



ONE OF THE CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HICKORY HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Guardians and Graduating Seniors:

Congratulations! In just a few weeks your entire family will enjoy the 2010 graduation ceremony. This is a special time in the life of each graduate and the graduate's family. Graduation is the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and commitment by parents, students, teachers, and administrators. All of us want to make graduation a happy and memorable occasion with just the right atmosphere of seriousness, pride, dignity, and happiness. To insure that this occasion is one that all participants can remember with a sense of accomplishment, the following guidelines have been established:

1. Graduating young men will dress in dark trousers, light-colored dress shirts, neckties, dark socks and dark shoes (no sneakers or flip flops).
2. Graduating young ladies are to wear solid colored dresses and dark shoes (no sneakers or flip flops).
3. Caps and gowns are worn for graduation. Caps are worn with the mortarboard parallel to the ground-not tilted. The tassel is worn over the right eye until all diplomas are awarded; the class will then change tassels to the left to signify "graduate" as a group.
4. All graduates will refrain from wearing distracting jewelry with their caps and gowns.
5. Appropriate attire for guests attending the graduation exercises will include: dress pants and shirts for the gentlemen; dresses, suits or pantsuits for the ladies. Admission will be denied to graduation guests inappropriately dressed.
6. Please remember that everyone would like to hear their student's name called without interference. Please refrain from outbursts during the announcement of graduates.

In addition, we ask that you arrive early for the graduation ceremony. The doors of the Ted Constant Convocation Center will open one hour before the graduation ceremony. Attendants will be available to help with locating parking lot entrances and handicapped parking areas. A drop-off area is available for those guests needing special assistance.

On the back of this letter are general guidelines to assist you in planning for the graduation ceremony. Please be reminded that the graduation ceremony is one for all to enjoy and remember. You are asked to remain at your seats during the ceremony and until the recessional is completed. Ushers will be available to assist you at the conclusion of the ceremony when you will meet your graduate outside the Ted Constant Convocation Center.

The administration of Hickory High School wants the 2010 commencement to be remembered with joy and pride. We are looking forward to sharing this memorable and rewarding experience with our graduates, their family and guests. With your support, the Class of 2010 will be honored with the dignity that they deserve. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

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Principal



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General Guideline Reminders

1. Ten tickets will be issued to each senior. Admission to the Convocation Center is by ticket only.
2. Doors to the Convocation Center will open for guests to enter one hour before the ceremony and the ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m.
3. Appropriate attire is requested.
4. Please remain at your seat during the entire ceremony. (Photography/videography from the aisles is prohibited in the Convocation Center.)
5. Please do not bring gift (boxes), camera bags, large objects, containers, noisemakers, balloons, or signs. Cell phones of guests must be turned off or placed on vibrate.
6. Please exit the Convocation Center as directed by the ushers.
7. Graduates will recess from the Convocation Center; plan to meet your graduate outside of the Convocation Center at 43rd Street.
8. A DVD of the graduation may be purchased. (Graduation DVD 2010 Order Form)