

Reservoir High School Class of 2017



Senior Activities And General Information

Dear Senior,

Congratulations ... you are heading for the finish line! This brochure contains information that you will find very helpful during your final weeks at Reservoir High School. We are giving you this information at this time so that you may begin to make plans for upcoming senior activities. Attendance at graduation rehearsals is mandatory if you wish to participate in the graduation ceremony. Please share this information with your families. Contact Mrs. Berzenski, Graduation Coordinator, at lisa_berzenski@hcpss.org with any questions.

***** All seniors are required to attend school through Thursday, May 18, 2017 (7:25-2:10) as usual *****

March 30 - April 2 Theater Arts Spring Musical *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*
Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door.
Information can be found at
<https://teacherweb.com/MD/ReservoirHighSchool/Theatre/apt18.aspx>

April 4 Senior Parent/Family Meeting 7 PM in the Atrium

April 28 & May 3 Spring Music Concerts 7 PM in the Auditorium

April 29 Junior/Senior Prom 8-11 PM at the Sheraton Columbia Town Center
On-line pre-sale for juniors and seniors only April 3 - 17 for \$60.
Sales at all 4 lunch shifts April 19 - 21 for \$70.
Tickets for guests may only be purchased after the proper forms are turned in and they cannot be purchased on-line.
Tickets will not be sold after April 21.
All debts must be paid in order to purchase prom tickets.

April 30 PTSA After Prom 12 Midnight – 4 AM at Brunswick Columbia Lanes
Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale during all lunch shifts April 19 – 21.

May 5 Request for HCPSS employees wishing to present their son/daughter's diploma due.
In accordance with school system policy, the current HCPSS staff member presenting the diploma must be the parent or legal guardian of the graduating senior. All requests should be emailed to lisa_berzenski@hcpss.org and include the graduating senior's name, the staff member's name and position.

May 6 Theatre Arts Banquet 5:30 PM in the Atrium & Auditorium

May 12 Request for handicapped drop off and/or seating due.
Submit the google doc that will be available online Tuesday, April 18, 2017.
The web address will be sent out in Reservoir Topics.

May 19 and 20 **Spring Dance Recital** 7 PM (4/19) and 4 PM (4/20) in the Auditorium

May 30 **Graduation Ceremony** **2 PM at Merriweather Post Pavilion**
Graduates must arrive by 1:30 PM.
Caps and Gowns with appropriate attire required.
Graduates must report directly to the designated area and are not allowed to walk around the pavilion in their caps & gowns prior to the ceremony.
Diplomas will be issued immediately following the ceremony behind the stage.

A special note to Senior Families from Pat Saunderson ...

Congratulations! We are very excited about our Graduation Ceremony. I have listed a few quick reminders below:

Please make sure our seniors are dressed appropriately. Please do not forget your cap, gown, and tassel. Don't laugh...it has happened before. Seniors need to arrive on time...don't be late! Be careful as you enter Merriweather... the school holding the graduation ceremony before us has assured me that they will be done well before we arrive, but there still might be some traffic.

During the ceremony, please help us to recognize the accomplishments of each graduate by not being overly noisy as we read names. We know that this is a wonderful celebration and would hate it to be ruined for a family because they could not hear their graduate's name being read... I am sure that nobody wants that to happen to them...

As we know that this is an exciting and wonderful experience, we know that people want to celebrate. However, we do not want to disrespect others at this ceremony by wearing anything inappropriate or acting out in some way that dishonors our school or community. As much as I also want to celebrate with our students, I have explained to them that it is also my job to ensure the dignity of this special occasion. In accordance with school system procedures, please understand that we must refrain from beach balls, air horns, or anything else that detracts from this special event. Once again ... Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

Graduation Instructions

1. You do not have to participate in the graduation ceremony in order to receive a diploma. **Parents must submit a written request (email is fine) for non-participation to Mr. Saunderson by Friday, May 5, 2017.**
2. Although participation in the graduation ceremony is voluntary, **attendance at all graduation rehearsals is mandatory in order to participate in the ceremony.** Be on time and stay for the full time. Perfect practice makes a perfect ceremony.
3. Caps and Gowns are required attire for the Graduation Ceremony and the Class Picture.
 - a. Seniors should wear their caps straight on their heads with the deep part at the back and the tassel over the left temple. Some of the caps will not fit easily with all present hair fashions. Adjust your hair fashion accordingly.
 - b. Females should wear a dress or blouse with skirt/pants and dress shoes. No flip-flops. Avoid large earrings and bracelets.
 - c. Males should wear white shirts or light colored collared shirts, dark neckties, dress pants, dark shoes, and dark socks. No sneakers, tennis shoes, boots, flip-flops or other casual footwear will be allowed. All shirts are to be buttoned and collars inside the gown.
 - d. When you receive your cap and gown, hang it up! Wrinkles do not come out when the gowns stay in the bags. **Do not iron your gown.**

4. During the ceremony:
 - a. When crossing the stage walk briskly.
 - b. Posture: straight – heads up – proud appearance – smile – show a sense of pride.
 - c. Spacing: 6 to 8 feet while walking.
 - d. Stand for the National Anthem. Gentlemen remove their caps.
5. All Howard County School System policies and school rules will remain in effect and will be enforced. Please do not jeopardize your privilege of participating in Graduation. Listen! Pay attention! If you do not cooperate during practices, you will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
6. There will be a professional photographer photographing each graduate as their diploma is awarded. There will also be a professional videographer. Information and order forms will be available at graduation practices.
7. Questions: Contact Mrs. Berzenski, Graduation Coordinator at lisa_berzenski@hcpss.org.