



Fallston High School

A Proud Tradition of Excellence

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Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians of Seniors,

The purpose of this booklet is to provide important upcoming senior dates, information about senior exams, guidelines, procedures, and expectations for your child's Commencement Ceremony on June 6, 2022. The next few weeks will be exciting for you, your friends, and your families. We hope that you will have fond memories of this school and community.

The chart on the next page lists important dates and events for the April, May, and June. Please use this chart to stay informed about Senior Recognition Day, Prom, exams, graduation rehearsal, and all other related activities.

Commencement will take place at Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen, Maryland on June 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Each senior will receive six (6) tickets for the Commencement Ceremony. Parents/Guardians who wish to request additional tickets must submit their request in writing via email to shelly.smithhumphrey@hcps.org no later than May 23rd. The request should include a justification for additional tickets.

During seniors' final week, graduation rehearsals will take place where vital information will be shared with seniors. This makes attendance at practices most critical. Seniors on waiver or attending part-time should make note of dates and times for rehearsals and final exams and plan to attend all events. **Practices are a requirement for participation in graduation.** If a senior needs to miss a rehearsal, due to extenuating circumstances, the senior's parent/guardian must submit the request, in writing, to Ms. Cooper prior to the rehearsal day. All academic requirements and financial obligations must be fulfilled for a senior to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. Continue to uphold Fallston's "proud tradition of excellence" as you complete your high school experience.

We would like to remind each senior that it is our intention to preserve the dignity that has always been a part of Fallston High's Commencement ceremony. Furthermore, we ask that all concerned observe the rules of courtesy and allow the guest speakers and the person reading the graduates' names to be heard. There should be no individual applause during the bestowing of diplomas so that equal recognition can be given to the next graduate called. Additionally, participation in the senior ceremonial activities is by choice. Therefore, choosing to participate signifies agreement and understanding of all requirements. We are confident that with everyone's cooperation we can end your tenure at Fallston High School in a manner that will bring credit to the school as well as warm memories for the graduates and their families.

Congratulations and best wishes for success in your post-high school endeavors.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Collins
Principal

Schedule for Seniors

April 11	-	Senior Spotlight Sign Ups – details coming via HCPS email
April 13	-	3 rd Quarter Report Cards viewable on HAC
May 2	-	Senior Prom Tickets on sale (online) May 2 through May 6
May 5	-	Senior Spotlight – 6:30 p.m. in the FHS Stadium
May 6	-	4 th Quarter Interim Progress Reports viewable on HAC
May 8	-	Senior Superlative Microsoft Forms due
May 9	-	Prom Ticket Distribution and Table sign up through May 13 in the Social Studies Cluster before homeroom
May 20	-	<p>Senior Recognition Day – Crowns, Superlatives, Class Picture, Field Day</p> <p>Dismissal at noon for all seniors</p> <p>Prom at Water's Edge 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>All Harford County Public Schools policies will be in effect</i></p> <p>Post Prom – all details available via PTSA</p>
May 23	-	Senior Final Exams - Periods A3 and A4
May 24	-	Senior Final Exams - Periods B3 and B4
May 25	-	<p>Senior Final Exams - Periods A1 and A2</p> <p>All Seniors will eat lunch at 10:37-11:04</p> <p>Seniors report to the Auditorium 11:10 for GRADUATION REHEARSAL. (Required for all graduates)</p> <p>Distribution of caps and gowns</p>
May 26	-	<p>Senior Final Exams - Periods B1 and B2</p> <p>All Seniors will eat lunch at 10:37-11:04</p> <p>Seniors report to the Gymnasium for Laptop return at 11:10. Seniors report to the Auditorium at approximately 11:30 for GRADUATION REHEARSAL</p> <p>Rehearsal required for all graduates</p> <p>Ticket Distribution and rehearsal of names</p> <p>No tickets will be distributed until all debts and obligations are resolved</p> <p>Last day of classes for Seniors</p>
May 27	-	<p>Senior Awards Assembly</p> <p>Fallston High School Auditorium at 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Seniors report at 7:15 a.m. in the cafeteria.</p> <p>CAP and Gown and proper graduation attire required for this event</p> <p>Invitations will be extended to parents of seniors who will be recognized at the assembly</p>
May 31	-	<p>Baccalaureate – Mountain Christian Church 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>CAP and Gown and proper graduation attire required for this event</p> <p>All details available via PTSA</p>
May 31 – June 3	-	Seniors do not report to school
June 6	-	<p>GRADUATION – 9:00 a.m. @ Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium</p> <p>Graduates will assemble at the backfield parking lot to the far right of the main gate entrance by 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Cap and Gown and appropriate graduation attire and behavior are required of seniors at this formal occasion</p>

Senior Awards Assembly

Friday, May 27, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.

Fallston High School Auditorium
Cap and gown and proper graduation attire required
of graduates.

Seniors report to cafeteria at 7:15 a.m.
Invitations will be extended to parents of seniors who
will be recognized at the assembly by May 20th.

Baccalaureate

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mountain Christian Church
Cap and gown and proper graduation attire required
of graduates.

Sponsored by the Fallston High School PTSA
All details via PTSA or email
fallstonhighschoolptsa@gmail.com

Graduation

Monday, June 6, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

Leidos Field @ Ripken Stadium
873 Long Drive, Aberdeen, Maryland 21001

Seniors report at 8:00 a.m. in cap, gown, and proper attire

To the backfield parking lot to the far right of the main gate entrance

All seniors will receive six (6) tickets*

A ticket is needed for all attending graduation.

