is necessary to keep yourself happy and healthy during such a time-consuming school year.

8. **It goes by faster than you think.** Students often think that they will have enough time to hold off on activities that will allow them to enjoy being a senior before graduation. Before they know it, May rolls around and they are left to reminisce on the memories they made over their four years of high school. No matter what your post high school plans are, senior year is a perfect time to focus on spending quality time with those you love before you transition to another stage of your life.