



High Point Academy

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Greetings,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to invite you and your loved ones to the High Point Academy Graduation Commencement Service for the graduating Class of 2023. We are honored to celebrate with you as we prepare for our students to receive diplomas. Graduating from high school is an important milestone for your child and one we will forever cherish in our memories at High Point Academy.

The High Point Academy Commencement Service will be held on **Friday, May 19, 2023, in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on High Point Academy's campus. The doors will open at 5:45 pm. The service will begin promptly at 6:30 pm in the PAC. All guests are asked to be seated by 6:15 pm so the service can begin on time.** Each graduating student will receive **10 tickets** to share with immediate family members for admission to the Commencement Service. A graduation ceremony is filled with pomp and circumstance as each individual student is honored with his or her class. Our graduating students have learned the importance of displaying honor, integrity, and service. Thank you for recognizing that our students have the right to hear individual names announced before and after other graduates walk across the stage to receive diplomas. Our expectation is that each individual student will be shown respect during this momentous occasion. We all share the responsibility to ensure that we preserve the dignity of this ceremony.

All of High Point Academy looks forward to seeing you at this culminating celebration. Congratulations to you, your family, and especially to our graduating Class of 2023.

Sincerely,

Russell K. Mahaffey

Mr. Russell K. Mahaffey, Principal
High Point Academy High School

High Point Academy 2023 Senior Schedule



Senior Awards Night

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm - All individuals receiving an honor cord(s) and/or stoles will be recognized during this event held in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). **All participants should dress appropriately. Gentlemen will wear dark pants with dark socks and a dress shirt with a necktie. Ladies will wear Sunday dresses or pants suits. All shoes should be dark dress shoes. (No flip flops, boots, or tennis shoes allowed.) ***Graduation gown required, no caps or tassels.**

Senior Final Exams

Friday, May 12, 2023 - 1st and 2nd Block Exams start at 8:15 am. Students will turn in textbooks and materials for 1st and 2nd block classes on this day. Students will report directly to the PAC.

Monday, May 15, 2023 - 3rd and 4th Block Exams start 11:50 am. Students will turn in textbooks and materials for 3rd and 4th block classes on this day. Students will report directly to the PAC.

*Seniors will be dismissed after exams are complete for both days. Students will need to check out with Mrs. Hopkins or Mrs. McPeters for dismissal.

Senior Survey

Friday, May 12th and Monday, May 15th, 2023 at the conclusion of your senior exams.

*****This is mandatory for all seniors.**

The survey is required by High Point Academy to know students' post-graduation plans (example: 4-year college, 2-year college, military, or work). Please review your career plans to complete your survey on this date.

*****Bring computers and chargers to complete the survey. Computers and chargers will be collected when all exams and senior surveys are completed.**

Yearbook/Field Day

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 - Students may see Ms. White if they need to purchase a yearbook. Yearbooks will be distributed and seniors will participate in the field day activities.

Senior Fees

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 - All senior fees must be paid by Wednesday, May 17th by 3:00 pm in order to participate in graduation. **(No exceptions.)** All computers and chargers must also be turned in on this date. Fees could include but are not limited to library books, textbooks, lunch balances, ID charge, parking fines, computer fines, etc. Students must check with their teachers so they can ensure all textbooks and classroom materials are turned in on time. Parents and students will need to see Ms. Jones to pay fees.

Senior Walk

Friday, May 12, 2023 at 2:15 pm - Seniors will walk through the hallway as they are celebrated by the entire school population. This event will help encourage the younger generation to be excited about this milestone which they will one day achieve as future graduates. Seniors should arrive by 1:45 pm to participate. **All participants should dress appropriately. Gentlemen will wear dark pants with dark socks and a dress shirt with a necktie. Ladies will wear Sunday dresses or pants suits. All shoes should be dark dress shoes. (No flip flops, boots, or tennis shoes allowed). ***Graduation gown, caps and tassels required.**

Graduation Rehearsal/Practice

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 8:00 am to 12 pm - **All** seniors must participate in the entire, mandatory graduation practice in the PAC. **Practice is required in order to participate in the Graduation Commencement Service.** Students will need to arrive no later than 8:00 am for breakfast and rehearsal. All students must be present and on-time for the rehearsal to participate in the graduation ceremony. Please note that the rehearsal is for graduates only.

Graduation Tickets

Thursday, May 18th, 2023 - Graduation tickets will be distributed **after** the graduation rehearsal. **Each student will receive 10 tickets for their immediate family for our Commencement Ceremony.** It is imperative that students keep track of tickets since extra tickets will not be available.

Graduation

Friday, May 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm - Commencement services will take place in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Each student will be issued **10 tickets**. Seats are available on a first come, first served basis. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. All participants should dress appropriately. Gentlemen will wear dark pants with dark socks and a dress shirt with a necktie. Ladies should wear Sunday dresses or pants suits with black dress shoes. (No flip flops or tennis shoes allowed). **Only High Point Academy issued honor cords and tassels may be worn.** Caps and gowns may not be decorated or accessorized. **All Seniors should arrive at the High Point Academy Library by 5:30 pm.** A group picture will be taken prior to graduation.

Email Accounts (Seniors)

Please be aware that post-graduation, all HPA senior student email accounts will be deactivated. We encourage students to transition to an alternative email address and include the new email address information on the senior survey that will be completed on May 12th/15th as stated above.

Deaf/Hearing Impaired

If family members or guests need an interpreter for the graduation ceremony, please contact Mr. Cox at kcox@hpaspart.org by Friday, May 5th. We will do our best to accommodate your request, according to availability.

Handicapped Pick-up/Drop-off

If family members or guests need handicapped accessibility for the graduation ceremony, please contact Mr. Cox at kcox@hpaspart.org by Friday, May 5th. We will do our best to accommodate your request, according to availability. Guests that are handicapped, using a wheelchair, etc. can be dropped off at the PAC entrance doors for graduation; however, all cars should be parked in the designated parking spaces.