*Requests for additional graduation tickets may be submitted in writing via email to
shelly.smithhumphrey@hcps.org no later than May 23rd. The request should include a justification for the
additional tickets.

Doors Open at 8:00 a.m.

Senior Information

Final Exams/Final Grades/Report Cards/Financial Obligations

❖ Senior Final Exams

- May 23rd – May 26th according to the above schedule.
- Any senior absent for an exam should work with their teacher to make up the exam as soon as possible.

❖ Final Grades/Report Cards

- Final grades for seniors will close on May 27th at noon.
- Report cards will be accessible on HAC from June 3rd through June 17th.
- A final report card will be printed and distributed with Diplomas at Graduation.
- Candidates for graduation will be informed by School Counselors if they fail to meet the requirements for graduation.

❖ Financial Obligations/Return of HCPS Property

- Seniors are responsible for returning all HCPS property including laptops, textbooks, athletic uniforms, instruments, library books, etc. Seniors will return laptops on May 26th in the gymnasium after the last exam and before graduation practice.
- No graduation tickets will be issued until all financial obligations are met.

Graduation Information for Seniors and Parents

❖ Graduation rehearsals

- Graduation rehearsals are required for all seniors unless excused by Ms. Cooper. Parents/Guardians must notify Ms. Cooper by providing a written note with the reason.
- Rehearsals will be held in the auditorium according to the schedule above.
- **Waiver Students:** Graduation practice and graduation are required. You must contact your employers now to either take off those days or change your schedule.

❖ Cap and gowns will be distributed at graduation rehearsal on Wednesday, May 25th

- Cap and gowns should be hung up to allow for the wrinkles from packaging to straighten out.
- **Do not iron your gowns** as the heat from the iron could burn the gown.

❖ Graduation ceremonial attire is required for graduation

- All seniors will wear their cap and gown for graduation with appropriate attire under the gown.
- **Graduate Candidate Attire:**
 - Dress or skirt, dress pants/blouse combination in a style appropriate for a formal ceremony
 - Dress slacks
 - White or light-colored dress shirt with collar
 - Neck or bow tie
 - Dress shoes - if choosing to wear heels, only wedge shoes will be permitted on the turf field at Ripken Stadium.
 - Flip flops, tennis shoes, deck shoes, boots or non-wedge heels are not permitted.
 - Cap is worn flat, with tassel hanging to the right.
 - There will be no decorations on cap or gown
 - Gown must be zipped
 - Handbags, backpacks, string bags are not permitted to be carried or worn with cap and gown attire.
 - No blue jeans, shorts, or athletic wear

*** The surface on the Leidos Field @ Ripken Stadium is artificial turf. The venue staff have advised HCPS that students are not permitted to wear spiked heels as they pose a tripping hazard on the uneven surface and could damage the artificial turf field.**

❖ All seniors are expected to participate in graduation

- If a senior does not want to participate, we ask that the Parent/Guardian of the senior submit their desire in writing to either Mr. Collins or Ms. Cooper.

❖ **Graduation Day Checklist and Information for Seniors**

- All seniors should report to graduation by 8:00 a.m. in cap and gown and proper attire.
- Seniors should report and assemble at the backfield parking lot to the far right of the main gate entrance of Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium.
- Seniors must not bring purses, cell phones, backpacks, string bags, or any other personal belongings to the assembly area as there will be no way to secure those items.

❖ **Parents and Guests**

- All guests must have a ticket to enter, regardless of age. Each graduating senior will be issued six (6) tickets. Parents/family members/guests will enter through the main gate, only.
- All guests must remain seated and cannot stand around the concourse during the ceremony.
- Smoking is not permitted in the Stadium.
- Strollers, bags and large purses or bags need to remain in guests' cars. (A room at the Stadium will **not** be provided for storing items)
- Balloons are not allowed
- Food and drinks are not permitted in the Stadium.
- Guests may not leave their seats or enter the field area to take pictures of their graduate at any time. All guests must be seated during the ceremony and cannot remain standing around the concourse.
- Graduates will assemble at the **backfield parking lot to the far right of the main gate entrance**. Guests are not permitted in the graduate assembly area.

*We are asking that parents and all guests of each senior recognize the formal nature of the commencement exercise and maintain the dignity of the ceremony. Particular reference is made to withholding applause or remarks while each senior is called to receive their diploma so each graduate's name can be heard. Appropriate behavior and dress are required in keeping with the formality of the ceremony.

❖ **Diploma pick up**

- Graduates will pick up their diploma from their assigned graduation chaperone **after** the commencement ceremony in the parking lot where they assembled prior to the ceremony.

❖ **Inclement Weather**

- If there is inclement weather, any postponement would be made by HCPS Central Office. If the ceremony is postponed, the date and time will be made up later in the week, time and day TBA.

Other Miscellaneous Information

- Selling of flowers, souvenirs and refreshments will not be allowed on stadium grounds.
- Graduates should **NOT** go back to the stadium for pictures after the ceremony. Parents should wait in front of the stadium for their graduates.
- Lifetouch Photography will be on the field to take a picture of each graduate receiving their diploma. Information will be made available to access that picture.

Accommodations and Accessibility for Guests

- Wheelchair/Special Needs seating is available through the main gate. Wheelchair stations are available throughout the concourse both on the concourse level and accessible to the lower level via ramps at the end of the concourse. Special needs parking is provided near the front entrance of the Stadium.
- ASL interpreters will be available on the 3rd base side of the field.