

VHS CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION CEREMONY

May 25, 2024

Reaves Arena @ 8:30 am

Georgia National Fairgrounds





Congratulations Class of 2024!

Today is a milestone.

It tells you how far you've come.

Keep learning, keep trying,

keep accomplishing, and

keep venturing on

through your journey.

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End of Year Activities

- May 10 Senior Yearbook Distribution
(preordered only)
- May 13-17 Senior Spirit Week
- May 13 Senior Awards
VHS Gym 6pm
- May 15 Senior Field Day/Senior Walk
- May 16 Senior Sunset
VHS Gym 7pm



Senior Walk/Senior Field Day

May 15, 2024

- Must be **passing all classes** by 5.10.2024
- All **obligations satisfied by 5.10.2024**
- **First 200** students to return to Mrs. Martin in the front office can participate in the Senior Walk
 - **Release of Liability form due Friday, May 3rd**



General Information

- Fines
 - See Mrs. Heather Sans in the Media Center
 - **Chromebook** returned by **5.16.2024**
 - Clear outstanding fees/materials **prior to 5.16.24** for **exemption on 5.17.24**
 - All obligations must be cleared prior to graduation practice
- Exams
 - Monday: May 20, 2024, 1st and 2nd
 - Tuesday: May 21, 2024, 3rd, 4th, and 5th
 - Wednesday: May 22, 2024, 6th and 7th



Graduation Practice

- **Thursday, May 23, 2024**
- *Graduation practice is mandatory for all participants.*
- Report to Reaves Arena by **9:30 AM**,
Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry
- Students should utilize the **North Gate** parking lot. Enter through the walk-thru at the North Gate entrance.
- Check with Mrs. Brock on the pronunciation of your name.



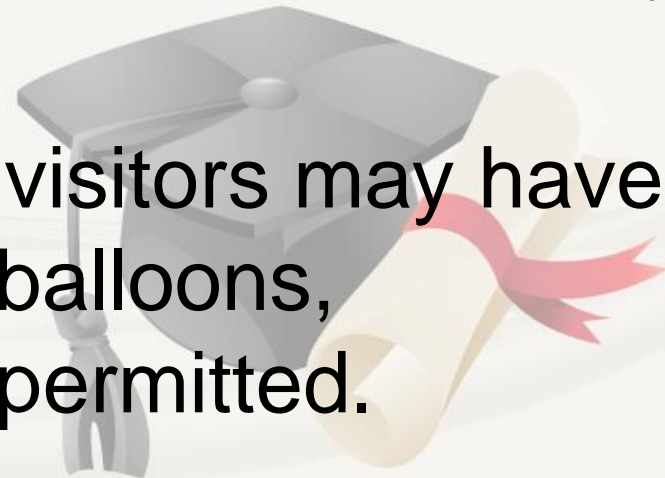
Graduation

- Report time: **7:00 AM** - Saturday, May 25
- We will meet to line up in the multipurpose building (*behind Reaves Arena*)
- Anticipate traffic; allow plenty of time to arrive **BEFORE 7:00 AM.**
- Check with your row leader for proper lineup.
- Leave phones, purses, valuables with your family; you will not be able to carry these and there is no area for storage.



Ticketing and Venue Information

- Each graduate will receive 10 tickets.
- Each guest will need a ticket for entry.
- Ticket Distribution: May 20, 2024, 3:00-5:00pm
*Tickets will only be issued to the graduate, or a parent/guardian listed on Infinite Campus.
Please have identification.*
- The program will be livestreamed via the county website.
- No concessions will be open; visitors may have water bottles, but no coolers, balloons, noisemakers, or signs will be permitted.



GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS & AGRICENTER

I-75, Exit 135

Enter here
through the North
Gate

North Gate Entrance
(parking)
(enter here)

Multipurpose
Building
(line-up area)

Reaves Arena
(begin practice here)
(graduation site)

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter
401 Larry Walker Pkwy.
Perry, GA 31069
I-75 at Exits 134 & 135
478-987-3247 or 800-987-3247 (Georgia only)
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www.georgianationalfair.com

Go Fish

I-75, Exit 134

← South Perry Parkway →

Cap/Gown Information

- Remove your gown from the bag and hang it up so wrinkles will fall out.
- Don't forget your cap, gown, stole, tassel and any honors cords on graduation day! We do not have extras.
- Cap should be worn straight & level, with tassel to the right. *Caps should not be decorated.*
- Regalia should be worn as follows:
 1. School Stole
 2. Honor Stole
 3. Honor Cords



****Only school related regalia is allowed for graduation.****

Graduation Attire for Females

- Solid Dark or Nude shoes
 - No house slippers, flip flops, combat boots, sneakers
- Dresses should not be longer than the hem of your gown. If dress/pants are longer than the gown, they must be solid, dark colors.
 - No shorts



Graduation Attire for Males

- Solid, dark colored dress pants; no jeans or shorts
- Button up dress shirt, dark socks, dark tie/bowtie
- Dark dress shoes
 - No house slippers, flip flops or sneakers



Ceremony Etiquette

- Make sure all gowns and hats are paraphernalia free.
- Remember our Motto: ***“Excellence is the Standard, not the goal,”*** and the ceremony should reflect our motto.
- Respect the accomplishments of your class.
- Graduation is a dignified, important event for everyone.
- Please review the HCBE graduation decorum letter; a copy will be included with graduation tickets and emailed home to parents.



Graduation Reminders

- Graduation is not complete until recessional is over.
- If you throw your hat and tassel following the graduation ceremony and do not get it back, we will not have an extra to give you.
- On the stage you will receive only the diploma cover.
- If you do not intend to participate in the ceremony, please see your counselor immediately.



Recessional

- Diploma Distribution
 - Row leaders will distribute diplomas to their given rows during departure from Reaves Arena.
 - Be sure to follow row staff guidance and understand distribution directions from graduation practice and during lineup prior to graduation.
- Recessional
 - Follow the line leaders and your classmates.
 - Dismiss from and meet family at the clock tower.



Questions About...

- **Graduation Status:**
 - Check with your counselor
- **Obligations:**
 - See Mrs. Sans (Media Center)
- **Graduation Walk/Senior Field Day:**
 - See Mrs. Morris/Mr. Simmons
- **Graduation Procedures and Expectations:**
 - See Dr. Antley/Dr. Barbour
- **Name pronunciation:**
 - See Mrs. Brock



Congratulations

Class of
 **2024**

***We are excited to share in recognizing
your accomplishments!***

Graduation Decorum Letter



Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Mark Scott

Board Members

Helen Hughes, Chair	Lori Johnson
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Dave Crockett	Bryan Upshaw
Mark Ivory	

Dear Parents:

The Houston County School District would like to express our sincere congratulations to you and your graduating senior as they approach yet another milestone on the road to adulthood. This is an exciting time, and you should feel very proud of your graduate's accomplishments.

Because the high school graduation ceremony is usually the first formal, dignified occasion in which most teenagers participate, we would appreciate your efforts in reviewing a few points of decorum regarding this event. School administrators and teachers will address these concerns, but parental influence is much more powerful during this time of celebration.

We need your help to ensure that the ceremony is solemn and dignified. Students should arrive promptly at the designated location and line up so that they can enter the area in a calm and orderly manner. Family members should plan to arrive no earlier than one hour prior to the ceremony. Please provide yourself time to park and find your seats prior to the ceremony. The ceremony will begin promptly at the specified time. We ask that everyone be seated once the Senior Processional begins. Additionally, the ceremony for each high school will be live streamed. The streaming link may be accessed on the district website, www.hcbe.net.

Seniors, their families, and friends should show respect for all graduates both before and after receiving their diplomas. The time for celebration is after the ceremony, when students can enjoy the company of their families and friends. Any individuals involved with disrupting the ceremony will be escorted from the ceremony.

Each graduate will receive tickets for their respective graduation ceremony. Graduates will be provided additional school-specific information. We look forward to joining you in congratulating each of our graduates. This occasion is a joyous one, and we want everyone to participate in this celebration in a positive manner. Your assistance in making your child aware of the significance of the graduation ceremony will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Scott
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Cheryl Thomas
Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Dustin Dykes
Northside High School Principal

Mr. Chris McCook
Warner Robins High School Principal

Dr. Richard Rogers
Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Jay Jones
Houston County High School Principal

Mr. Wesley D. Martin
Perry High School Principal

Dr. Amy Barbour
Veterans High School Principal

