

Centennial High School Graduation

The Ceremony

Graduation Date

- Wednesday, May 29 at 11:00 am at Merriweather Post Pavilion

Length of Ceremony

- Plan for the entire ceremony (from downbeat of the processional through the recessional) to be no longer than 1 hour 45 minutes.

Dress Code for Farewell Assembly and Graduation

- Under graduation gown - interview appropriate attire, no shorts, flip-flops, tennis shoes, t-shirts or jeans

Graduation Rehearsals

- We will be holding 2 graduation rehearsals in the auditorium (attendance will be taken). Students are expected to change work schedules and other obligations to participate in the rehearsals because we believe that high school graduation should take the highest priority.
- Students may choose not to participate in all graduation activities by putting this in writing to the principal by May 1st.

Students Wearing Caps and Gowns

- Caps and gowns can be ordered online at www.Balfour.com.
- Students may wear a blue cap and gown from a sibling/friend from last year (with approval from the graduation coordinator) instead of purchasing a new one. Students will need to purchase a 2019 tassel to wear on the cap.
- Caps and gowns will distributed during the first graduation rehearsal.
- Graduates CAN NOT decorate their caps with signs, colors, emblems, etc.
- Students may wear only those items that are an academic honor bestowed on the student by the school, including but not limited to NHS, top 5%, and Kente Cloth.
- For graduates, begin with the tassels on the RIGHT. Move them from right to left at the end of the ceremony.

Tickets

- Graduation tickets are issued to seniors at the 2nd graduation rehearsal.
- Each senior will receive twelve (12) tickets. If you need additional tickets, you will need to secure them through other seniors who will not be using all of theirs. Accordingly, if you do not need all 12 of the tickets issued to you, please return any unwanted tickets to the Principal's Secretary in the front office.

Seating

- Special seating is available for disabled guests.
- Forms are available in front office.
- Indicate needs on form and return to front office by May 3rd.
- No other reserved seating is available. Plan to arrive early.

Parking

- Graduates and families should plan to arrive no more than 60 minutes, and no less than 30 minutes, before the ceremony.
- Merriweather has a designated lot reserved for cars with disability placards or license plates. Handicap parking spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. No pre-registration or tickets are required. There is also a drop off area if you would like to drop off a disabled person and then proceed to the general parking spaces.
- Graduates and families should park only in the numbered parking lot(s) or the lot(s) designated on the parking map for their school. We appreciate graduates and families parking only in those areas designated for their school's graduation, as that will allow for the most efficient traffic flow for all ceremonies.

Staff Members Giving Diplomas

- ALL current, permanent HCPSS staff members who are parents or legal guardians may present the diploma to their children.
- Board Members (past and present) are given the opportunity to present diplomas to their family.

Sign Language Interpreter Service

- At least two weeks prior to the graduation ceremony, please submit a *Request for Sign Language Interpreter Form*.

The Seniors

Senior Exams - The exam schedule will be posted on Centennial's website and through the weekly alert.

- Monday, May 20 *Exam Review for Periods 1, 2 & 3; Exams in Periods 4B, 5 & 6*
- Tuesday, May 21 *Exam Review for Period 3; Exam in Period 4A*
- Wednesday, May 22 *Exams in Periods 1, 2 & 3*

Last Day for Seniors

- The last day of school for seniors is **Thursday, May 23rd**.

Assemblies – Senior Awards and Farewell

- We encourage the entire class to attend both the Senior Awards and the Farewell assemblies, whether they are receiving an award or not.
- Dress code for the Farewell Assembly is cap and gown.
- Awards assemblies are coordinated by Student Services. Contact Student Services (410-313-2857) for all questions regarding assemblies.

Senior Class Advisors

- The advisors for the Class of 2019, are Ms. Lauren Mancini and Mr. Christopher Panzarella. Contact them for all senior events leading up to graduation.

NOTE: All graduation expectations and guidelines for Centennial High School follow the Howard County Public School System Graduation Standards/Procedures for Merriweather Post Pavilion.